



Congratulations BCHS Class of 2017!



Yvonne Gilliam, Superintendent
Bell County School District



State Representative
Rick Nelson
Guest Speaker



Bell County High School Principal **Richard Gambrel** and 2017 Bell County High School Valedictorian **Matthew Cole Raines**



Tyler Steven Reese
Salutatorian,
BCHS Class of 2017



Student Led Prayer
Hannah Kiara Belcher



Doug Ramsey,
Board Chairman



Eulene Brock
Board Member



Dean Knuckles
Board Member

Diplomas were presented to the graduating seniors of Bell County High School by members of the Bell County Board of Education - **Eulene Brock**, **Larry Elliott**, **Wayne Mason**, **Dean Knuckles**, and **Chairman**



Larry Elliott
Board Member



Wayne Mason
Board Member

Doug Ramsey, along with Bell County High School Assistant Principal **Lisa Redmond**. Commonwealth Diplomas were presented by Superintendent of Bell County Schools **Yvonne Gilliam**, Bell County High School Principal **Richard Gambrel** and Assistant Principal **Lisa Redmond**.



Bell County High School 2017 Commencement, Sunday, May 20, 2017

PHOTOS BY GARY FERGUSON



Yvonne Gilliam
Bell County Schools Superintendent

Superintendent's Message

YVONNE GILLIAM, BELL COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

Our employees are preparing to welcome students this fall on August 8, 2017. We are looking forward to the release of the K-PREP test scores. Bell County School District students and parents take much pride in the academic success of this district.

Our schools will soon begin their Read-Fest back to school events. I encourage you to take your child(ren) to this event held at your child's

school. There will be lots of school supplies for the children and important information provided to the parents at these events.

Our funds in several programs have been reduced resulting in a total loss in revenue of \$1,305,000.00. We are having to downsize the number of people we employ and eliminate some non essential programs. As a result of this lost revenue we will not be able to continue this quarterly district newspaper.

The individual schools have a webpage and will post school events, student and staff recognition and all the wonderful happenings at their school. District information will be posted on our district web page.

I am very excited about some additions to our sports program. We were able to bring Dudley Hilton back home to coach our football Bobcats. The excitement and school spirit Coach Hilton gen-

erates is phenomenal. I am equally excited about our new basketball coach, Frankie Smith. His energy level is amazing. He has already started elementary basketball camps and is planning exciting things for our high school boy's basketball program. With these two gentlemen in our system Bell County High School students are in for an exciting year. A burst of school spirit is in the air. Have a great summer!

Project Graduation 2017

Seniors at Bell County High School attended Project Graduation on the night of May 20th. Project Graduation is an all night event that provides a drug and alcohol free environment for seniors. The night is filled with fun activities such as inflatables, games, karaoke and much more. Every senior also receives a prize at the end of the night.

Much hard work goes into planning Project Graduation. The Bell County High School Youth Service Center and all of Bell County High School would like to thank everyone who worked and donated to make this night such a huge success.

Submitted by
Mrs. Samantha Wilson,
YSC Coordinator

PROJECT GRADUATION 2017 **DONORS:**

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Solid Steel Solutions
Community Trust Bank
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Pineville Lions Club
Page School Center
Right Fork School Center
Ladies of Kentucky Beauty Salon
Creech Funeral Home
Larry Brooks Bookkeeping
Frakes School Center
Meldrum Baptist Church
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Taylor Family Chiropractic
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Bell County Fiscal Court
Dr. Brent Pursifull
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Al Brock
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Taylor Drug Store
Gen City Supply
Mitchell Williams
Brooks-Durham Funeral Home
Douglas Law Office
Faith Temple Church
Matthew Turpin
Mae Lloyd
Custom Paint and Auto Repair
Red Oak Baptist Church
Subway of Middlesboro
Lincoln Memorial University
Mountain Comprehensive Health
Corporation
Debbie Gambrel
Unite
Bell County Fair Board
John Brown
Bell County Drug Coalition
Mill Creek Baptist Church
Cumberland Ford Motors
Northside Baptist Church
Sharon Parrott
D&D Tires
Bell Whitley
Hensley Chapel Baptist Church
Lee Oil Company
Smithfield
First State Financial
Tim Short
Appalachian Regional Healthcare
Lone Jack School Center
Baker's Tax Service
Colby Slusher
Matthew Turpin
Gambrel and Wilder Law Offices
Pine Mountain Contracting
Owens Body Shop
Beacon of Light Family Chiropractic
St. Julian Catholic Church
First Christian Church
Jeff's Pharmacy
Elks Lodge
Satya Sai Foundation
119 Quality Autos (We would like to congratulate all 2017 graduates!)



Bell County High School Seniors enjoy games and karaoke contests during the night of Project Graduation.



Awards Presented by Bell County Board



Several students from Frakes School were recently honored at the Bell County Board Celebration. These students were recognized for various participation in extra-curricular activities.

Back row left to right: **Emma Neal** (B-Cheerleader-3rd place), **Chesney Blackburn** (B-Cheerleader-3rd place), **Madysen Partin**, Science Olympiad (Anatomy & Physiology-3rd place, Reach for the Stars-3rd place), **Johanan Woodring**, Science Olympiad (Hovercraft-2nd place and Middle School Runner up in the Bell County

Spelling Bee), **Wiley Jones**, Science Olympiad (Wright Stuff-2nd place), **Milka Woodring**, Science Olympiad (Hovercraft-2nd place), **Jenna Bogucki**, Science Olympiad (Reach for the Stars-3rd place)

Front row left to right: **Brooklyn Owens** (B-Cheerleader-3rd place), **Morgan Tipton** (B-Cheerleader-3rd place), **Samuel Thacker**, Science Olympiad (Wright Stuff-2nd place), **Bailey Wilson**, Science Olympiad (Towers-1st place, Mission Possible-1st place, Fun Facts-2nd place, Scrambler-2nd place).

Bailey also received recognition for Elementary Runner up in the Bell County Spelling Bee and was a B-Cheerleader-3rd place, **Baleigh Thacker**, Science Olympiad (Towers-1st place and a B-Cheerleader-3rd place), **Abbi Middleton** (B-Cheerleader-3rd place) and not pictured **Olivia Jackson** (B-Cheerleader-3rd place), **Kaitlyn Green** (Science Olympiad (Fast Facts-2nd place, Mission Possible-2nd place). Kaitlyn also won 3rd place in Writing in the Governor's Cup Regional Competition.

B-Team Cheerleaders Receive Awards



Frakes B-Team Cheerleaders were recognized at the Bell County Board celebration for receiving 3rd place in the District Cheerleading Competition. Presenting the certificates were: Bell County School District Superintendent, **Ms. Yvonne Gilliam** and Frakes Principal, **Mr. Terry Wilson**. Frakes cheerleaders who received recognition were: **Morgan Tipton**, **Abbi Middleton**, **Brooklyn Owens**, **Chesney Blackburn**, **Emma Neal**, **Baleigh Thacker**. Not pictured: **Olivia Jackson**

Career Week

Students at Frakes School observed the week of April 17th as "Career Week". Each class had a career speaker talk to them about their career choice and a Career/Health Fair was held on April 21st. The 8th grade researched their career choice and they

showcased their information through posters and discussion at the Career/Health Fair hosted by FRYSC. The 7th grade researched Health topics and displayed them in the gym. 16 stations representing organizations/businesses and colleges were available for

Frakes students and or community to visit, obtain information and have discussions on various topics.

*Submitted by
Mrs. Linda Partin,
FRYSC Coordinator*



LEFT: Ruthanne Lamb was the Career Speaker for the 7th grade class. Ruthanne and her husband **Bill** have volunteered 2 months at Henderson Settlement for the past nine years. Ruthanne is a retired Pediatric Nurse and Mr. Lamb is a retired Aeronautical Engineer and also served in the Air Force. He spoke with 8th grade and 6th grade.



State Trooper, Roy Pace talked to the Kindergarten and 1st grade about his career as a State Trooper.



