Artist visits Roundstone and exhibits at RCHS

On Thursday evening, March 27, Roundstone Elementary hosted its annual Parent Student Arts Night. With over 300 participants in attendance, parents and their children created art using the mediums of paint, pencil drawing and clay.

According to Lisa Noe, Roundstone principal. "The purpose of Parent/Student Arts Night is for students to see their parent's appreciation of art while creating art which reinforces the role art plays in a child's educational development and strengthens the understanding of cultural heritage and the world around them. And it's a good culminating activity for National Youth Art Month."

Watercolor artist and children's book illustrator Pat Banks was on hand demonstrating her technique while answering questions about her career as an artist. Banks spent the school day with Roundstone 4th and 5th graders in an arts residency. The students experimented with different styles and ways of using watercolor as a medium for creating a painting.

Much of the inspiration for Banks own work comes from personal experience. This translates into a wide variety of subjects and messages...from misty landscapes to brilliant floras to animals and portraits. Her work can also be seen as illustrations for several children's books including, "Where Grandma Lives..." and "A is for Appalachia!" Banks is a veteran Roster Artist with the Kentucky Arts Council, KPAN Advisor, Visual Artist at the Market, member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen and shows her work in juried venues throughout the region. Banks says, "Painting is a continuous process of learning and discovery!"

An exhibit of Pat Banks paintings and book illustrations will be on display at the Rockcastle County High School April 14 through May 9. For more information on the exhibit, contact Les Scalf, Rockcastle County High School Visual Arts insructor at 606-256-4816.

Artist Pat Banks talks about her technique with student Hannah Eaton at the Roundstone Elementary School Parent/Student Arts Night.

Bullock participates on panel at EKU

Thirty-five Eastern Kentucky University Honors Program students participated on 11 panels at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable Spring Conference held recently at Morehead State University.

Eastern led all participating schools in the number of students and panel presentations and included Mindy Bullock of Mt. Vernon.

EKU's Honors Program is designed for intellectualy promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts, along with their more specialized major. the 28-credit-hour program includes course work in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences with emphasis on effective communication, development of critical thinking skills and integration of knowledge across academic disciplines.

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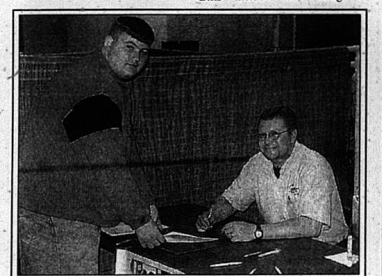
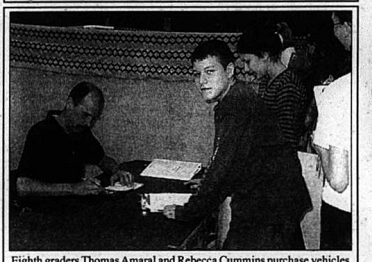
RCMS Reality Store

The annual RCMS Reality Store took place on March 25th. The Reality Store is a learning event for 8th graders and provides information pertaining to their future. Students are given a salary based upon their GPA and their career interest. In an effort to get students thinking about their future plans, the students then pay taxes and various bills from their salary. Bills include such things as insurance, groceries, child care, and rent or home payments. Many students are surprised at what their salaries are and the amount of money that is taken from them. Some students take second jobs or trade in their vehicles in order to make ends meet.

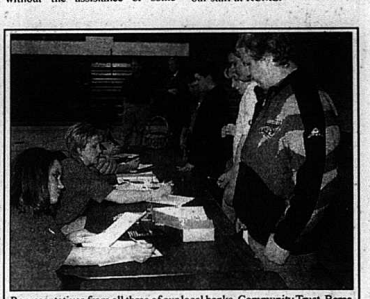
We could not provide this opportunity for our students without the assistance of some wonderful community members. A big thanks to the following people and businesses: Community Trust Bank, Citizen's Bank, Berea National Bank, State Farm Insurance, Town and Country Motors, Ford Realty, Jackson Energy, Rockcastle Co. Extension Office, Sandy Whitaker, Rockcastle Hospital, and many of our staff at RCMS.



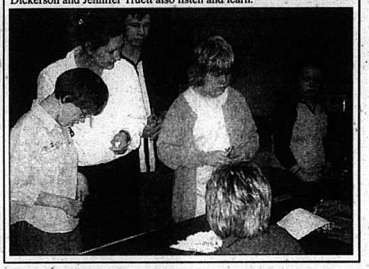
Todd Claiborne, from Jackson Energy, helps 8th grader David Robbins deduct his utility bill payment from his checking account. Thanks to all of those wonderful community members who help make the RCMS Reality Store possible.



Eighth graders Thomas Amaral and Rebecca Cummins purchase vehicles from local business owner Andy Hiatt. Andy, one of the owners of Town and Country Motors, is a faithful contributor to the annual Reality Store.



Representatives from all three of our local banks, Community Trust, Berea National and Citizens Bank, work hard to help the students open savings and checking accounts. Above, Jesse McKinney, Jeremy Cook, Instructional Assistant Amy Wilson, Josh Mullins and Dustin Smith learn some facts about banking. Below, Mrs. Angie Hunt helps students Serena Sowwder and Jesse McGeorge open a checking accounty. Students Nancy Dickerson and Jennifer Truett also listen and learn.



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