



Winners for the RIF poster contest are from left: Candace Damrell, first place; Hannah Eaton, third place and Will Walker, second place. Candace's poster has been entered in the national competition.

Eagle Echoes

We will once again have our Holiday Musical Friday, December 12th. Students in grades K-5 will be performing at 1:30 and 6:00. Each grade will perform one song. We hope you can attend one of the performances.

Thanks to all who donated items for the God's Meal Barrel food drive. Have a wonderful winter break!

Congratulations to Candace Damrell for her first place win in the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) poster contest. Second place winner was Will Walker and third place winner was Hannah Eaton. Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Jamie Kirby, Josh, Neeley, Casey Walker and Abigail Eaton.

Other entries were: Briana Burdett, McKinzie Todd, Briana Kirk, Cassie Taylor, Jaclyn Wolfe,

T.J. Abrams, Samuel Coffey, Bailey Lake, Braxi Bolyard, Albert Seals, Addison Atkin, Michael McCauley, Lexie Reece, Mary Allen, Amelia Eversole, Ashley McCoy, Luke Coffey, Brooks Reece, Cheyenne Hembree, Cierra Hembree, Cassidy Adkins, Ashley Newland, Austin Jordison, Mercedes Mahaffey, Jamie Stewart, Casey Miller, Katelyn Blair, Kellan Coffey, B.B. Bradley, Kara Cananberry, Caroline Green, Emily Clark, Joji Hellard, Victor Coffey, Brittney Abrams, Rebekah Popper, Kaitlyn Blanton, Samantha Damrell, Kelly Damrell, Cannon Dees, Josh Stallworth and Jade Lewis.

We would like to thank all the boys and girls who entered. This year's posters were better than ever.



Pictured above are Roundstone Elementary students who participated in the RIF poster contest. All of the students' posters are displayed throughout the school. Congratulations students, you all did an excellent job!

Tiger Pause

Congratulations to Casey Hunt, Justin Pynter, and R.J. Smith. Their posters were selected out of 54 BES entries to go on to the county Soil Conservation competition. Great job!

A total of 31 students participated in the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon and collected over \$1,600 to send to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Gena Graves was the school's top collector with \$168.15. Gena will receive a CD player for her efforts. Thanks to everyone who participated.

We only need seven more parent

News from the Ky. Music Hall of Fame

Our season has so soon come to it's final weeks for the year, but we are indeed looking forward to an exciting 2004 season as the February 19th, 2004 Hall of Fame Induction in Frankfort KY draws near, followed by a talent packed concert the following night with Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder. Robert and I took in their concert in Lexington KY and let me say you will get your money's worth from these guys!

Our new tree is up and the Christmas spirit is in the air, so I hope all our readers out there find the upcoming holidays to be a time to cherish the loved ones in our lives and not take for granted the many blessings we have in our lives.

We were touched to see a man and wife recently bring their family in from several states so they could have six generations together at once. They chose to spend an entire day in Renfro Valley, attending several shows, shopping in the village and enjoyed some fine home cooking from the lodge restaurant. I was privileged to spend some time with them in the museum as they shared with the younger generations, stories of their own childhood and the different music that marked mile stones in their lives. I was fascinated to see how they used the entire Hall of Fame & Museum to leave a visual, audible and tangible memory on the youth of their family.

That day was a pleasant reminder of what this facility offers to the people of Kentucky. Music touches all of us in so many ways, and we offer an opportunity to see, hear and learn more about that music.

Now that's a GOOD DAY AT

JROTC Drill Team takes part in Clarksville competition

By Private First Class Cadet Merissa Conner

On Saturday, November 17th, the Rockcastle County High School Drill team traveled to Clarksville, Tennessee for a Drill team competition meet. Upon arrival, the Drill team was very excited and nervous. There were many schools represented at the meet. The high school gymnasium was very crowded. In addition to the schools competing in the competition, there were many Army graders or non-commissioned officers from both Ft. Campbell and an officers academy. The Army graders gave up their time to take part in assisting the meet. The graders not only judged the meet but they supervised it as well.

The competition was broken into several parts. The first competition that the Drill team competed in was the Color Guard. Color Guard is a squad that presents flags and rifles at ballgames and other school events.

The next competition that the Drill team competed in was inspection arms. This was the first time for the Rockcastle Drill team competing in the event. The event dealt with both knowledge and the presentation of the cadet's uniform. The last event that the Drill team competed in was a giant O'Grady says (similar to Simon says).

In conclusion, the Drill team had a lot of fun competing and watching the other schools in their precise movements. The Drill team arrived on Saturday night at 11:40 p.m. safely. Even though the Drill team did not come home with a trophy the Drill team came home with more knowledge and pride from competing in the competition.

Cadets attending were: Derrick Hensley, Eric Stallworth, Doug Ponder, Casey McClure, Thomas Amarel, Joe Alcorn, Matthew Carter, Jessica Toothman, Crystal Valerio, Karen Barber and Merissa Conner.



Cadet Private Merissa Conner, Cadet Major Jessica Toothman, Cadet Sergeant First Class Crystal Valerio and Cadet Sergeant First Class Karen Barber present the colors during competition at Clarksville.

The CAP Corner

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The concert will follow the 2004 Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Induction & Awards ceremony that will be held on February 19, 2004, at the Civic Center in Frankfort, Kentucky. Tickets are available for this event as well. The 2004 Hall of Fame Inductees are Ricky Skaggs, Jerry Chesnut, The Coon Creek Girls, Howard & Vestal Goodman, Boots Randolph, J.D. Crowe & Billy Vaughn. For more information on the concert and induction ceremony, call 1-877-356-3263.

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