Jill Owens and **Deborah Hampton** from the Regional Prevention Center were asked questions about their career choice by 6th grade students, **Autumn Brock** and **Madysen Partin**.



8th grade students, **Shelby Wilson** and **Gracie Hammontree's** Career poster display (Dentist-Writer) were observed by **Bret Daniels** (5th grade) during the Career/Health Fair at Frakes.

Frakes School Center

Flowers for Mother's Day



Frakes Students had a lesson in economics when they visited Henderson Settlement's greenhouse on Thursday, May 11th. The students had many varieties of flowers to choose from and were very excited to buy flowers for their moms, nana's, mamaw's etc. Pictured are 6th grade students and 2nd grade students with **Ms. Linda, FRYSC Coordinator**.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator

National Nurses Day



On May 5th, Ms. Rhonda White, who is an employee of Grace Community Health and the nurse at Frakes School received an awesome surprise from 1st/2nd grade. The students and their teacher, Mrs. Melissa Ely presented Ms. White with flowers and a card for National Nurses Day! Back row: **Bailey Blackburn** and **Mrs. Melissa Ely** (Teacher); 3rd row: **Nathaniel Cavins, Mallory Griffin, Harlynn Schwartz, Sophia Scott, Charlotte Willis**; 2nd row: **Autumn Green** and **Ms. Rhonda White**, (School nurse); Front row: **Levi Fuson, Haley Hurst** and **Ayden Lasley**

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator

Surprise Books Delivered to Students

Frakes School students received a surprise recently when Mr. Bill Schroeder, a lawyer and children's author visited Frakes School. Mr. Schroeder presented Kindergarten-3rd a book he had wrote titled "Smallmouth Sonny of Bass Island Bar". The main character in the story is about a little fish named Sonny who lives in the Little Miami National Wild and Scenic River in Southwest Ohio. The other fictional characters are based on the wildlife that actually live in and along the beautiful river. Mr. Schroeder discussed with the students how he was encouraged to write the book (to make people aware of the wildlife that lives in the river) and the writing/editing/publishing process. He answered many questions from the students.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator



Mr. Schroeder with his book **Smallmouth Sonny of Bass Island Bar** and **Amillia Willis**, 2nd grade student at Frakes.

Hope of Appalachia Visits Frakes



On April 11th, Hope of Appalachia visited Frakes School providing each student with a shoebox filled with items. They brought with them the message of love through story time in small groups. Tonya Walls who had communicated with FRYSC Coordinator, Linda Partin, stated they began the mission with local kids in 2012 and now deliver around 18,000 shoeboxes a year. Pictured are 2nd grade students observing their items in their boxes.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator

BOOK CLUB

One day some 8th grade girls came up with a brilliant idea, "How about we start a book club"? That day we picked our first books, "*The Fault In our Stars*". We loved the book and the Frakes 8th grade book club was born. Since then we have read several books and developed a slogan "Read With Your Soul". Our slogan describes how we read with our soul; we get inside the characters heart and develop an understanding about their actions. It truly has been a blessing to come together and read some terrific books with some amazing friends in 8th grade and (Ms. Shannon Philpot and Ms. Carol Anderson), teachers at Frakes. "I wouldn't trade this experience for the world".

Submitted by Gracie Hammontree, 8th grade student



8th grade students: **McKenzie Boatright, Kiersten Baker, Brenda Jackson, Kendra Lankford, MacKenzie Jackson, Shelby Wilson, Gracie Hammontree**, and teachers (Shannon Philpot and Carol Anderson)

Bell Central Robotics Teams Place 1st in State Competition

Bell Central's Robotics Teams competed at Rupp Arena and placed 1st in both elementary and middle school divisions! We are very proud of both of our teams!!

Submitted by Mrs. Susan Brock, Assistant Principal



Bell Central's Elementary Team Members: **Jared Knuckles, Will Holder, Wyman Fisher, Meredith Allen, Holly Gambrel, Madyson Helton, Coach: Adam Knuckles, Asst. Coach: Jessica Dunn**



Bell Central's Middle School Team Members: **Bub Treece, Chase Huff, Kamryn Brock, Grace Wilder, Emily Smith, Elizabeth Black, Sydney Abbott, JJ Arno, Coach: Susan Brock**

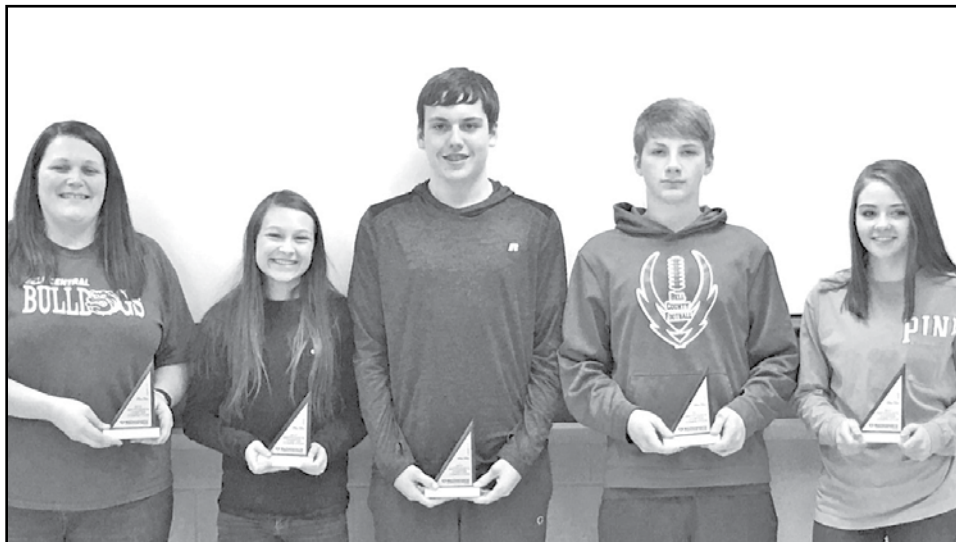


Mrs. Gilliam and the Bell County Board go above and beyond to help fund students who go on to the state and national level in our extracurricular activities. Our schools appreciate the support they give to all of our students.

Pictured at left: Mrs. Gilliam and **Kamryn Brock**, a member of Bell Central's State Champion Robotics Team.

Submitted by Mrs. Susan Brock, Assistant Principal

Math Counts Regional Competition



Coach, Mrs. Amanda Day, Laurel Nolan, Chase Huff, Hunter Bailey, Abigail Cornett

On Saturday February 18th, some of our middle school students competed in Math Counts regional competition. We had FIVE students place in the Top 10 as individual winners. This was out of a total of 90 students from the region who competed.

2nd place: Chase Huff

3rd place: Laurel Nolan

4th place: Abby Cornett

8th place: Shelby Cornett

10th place: Bub Treece

Also, the Countdown Round winner was Abby Cornett! Bell Central had the overall 1st place team, which consisted of: Abby Cornett, Hunter Bailey, Chase Huff, and Laurel Nolan. Abby, Hunter, Chase, Laurel, and Shelby all advance to state competition in March!

Submitted by Mrs. Amanda Day, Coach



Corey Napier and Abigail Cornett

Junior Anchor for a Day!!

Leah Jones, 3rd grade student at Bell Central, was the WBIR Junior Anchor on the Live at 5 at 4 newscast on Tuesday, February 7th, 2017. Leah was selected for this honor after submitting a video of herself where she was performing her own newscast complete with props to enhance her production.

Leah has an interest in performing arts. She has participated in productions with the Middlesboro Little Theatre. Spring of 2016 she had the lead role as Lucy in the Chronicles of Narnia. During the winter 2016 production, she earned the role as Susan in Miracle on 34th Street.



Leah Jones at WBIR Action 10 News Station

B-Team Cheerleaders 2nd Place in County Championship



B-Team Cheerleaders: **Ryleigh Allen, Kaleigh Hopkins, Lily Nolan, Morgan Hensley, Kenadie Maiden, Rebekah Gambrel, Addison Sloan, Jailin Phipps, Michaelyn Dye, Kaleigh Dozier, Kim Burnett, Keylee Baker, Holly Gambrel, Shea Carroll, Kamryn Burnett, Callie Wagner, Madyson Helton, and Kyra Hensely.**

Submitted by Mrs. Kristie Pratt, Cheer Coach

Congratulations Beta Winners

For the 14th consecutive year, the Bell Central Junior BETA club attended the state convention in Lexington on Feb. 16 & 17. Our club has worked extremely hard this year to raise money for this over night trip and for each competition that we competed in. The 4th and 5th graders compete at the division I level and 6th through 8th grade compete at the division II level. Bell Central is very proud of all of our hard working students. Each student put in many hours to work on their arts & crafts, studying for the academic exam, and/or practicing for robotics.

We had 8 overall winners:

Division I:

Book Battle 2nd place: Meredith Allen, Michaelyn Dye & Jared Knuckles

Jewelry 1st place: Baylee Keck

Division II:

Book Battle 1st place: Shelby Cornett, Emma Gambrel & Austin Robbins

Fiber Art 2nd place: Camille Thomas

All 8 of these students will be going on to compete at the National BETA convention in Orlando, FL in June!! The sponsors of the BETA club are Trina Fuson, Katrina Goodnight & Becky Williamson.

Submitted by Mrs. Katrina Goodnight and Mrs. Trina Fuson, Beta Coaches



State Beta winners: Baylee Keck and Camille Thomas



Jared Knuckles, Meredith Allen, Michaelyn Dye, Shelby Cornett, Emma Gambrel, Austin Robbins

State Winners

29 students from Bell Central traveled to the state competition for National History Day Kentucky. The competition was held on the University of Kentucky's campus in Lexington. All of the students worked very hard on their projects and represented Bell County well. One group received a special award for their documentary on the Boston Massacre. Brandon Baker, Andrew Gambrel, Jonathan Weaver, and Caden Phipps won \$350.00. Additionally a junior exhibit group placed 2nd for their entry "Claudette Colvin: the Unknown Hero". Grace Wilder, Gracie Gray, and Madison Ramey will be advancing on to the National competition in Baltimore Maryland June 11-15. A junior performance group brought home the title of state champions for their performance entitled, "Boston Tea Party: Taking a

Stand Against Unfair Taxation". Bub Treece, Ethan Smith, Caleb York, Conner McGeorge, and Dalton Lawson will also be traveling to the National competition. We are very excited for the students to have this once in a lifetime opportunity and can't wait to see how wonderful they do.

*Submitted by
Mrs. Amanda Day,
6th – 8th Grades
Social Studies Teacher*



Junior EXHIBIT of Claudette Colvin placed 2nd and moved on to Nationals in Maryland. **Grace Wilder, Gracie Gray, and Madison Ramey**



Junior PERFORMANCE: **Bub Treece, Dalton Lawson, Ethan Smith, Caleb York, Conner McGeorge** for "The Boston Tea Party: Taking a Stand Against Unfair Taxation"

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates!



Front row: Josh Brock, Eli Anderson, Darrin Wilson, Dawson Widener, Blake Sexton, Josh Helton, Tyler Baker, Hunter Lawson, Ethan Gambrel, & Dylan Saylor; Back row: Kennedy Carter, Kayla Brock, Nevaeh Wilson, Velda Smith, Abby Coe, Hannah Hamm, Jennie Philyaw, Erica Lawson, Amanda Hensley, & Emilee Hillman

8th Grade Trip



8th grade students celebrate their last week as middle school students by taking a trip to Kings Island. They had a great time!

Front row: Kennedy Carter, Amanda Hensley, Velda Smith, Nevaeh Wilson, Abby Coe, Jennie Philyaw, Hannah Hamm, Emilee Hillman; Back row: Jonathan Defevers, Becky Thacker, Joann Smith, Hunter Lawson, Darrin Wilson, Tyler Baker, Josh Helton, Trevor Kidd, Dawson Widener, Josh Brock, Blake Sexton, and Principal Renee Howard

Congratulations to Right Fork's Future Problem Solving Team

The Right Fork Future Problem Solving team was district champion and regional runners'-up, earning a trip to the State Governor's Cup competition in Louisville, KY.

Team members are Velda Smith, Kennedy Carter, Josh Helton, and Emilee Hillman.

Emilee also advanced to state competition in Language Arts.

The team is coached by Susan Brown.



Velda Smith, Kennedy Carter, Josh Helton, Emilee Hillman



Right Fork Primary celebrates the end of the year with fun & games! Water Day was held on Wednesday, May 17th. Students played relay water games and enjoyed a hotdog picnic!



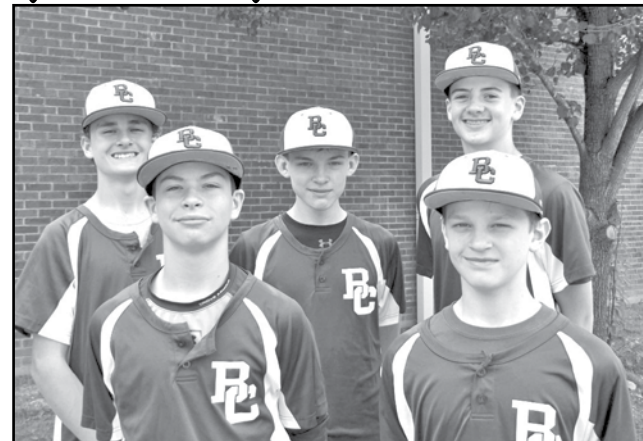
CONGRATULATIONS to Right Fork Cheerleaders **Kennedy Carter** and **Amanda Hensley** for making the High School Cheer Team! We wish you both the best of luck as you cheer on our Bell County Bobcats!



Congrats to our middle school softball and baseball players for a successful season!



Velda Smith & Nevaeh Wilson



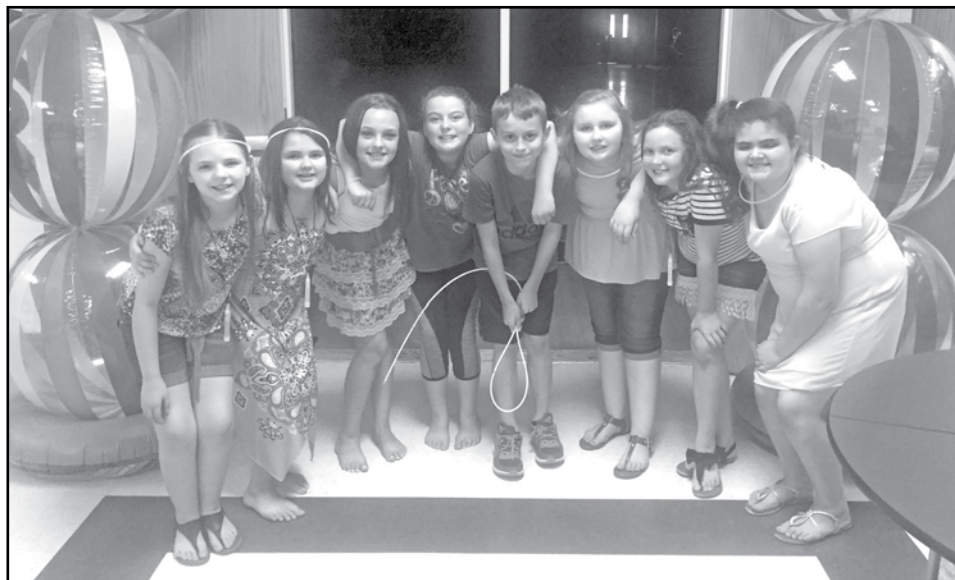
Front row: **Dawson Woolum, Chandler Widener;**
Back row: **Carter McCune, Chanse Belcher, & Dalton Stepp**



Right Fork School Center

Spring Fling Dance held April 28th

One for students in grades 1-3 & separate dance for students in grades 4-8.
Proceeds benefited primary cheerleaders.



Left to right: **Sierra Hoskins, Aryah Zahnd, Haley Mosely, Mossie Johnson, Zack Brock, Hailey Fugate, Gabby Bullins, & Kiki Lewis**



Abby Coe, Vera Armstrong, Amanda Hensley, Tyler Baker



Lacey Sexton, Chase Helton, Haley Bingham, Haley Saylor, Alexis Holman, Dawson Baker, Chase Dudley, Mary Jane Brock

K-PREP Kickoff

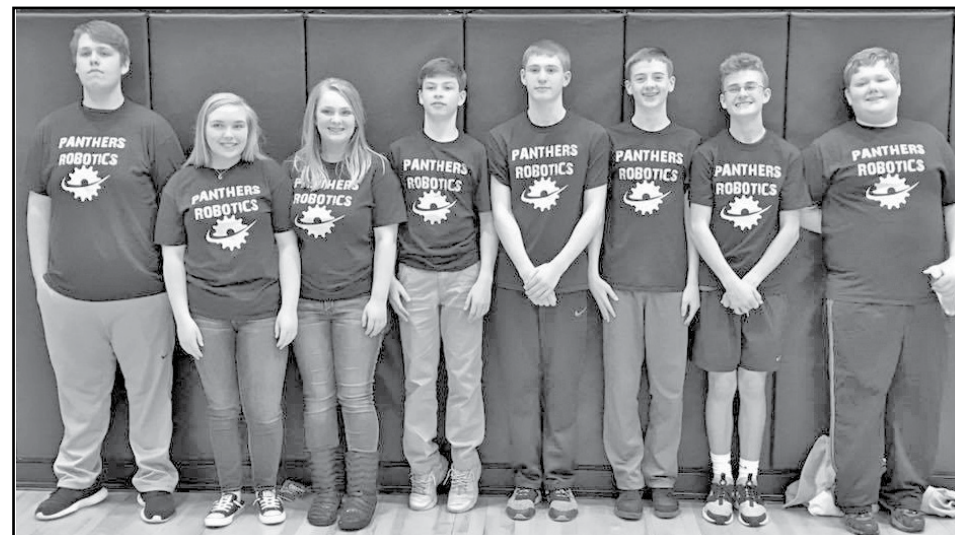


K-PREP Kickoff at Right Fork included a day full of dancing, coke floats, and rock stars as they celebrated their theme "Rock the Test". Pictured are third grade students enjoying a coke float after their testing pep-rally.

Robotics Team

Right Fork Robotics Team competed on March 18th at the Regional Competition. They traveled to Farristown Middle School located in Berea, KY to compete and brought home a 5th place win! We are proud of our Panthers!

Pictured at right:
Velda Smith and Dalton Goodin



Left to Right: **Joshua Helton, Velda Smith, Kennedy Carter, Dawson Woolum, Jacob Miller, Dalton Stepp, Carter McCune, and Ray Eldridge**

Bell County High School Student to Attend Harvard University



Cole Raines

One might be surprised to know that a 2017 BCHS graduate will be headed to Boston this fall. Or even more surprised to find out that the trip to Boston is to attend the esteemed Harvard University! If you know Cole Raines, you would not be surprised at all. Cole is one of the hardest working young men you will ever find. He has proven himself to be a dedicated student by signing up for the highest level classes and always excelling. Cole worked to become the valedictorian of his class of close to 200 students. This was all while actively participating in Science Olympiad, Academic

Team and PALS (Promising Appalachian Leadership Scholars). There were times that he passed up fun extracurricular trips because he did not want to miss out on content presented in class, clearly not a move by your average kid. But then again, Cole has proven himself to be anything but average. Cole has made his parents proud, he's made GEAR UP proud, he's made Bell County proud and this fall he will make Kentucky proud. We, at GEAR UP honestly believe there is nothing he can't do! Good luck to Cole at Harvard and with all your future endeavors.

Submitted by Mrs. Cindy Brock, GEAR UP Academic Specialist

ROTC

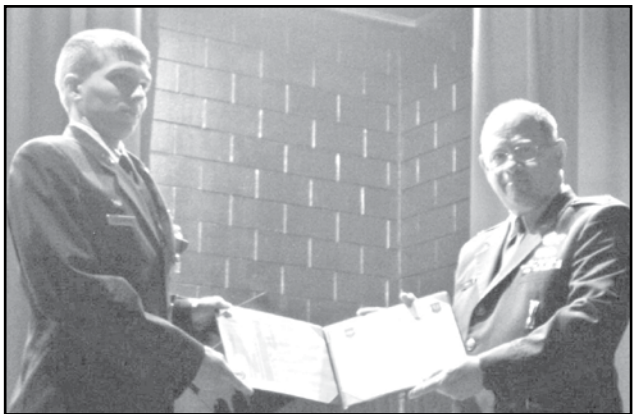
On 9 May, the Air Force Junior ROTC program of Bell High School conducted their annual Award's Night. During the ceremony, Cadet Captain Ean Rutherford was awarded the "American Legion General Military Excellence Award" and the "AFJROTC Silver Valor Award." The AFJROTC Silver Valor Award, is JROTC's second highest national award and is issued to cadets, who save a person's life. The Air Force citation accompanying Ean's award reads:

"Cadet (c/) Captain Ean Z. Rutherford distinguished himself by conspicuous heroic action above and beyond the call of duty by providing life saving measures for a child in Pineville, Kentucky on 26 February 2017.

c/Captain Rutherford, a junior volunteer fire fighter, was summoned to an ATV accident. As the first on scene, he encountered a frantic uncle with a seven year old niece who was severely injured and had stopped breathing. c/Captain Rutherford realized the girl was

aspiring in her own blood and immediately sprang into action. While utilizing his emergency medical training to treat her injuries and stabilize her condition, c/Captain Rutherford simultaneously provided critical information to the 911 dispatch while the Emergency Medical Technicians were en route to the scene.

Upon completing his first responder duty of providing initial life sustaining care, he assisted the Emergency Medical Technicians with loading the patient into the ambulance, turned over care of the patient to the Emergency Medical Technicians and began to assume an accident scene assessment role. Quickly thereafter, the Emergency Medical Technicians realized that both of them would be required to continue patient treatment and stabilization during transport to the hospital. Once again, Cadet Captain Rutherford rose to the occasion, volunteering to drive the ambulance to the hospital as the Emergency Medical Technicians prepared for an aerial



Ean Rutherford and Lt Col Barry Tanner

evacuation situation.

Although, this act is a rare and extraordinary accomplishment for a junior volunteer fire fighter, Cadet Captain Rutherford's actions were above and beyond the call of duty. His swift judgment and training ensured the girl was treated and transported safely to the hospital. Subsequently, the young lady has recovered from her life threatening injuries. Cadet Captain Ean Z. Rutherford's courageous actions and selfless regard for his fellowman have reflected the highest credit upon himself, the KY-

931st AFJROTC Group, The Holm Center, and The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and is therefore awarded the AFJROTC Silver Valor Award."

Ean serves KY-931 as the Charlie Flight Commander, a drill team member and is a member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society. He serves Bell County every day as a volunteer fight fighter.

Submitted by Lt Col Barry Tanner, Aerospace Science Instructor

2017 Governor's Scholar Recipients

The 2017 Bell County High School recipients of the prestigious Governor's Scholar program is Summer Bailey and Benjamin Bowling. These students were selected from approximately 2000 applicants from across the state. Each will attend a summer program at one of the participating universities located in Kentucky.

Background Information about the program:

The Governor's Scholars Program is a summer residential program for outstanding high school students in Kentucky who are rising seniors. The Program originated in 1983 as a result of Kentucky leaders' concern that the state's "best and brightest" were leaving the Commonwealth to pursue educational and career opportunities elsewhere without fully understanding the potential of their talents at home. Students who are selected attend the Program without charge. The Program's mission is to



Congratulations Summer and Ben!!

enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders.

Student Application and Selection Packets are sent to every public, private and parochial school district in the state. Before reaching the statewide competition, each student must first submit his or her application through his or her school and participate in the school and/or district level competitions. Only

those students selected and submitted by their district (or unaffiliated private school) may compete in the statewide selection process. The number of nominees each district may submit to the statewide process is based on the district-wide junior class enrollment. Over 2,000 applications are received at the state level each year, with approximately 1,000 students selected to attend.

2016-2017 Honors in Academics

I. PRACTICAL LIVING/CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

PRACTICAL LIVING

College and Career Readiness.....Ethan Warren
Health.....Tanner Fox
PE I.....Amber Lawson, Dawson Howard
Weightlifting.....Nick Caldwell
Link Crew.....Grace Hensley, Katie Slusher, Austin Jones

AGRICULTURE

Agriscience.....Glen Helton
Landscaping.....Chance Burtchell
Greenhouse Technology.....Shane Doulgas
Plant/Land Science.....Shea Miller

BUSINESS

Financial Literacy.....Dana Petrocelli
Business Marketing & Concepts.....Kelly Neal
Advertising Promotions.....Casey Lambert
Promotional Applications and Media.....Ethan Gambrel

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Money Skills.....Ashley Bray
Relationships/Parenting.....Ethan Gambrel
Essentials.....Leslie Asher
Fashion/Interior Design I.....Sarah Partin
Fashion/Interior Design II.....Taylor Sturdivant
Foods and Nutrition.....Sarah Partin

AEROSPACE SCIENCE

Aerospace Science I/II.....Olivia Lynch
Aerospace Science III/IV.....Ashley Taylor

II. SOCIAL STUDIES

Geography/World Civilization.....Curtis Miracle
Government and Economics.....Courtney Bryant
U.S. History.....Summer Bailey
AP US History.....Alisha Couarn

III. LANGUAGE ART

English 9.....Hunter Wilson
English 10.....Curtis Miracle
English 11.....Kaylee Caldwell

English 12.....Kendra Newton
English 101/AP Language.....Alyssa Hillman
English 102/AP Literature.....Tyler Reese

IV. FINE ARTS - FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Art I.....Charity Johnson
Visual and Performing Arts.....Casey Lambert
Survey of the Arts.....Courtney Bryant
Choir.....Cammie Brock
Band.....Matthew J Brock
Piano.....Curtis Miracle
Spanish I.....James Blevins
Spanish II.....Leslie Asher
Spanish III.....Ben Bowling
Musical Theatre.....Hunter Clark

V. MATHEMATICS

Algebra I.....Hunter Gilbert
Algebra II.....Hannah Turner
Integrated I.....Olivia Lynch
Integrated II.....Ben Lee
Integrated III.....Adam Lowe
Integrated IV.....Summer Hoskins
Acc. Geometry.....Blake Ramey
Acc. Algebra II.....Michael Swerdesky
Geometry.....Autumn Simpson
Pre-Calculus.....Sarah Hoskins
AP Calculus.....Cole Raines
AP Statistics.....Cole Raines
College Transition Math.....Leah Scott
Acc. Algebra I.....Hunter Wilson

VI. SCIENCE

AP Biology.....Ben Bowling
AP Chemistry.....Tyler Reese
Biology.....Curtis Miracle
Chemistry.....Michael Swedersky
Earth Space Science.....Chance Burtchell
Physical Science.....Ashley Taylor



BCHS
Class of 2017
ACADEMIC
TOP TEN

MATTHEW COLE
RAINES
VALEDICTORIAN

TYLER STEVEN
REESE
SALUTATORIAN

Photos by Gary Ferguson



ETHAN BLAKE GAMBREL



CAMERON JADE BROCK



MADISON CECILE BROCK



SARAH RACHEL HOSKINS



HANNAH KIARA BELCHER



CAITLIN NICOLE ABBOTT



ASHLYN BROOK CALEY JONES



KLOWIE MARISSA ORTIZ

SCHOLASTIC
SENIORS



TYLER HAROLD
BARNETT



MACKENZIE FAITH
HYATT



MIKAYLA HOPE
HYATT



KELLY LEE NEAL



AUSTIN JAMES
NOLAN

Bell County Board of Education recognized students who earned district, regional, state and national honors.



Mrs. Gilliam presents awards to students who received district, regional, state and national honors.

BELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Coaches Association-Individual Awards

Caleigh CollettFirst Team All-Region
Alex BrockThird Team All-Region
Bethany MiracleThird Team All-Region

Science Olympiad Regional Competition-Individual Awards

Ashlyn Jones.....1st Place-Dynamic Planet
Josh Ramey.....1st Place-Dynamic Planet
Cole Raines.....1st Place-Electric Vehicle
Chris Upton1st Place-Electric Vehicle
Ethan Brock1st Place-Experimental Design
Madison Brock1st Place-Experimental Design
Tyler Reese1st Place-Experimental Design
Bryan Ealy1st Place-Helicopters
Ean Rutherford1st Place-Helicopters
Cole Raines.....1st Place-Material Science
Tyler Reese1st Place-Material Science
Benjamin Bowling .1st Place-Remote Sensing
Ethan Gambrel.....1st Place-Remote Sensing
John Perkins1st Place-Robot Arm
Antonio Zachery.....1st Place-Robot Arm
John Perkins1st Place-Towers
Antonio Zachery.....1st Place-Towers
James Adkins1st Place-Wind Power
Curtis Miracle.....1st Place-Wind Power
John Perkins2nd Place-Helicopters
Antonio Zachery.....2nd Place-Helicopters
Kelsie Dean2nd Place-Hydrogeology
Amber Sizemore.....2nd Place-Hydrogeology
Ethan Brock2nd Place-Invasive Species
Ethan Warren2nd Place-Invasive Species
Evan Collett2nd Place-Rocks and Minerals
Ethan Gambrel.....2nd Place-Rocks and Minerals
Benjamin Bowling .3rd Place-Astronomy



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Coach, Andrea Perkins, James Adkins, Meghan Bailey, Gracen Callebs, Summer Bailey, Cole Raines, Ean Rutherford, Madison Brock, Curtis Miracle, Hunter Wilson, John Perkins, Ashlyn Jones, Bell County High School Principal, Mr. Richard Gambrel

Science Olympiad State Competition-Individual Awards

Summer Bailey1st Place-Write It Do It
Gracen Callebs1st Place-Write It Do It
Benjamin Bowling .2nd Place-Experimental Design
Ethan Brock2nd Place-Experimental Design
Tyler Reese2nd Place-Experimental Design
Tyler Reese2nd Place-Remote Sensing
Chris Upton2nd Place-Remote Sensing
Hunter Wilson.....3rd Place-Electric Vehicle
Curtis Miracle.....3rd Place-Invasive Species
Curtis Miracle.....3rd Place-Invasive Species
Ethan Warren3rd Place-Invasive Species
John Perkins3rd Place-Robot Arm
Antonio Zachery.....3rd Place-Robot Arm

Girls Basketball-Individual Awards

Caleigh Collett.....51st District Tournament Team
Bethany Miracle51st District Tournament Team
Caleigh Collett.....All-SEKC
Bethany MiracleAll-SEKC

BELL CENTRAL AWARDS & HONORS

A-Team Boy's Basketball Team-3rd Place in County Tournament

Hunter Bailey	Brandon Baker	Bradley Bussell
Drew Caldwell	Hayden Clark	Brant Hoskins
Chase Huff	Johnathan Langford	Conner McGeorge
Tristen Orr	Caden Phipps	Ethan Smith
Jonathan Weaver		

A-Team Cheerleader-2nd Place in the County Tournament

Madeline Allen	Elizabeth Black	Julia Branham
Kamryn Brock	Jasmine Brown	Mackenzie Brown
Brittany Bryant	Brianna Burnett	Megan Green
Katelyn Hurst	Ava Lambert	Brittany Mace
Kaleigh McCoy	Jaden McGeorge	Jordan Muncy
Laurel Nolan	Madison Ramey	Kayleigh Saylor
Camille Thomas	Savannah Wilson	

A-Team Girl's Basketball Team-1st Place-Tip Off Tournament & 1st Place in County Tournament

Sydney Abbott	Abigail Cornett	Kayleigh Cox
Mikayla Gambrel	Selena Hopson	Makenna Lefevres
Tori Marcum	Taylah McQueen	Lenia Miracle
Makenzie Napier	Grace Wilder	Keisha Wilder

B-Team Boy's Basketball Team 2nd Place-Tip Off Tournament & 3rd Place in County Tournament

Nathan Mills	Isaiah Barnett	Noah Brock
Seth Burchell	Holden Clark	Brayden Dunn
Luke Hall	Cayden Huff	Caden Keith
Jared Knuckles	George Pace	David Roberts
John Saylor	Nathan Earl	

B-Team Cheerleader-2nd Place in County Tournament

Meredith Allen	Riley Allen	Keylee Baker
Kamryn Burnett	Kim Burnett	Shea Carroll
Kaleigh Dozier	Michaelyn Dye	Holly Gambrel
Morgan Gambrel	Madysen Helton	Kyra Hensley
Morgan Hensley	Kaleigh Hoskins	Kenadie Maiden
Lily Nolan	Jailin Phipps	Addison Stone
Callie Wagner		

Kentucky Crown Cheer & Dance Competition-1st Place-Spirit & 2nd Place In-Game

Madeline Allen	Elizabeth Black	Julia Branham
Kamryn Brock	Mackenzie Brown	Brittany Bryant
Brianna Burnett	Megan Green	Katelyn Hurst
Ava Lambert	Brittany Mace	Kayleigh McCoy
Jaden McGeorge	Jordan Muncy	Laurel Nolan
Madison Ramey	Camille Thomas	Savannah Wilson

B-Team Girl's Basketball Team-1st Place-Tip Off Tournament & 2nd Place in County Tournament

Chloe Brown	Hannah Clark	Emma Gambrel
Mikayla Gambrel	Jasmine Hopson	Faith King
Emily Marcum	Lauren McGeorge	Taylah McQueen
Anna Miracle	Caroline Rice	

Elementary Academic Team-Future Problem Solving Team-1st Place in District

Gauge Bauer	Holly Gambrel
Sophia Good	Connor Lefevres

Elementary Academic Team-Future Problem Solving Team-1st Place in Region

Gauge Bauer	Holly Gambrel
Sophia Good	Connor Lefevres

Elementary Academic Team-Quick Recall Team-1st Place in District

Meredith Allen	Gauge Bauer	Cooper Brock
Ruby Fisher	Wyman Fisher	Parker Gibson
Sophia Good	Leah Jones	Connor Lefevres

Elementary Academic Team-Quick Recall Team-3rd Place in Region

Meredith Allen	Gauge Bauer	Cooper Brock
Ruby Fisher	Wyman Fisher	Parker Gibson
Sophia Good	Leah Jones	Connor Lefevres

Elementary Academic Team-Individual Awards

Michaelyn Dye1st Place in District-Language Arts
Parker Gibson1st Place in District-Mathematics
Wyman Fisher1st Place in District-Science
Michaelyn Dye1st Place in Region-Composition
Meredith Allen

1st Place in Region-Language Arts

Ruby Fisher2nd Place in District-Arts&Humanities
Michaelyn Dye2nd Place in District-Composition
Meredith Allen.....2nd Place in District-Language Arts
Michaelyn Dye2nd Place in Region-Language Arts
Meredith Allen.....3rd Place in District-Arts&Humanities
Connor Lefevres3rd Place in District-Mathematics
Wyman Fisher 3rd Place in District-Social Studies
Parker Gibson 3rd Place in Region-Math

Elementary Robotics Team-1st Place in Region

Meredith Allen	Wyman Fisher	Holly Gambrel
Madysen Helton	Will Holder	Jared Knuckles

RCX: Robo Challenge Xtreme Robotics-2017 STLP State Competition

Meredith Allen	Wyman Fisher	Holly Gambrel
Madysen Helton	Will Holder	Jared Knuckles

Kentucky Colonel's 6th Grade Showcase-Quick Recall-1st Place and Overall Champions

JJ Arno	Leah Asher	Shelby Cornett
Bryanna Ealy	Braeden Ferguson	Emma Gambrel
Mikayla Gambrel	Joe Goodin	Austin Robbins
John Saylor		

Kentucky Colonel's 6th Grade Showcase-Individual Awards

Austin Robbins1st Place-Arts & Humanities
Shelby Cornett1st Place-Mathematics
Mikayla Gambrel2nd Place-Social Studies
John Saylor3rd Place-Arts & Humanities
Mikayla Gambrel3rd Place-Composition
Shelby Cornett3rd Place-Language Arts

MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition-1st Place Regional Team

Hunter Bailey	Abigail Cornett	Chase Huff
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MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition-Individual Awards

Chase Huff2nd Place-Individual
Laurel Nolan3rd Place-Individual



Middle School Academic Team-Future Problem Solving Team-1st Place in District & 1st Place in Region

Hunter Bailey	Abby Cornett	Shelby Cornett
Gracie Gray	Laurel Nolan	

Middle School Academic Team-Governor's Cup-Overall All District 80 Champions & 3rd Place Overall Regional Winners

Sydney Abbott	Leah Asher	Elizabeth Black
Adison Caldwell	Abby Cornett	Shelby Cornett
Aaron Dean	Bryanna Ealy	Braeden Ferguson
Mikayla Gambrel	Gracie Gray	Autumn Hendrickson
Laura Ledford	Austin Robbins	Raegan Robbins
Bub Treece		

Middle School Academic Team-Quick Recall-1st Place in District

Sydney Abbott	Leah Asher	Elizabeth Black
Adison Caldwell	Abby Cornett	Shelby Cornett
Aaron Dean	Bryanna Ealy	Braeden Ferguson
Mikayla Gambrel	Gracie Gray	Autumn Hendrickson
Laura Ledford	Austin Robbins	Raegan Robbins
Bub Treece		

Middle School Academic Team-Individual Awards

Bub Treece1st Place in District & 1st Place in Region-Language Arts
Raegan Robbins.....1st Place in District-Arts & Humanities
Abby Cornett1st Place in District-Mathematics
Aaron Dean2nd Place in District-Science
Bub Treece2nd Place in District-Social Studies
Leah Asher3rd Place in District-Composition
Mikayla Gambrel3rd Place in District-Social Studies
Laurel Nolan3rd Place in Region-Composition

Middle School Robotics Team-1st Place in Region

Sydney Abbott	JJ Arno	Elizabeth Black
Kamryn Brock	Chase Huff	Emily Smith
Bub Treece	Grace Wilder	

Middle School Robotics Team-1st Place-2017 STLP State Competition

Sydney Abbott	JJ Arno	Elizabeth Black
Kamryn Brock	Chase Huff	Emily Smith

A-TEAM CHEERLEADER-2ND PLACE IN THE COUNTY TOURNAMENT KENTUCKY CROWN CHEER & DANCE COMPETITION-1ST PLACE-SPIRIT & 2ND PLACE IN-GAME

Madeline Allen,
Julia Branham,
Kamryn Brock,
Bryanna Burnett,
Katelyn Hurst,
Laurel Nolan,
Madison Ramey

National History Day Regional Competition-Advanced to State

Shawn Asher	Brandon Baker	Madysen Barnett
Julia Branham	Hayden Clark	Abby Cornett
Andrew Gambrel	Gracie Gray	Brant Hoskins
Ashley Hurst	Kolton Johnson	Annie Jones
Dalton Lawson	Kaylee Lay	Alex Mays
Conner McGeorge	Madison Napier	Laurel Nolan
Caden Phipps	Raegan Robbins	Kayleigh Saylor
Emily Smith	Ethan Smith	Bub Treece
Jonathan Weaver	Grace Wilder	Caleb York

National History Day State Competition-1st Place-Junior Presentation & Advanced to Nationals

Dalton Lawson	Conner McGeorge	Ethan Smith
Bub Treece	Caleb York	Gracie Gray
Madison Ramey	Grace Wilder	

National History Day State Competition-Sons of the American Revolution Special Award

Brandon Baker	Andrew Gambrel	Caden Phipps
Jonathan Weaver		

Beta Club State Competition-Individual Awards

Shelby Cornett1st Place-Book Battle-Division II
Emma Gambrel1st Place-Book Battle-Division II
Austin Robbins1st Place-Book Battle-Division II
Baylee Keck1st Place-Jewelry-Division I
Meredith Allen.....2nd Place-Book Battle-Division I
Michaelyn Dye2nd Place-Book Battle-Division I
Jared Knuckles2nd Place-Book Battle-Division I
Camille Thomas2nd Place-Fiber Art-Division II

Duke Tip-State and Grand Recognition (He has 2 certificates)

Kenneth TreeceDuke Tip - State Recognition for scoring above the 50th percentile of all students on the ACT
Kenneth TreeceDuke Tip - Grand Recognition for scoring above the 90th percentile of all students on the ACT

FRAKES SCHOOL CENTER AWARDS AND HONORS



Pictured above:
**B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS
3RD PLACE IN COUNTY TOURNAMENT**
Morgan Tipton, Abbi Middleton, Brooklyn Owens,
Chesney Blackburn, Emma Neal,
Baleigh Thacker. Not pictured: Olivia Jackson

B-Team Cheerleader-3rd Place in County Tournament
Chesney Blackburn Olivia Jackson Abbi Middleton
Emma Neal Brooklyn Owens Baleigh Thacker
Morgan Tipton Bailey Wilson

District Spelling Bee-Elementary
Bailey WilsonDistrict Spelling Bee-Elementary,
2nd Place
Johnathan Woodring.....District Spelling Bee-Middle School,
2nd Place

Governor's Cup Regional Competition- Individual Award
Kaitlyn Green3rd Place-Writing

**Science Olympiad Regional Competition
-Individual Awards**

- Kaitlyn Green1st Place-Mission Possible
Bailey Wilson1st Place-Mission Possible
Baleigh Thacker1st Place-Towers
Bailey Wilson1st Place-Towers
Kaitlyn Green2nd Place-Fast Facts
Bailey Wilson2nd Place-Fast Facts
Johanan Woodring.....2nd Place-Hovercraft
Milka Woodring2nd Place-Hovercraft
Bailey Wilson2nd Place-Scrambler
Wiley Jones.....2nd Place-Wright Stuff
Samuel Thacker.....2nd Place-Wright Stuff
Madyson Partin3rd Place-Anatomy & Physiology
Jenna Bogucki3rd Place-Reach for the Stars
Madyson Partin3rd Place-Reach for the Stars

LONE JACK SCHOOL CENTER AWARDS AND HONORS



Pictured above:
**B-TEAM BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM
1ST PLACE-TIP OFF TOURNAMENT
& 2ND PLACE IN COUNTY
TOURNAMENT**

Dakota Walters, Isaiah Smith, Noah Mason,
Logunn Littles, Bradyn Amburgy,
& Jonathan Fuson
Not pictured: Jonathan Beverly, Hunter Fuson,
Caden Havens, Trey King, Blake Wilder

6th- 8th Grade District Storytelling Contest

- Josh Beverly2nd Place
**B-Team Boy's Basketball Team-1st Place-Tip Off Tournament
& 2nd Place in County Tournament**
Bradyn Amburgy Jonathan Beverly Hunter Fuson
Jonathan Fuson Caden Havens Trey King
Logunn Littles Noah Mason Isaiah Smith
Dakota Walters Blake Wilder
District Governor's Cup-Individual Award
Madason West2nd Place-Composition

PAGE SCHOOL CENTER AWARDS AND HONORS



**ACADEMIC TEAM DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CUP
QUICK RECALL
1ST PLACE**

Dylan Wilson, Kennedy Miracle, Colton Howard,
Trista Hurst, Caden Miracle, Madison Widener

- District Storytelling Contest-Individual Awards**
Kaelyn Miracle.....3rd- 5th Grade District Storytelling Contest 3rd
Place
Dylan Wilson6th-8th Grade District Storytelling Contest 3rd
Place
District Spelling Bee-Middle School-Individual Award
Kennedy Miracle.....1st Place

- Duke Tip- Individual Award**
Mackenzie Hollingsworth.....State Recognition for scoring above the 50th
percentile of all students on the ACT
Cross Country State Competition-Individual Award
Caden Miracle1st Place-6th Grade and Under Open Elementary
State Championship
Academic Team District Governor's Cup-Individual Awards
Trista Hurst1st Place- Arts & Humanities
Kennedy Miracle.....1st Place-Science Composition
Kennedy Miracle.....2nd Place-Arts & Humanities
Colton Howard2nd Place-Science
Katie Duffey2nd Place-Written Composition
Noah Stewart3rd Place-Mathematics

- Academic Team District Governor's Cup-
District & Regional Overall Champions**
Cameron Burnett Marcus Chaney Katie Duffey
Hannah Gibbons Lucas Grubbs Jordan Hall
Kamdyn Hoskins Colton Howard Logan Hurst
Trista Hurst Caden Miracle Kennedy Miracle
Madison Rice Rachel Runions Noah Stewart
Madison Widener Dylan Wilson

- Academic Team District Governor's Cup-Quick Recall-1st Place**
Marcus Chaney Colton Howard Trista Hurst
Caden Miracle Kennedy Miracle Noah Stewart
Madison Widener Dylan Wilson

- Academic Team-Governor's Cup-Individual Awards**
Marcus Chaney1st Place District & 2nd Place Regional-Language
Arts
Dylan Wilson1st Place District & 3rd Place Regional-Social
Studies
Colton Howard2nd Place District & 2nd Place Regional-Social
Studies
Kennedy Miracle.....1st Place-Science

- A-Team Boy's Basketball Team-1st Place in County Tournament**
Kage Baker Cameron Burnett Jasper Daniels
Trace Freeman Jordan Hall Cole Hoskins
Tucker Hunley Trevor Kidd Walker Landrum
Caden Miracle Daniel Osborne

- A-Team Girl's Basketball Team-2nd Place in County Tournament**
Rachel Eldridge Virginia Hall Sara Kidwell
Lilly Lingar Natasha Miracle Joy Redmond
Madison Shelton Lindsey Woody

- Beta Club State Competition-Individual Awards**
Bree-Ann Greene1st Place-Book Battle Division 1
Natalie Hubbard1st Place-Book Battle Division 1
Kaelyn Miracle1st Place-Book Battle Division 1

- B-Team Boy's Basketball Team-1st Place in County Tournament**
Carl Barlow Blake Burnett James Gray
Cameron Hall Jordan Hall Timmy Hall
Elijah Hampton Aidan Johnson Walker Landrum
Gavin Matthews Caden Miracle Cooper Miracle
Jaden Myers Daniel Osborne Conner Roark
Jackson Walters

- B-Team Girl's Basketball Team-1st Place in County Tournament**
Shonna Browning Gracie Calloway Maggie Calloway
Nadine Johnson Kaitlyn Middleton Courtney Miracle
Kaelyn Miracle Madelyn Miracle Makenna Partin
Jaslyn Rutherford Valerie Rutherford

- C-Team Boy's Basketball Team-1st Place in County Tournament**
Blake Burnett Cameron Hall Elijah Hampton
Tristin Johnson Gavin Matthews Cooper Miracle
Jaden Myers Deakon Partin Nicholas Stewart
Carson Walters Jackson Walters

- Elementary Academic Team (District)-Individual Awards**
Kaelyn Miracle1st Place in District-Arts & Humanities
Kaelyn Miracle1st Place in District-Composition
Blake Burnett.....1st Place in District-Science
Jackson Walters2nd Place in District & Region-Mathematics
Brayden Ellis2nd Place-Science
Bree-Ann Greene3rd Place-Mathematics
Jackson Walters3rd Place-Science

- Elementary Academic Team-2nd Place in District**
Shonna Browning Blake Burnett Landon Eldridge
Brayden Ellis Bree-Ann Greene Marli Hacker
Elijah Hampton Shelby Hunter Cooper Miracle
Kaelyn Miracle Madelyn Miracle Nicholas Stewart
Jackson Walters

- Elementary Academic Team-Quick Recall Team-2nd Place in District**
Shonna Browning Blake Burnett Landon Eldridge
Brayden Ellis Bree-Ann Greene Elijah Hampton
Kaelyn Miracle Jackson Walters
Science Olympiad Regional Competition-Individual Awards
Rachael Runions1st Place- Anatomy & Physiology
Kennedy Miracle1st Place-Anatomy & Physiology
Colton Howard1st Place-Fast Facts
Kennedy Miracle1st Place-Fast Facts

- Blake Collins2nd Place Towers
Emily Roark2nd Place-Ecology
Sara Saylor2nd Place-Ecology
Emily Roark2nd Place-Microbe Mission
Sara Saylor2nd Place-Microbe Mission
Hailey Hall2nd Place-Rocks and Minerals
Trista Hurst2nd Place-Rocks and Minerals
Blake Collins2nd Place-Scrambler
Kamdyn Hoskins.....2nd Place-Scrambler
Noah Stewart2nd Place-Towers
Kennedy Miracle.....3rd Place Crime Busters
Blake Collins3rd Place Mission Possible
Colton Howard3rd Place-Crime Busters
Colton Howard3rd Place-Disease Detectives
Kamdyn Hoskins.....3rd Place-Mission Possible
Trista Hurst3rd Place-Reach for the Stars
Kennedy Miracle.....3rd Place-Reach for the Stars
Rachel Runions3rd Place-Wind Power
Noah Stewart3rd Place-Wind Power
Kennedy MiracleDisease Detectives

- A-Team Cheerleader-3rd Place in County Tournament**
Jazmine Brannon Chandler Brock Gracie Calloway
Maggie Calloway Caitlin Defevers Katie Duffey
Bree-Ann Greene AJ Hariston Kamdyn Hoskins
Nadine Johnson Shalisa Miracle Makenna Partin
Rachel Runions Jaslyn Rutherford Allie Wilder
Lindsey Woody

RIGHT FORK SCHOOL CENTER AWARDS & HONORS

**A-Team Boy's Basketball Team-
2nd Place County Tournament**

Tyler Baker	Chanse Belcher
Noah Caldwell	Austin Helton
Josh Helton	Jadyn Hensley
Carter McCune	John Philyaw
Blake Sexton	Dalton Stepp
Dawson Widener	Dawson Woolum

**A-Team Cheerleader-
1st Place in County Tournament**

Vera Armstrong	Kennedy Carter
Abby Coe	Emily Helton
Amanda Hensley	Sidney Hoskins
Lexi Howerton	Sophy Jones
Baylie Lovett	Emilee Miller
Emily Mink	Velda Smith
Tristen Strunk	Nevaeh Wilson

**A-Team Girl's Basketball Team-
3rd Place in County Tournament**

Abby Coe	Jasmine Mosley
Jennie Philyaw	Velda Smith
	Nevaeh Wilson

**District 122 Elementary Governor's Cup
Competition-1st Place-
Future Problem Solving**

Holly Brock	Austin Goodin
Chase Helton	Lacey Sexton

**District 122 Elementary Governor's Cup
Competition
Individual Awards**

Lacey Sexton	.....1st place in Language Arts
Ryan Caldwell	.....1st place in Social Studies
John Ross Baker	.....2nd place in Social Studies
Andrea Blevins	.....3rd place in Written Composition

**District 122 Elementary Governor's Cup
Competition-3rd Place Overall**

John Ross Baker	Abigail Blevins
Andrea Blevins	Holly Brock
Ryan Caldwell	Hailey Fugate
Austin Goodin	Chase Helton
Baylie Lovett	Lacey Sexton
Logan Stepp	Kaimen Strunk
	Ashton York

**District 81 Middle Grades Governor's Cup
Competition-**

1st Place-Future Problem Solving

Kennedy Carter	Josh Helton
Emilee Hillman	Velda Smith

**District 81 Middle Grades Governor's Cup
Competition-Individual Awards**

Tristen Strunk	.....1st place in Written Composition
Emily Mink	.....2nd place in Written Composition
Velda Smith	.....3rd place in Language Arts

**DISTRICT
81 MIDDLE
GRADES
GOVERNOR'S
CUP
COMpetition-
1ST PLACE-
FUTURE
PROBLEM
SOLVING**

Velda Smith,
Kennedy Carter,
Josh Helton,
Emilee Hillman



**District 81 Middle Grades Governor's Cup
Competition-
3rd Place Overall**

Eli Anderson	Chanse Belcher
Noah Caldwell	Kennedy Carter
Ray Eldridge	Josh Helton
Emilee Hillman	Carter McCune
Jacob Miller	Emily Mink
Gustavo Perez-Almaraz	Martin Perez-Almaraz
Blake Sexton	Whitney Sexton
Velda Smith	Dalton Stepp
Tristen Strunk	Leeann Sullivan
Dawson Widener	Nevaeh Wilson
	Dawson Woolum

**District 81 Middle Grades Governor's Cup
Competition
3rd Place-Quick Recall**

Eli Anderson	Ray Eldridge
Josh Helton	Gustavo Perez-Almaraz
Almaraz	Blake Sexton
Martin Perez-Almaraz	Dawson Widener
Dalton Stepp	

**Region 21 Middle Grades Governor's Cup
Competition**

2nd Place-Future Problem Solving

Kennedy Carter	Josh Helton
Emilee Hillman	Velda Smith
	Lacey Sexton

YELLOW CREEK SCHOOL CENTER AWARDS & HONORS

**A-Team Cheerleader-
1st Place in County Tournament**

Megan Barton	Alyssa Brooks
Makayla Brown	Ashton Burchfield
Madison Coleman	Gracie Collett
Kaylee Davis	Lauren Fultz
Paige Johnson	Mackenzie Lay
Jaylyn Mink	Elana Partin
Layci Simpson	Shyan Upton

**B-Team Cheerleader-
1st Place in County Tournament**

Keylee Ayers	Sydney Barnett
Tamara Branscome	Alyssa Burchfield
Gracie Collett	Haley Emmett
Victoria Emmett	Kamryn Foster
Kenna Gambrel	Chloe Gipson
Karissa Harrell	Chloe Hendrickson
McKenna Langford	Lacey Lawson
Chloe Mahan	Alexis Middleton
Jaylyn Mink	Anna Myers
Courtney Myers	Kylee Nunn
Cadence Seigler	Bree Stewart
Desirae Upton	Destinie Upton
Demetria Wheeler	Kaila Whitehead

**Elementary Academic Team-
2nd Place in District**

Landon Dunn	Kari Hatfield
Ethan Reese	Olivia Wilson

Elementary Academic Team-Individual Awards

Joseph Goodin	.....2nd Place in District-Social Studies
Emily Barnett	.....3rd Place in District-Language Arts

**Middle School Robotics Team-2nd Place-
2017 STLP Sumobot Competition**

Caleb Baker	Hannah Bowen
Mackenzie Brock	Nick Cox
Noah England	Jordan Hall
Kallie Hatfield	Dalton Johnson
Grace Johnson	Olivia Lynch
Keith McPherson	Jacob Norton
	Grace White

**B-TEAM CHEERLEADER-1ST PLACE
IN COUNTY TOURNAMENT**

Front Row: Haley Emmett, Kenna Gambrel, Sydney Barnett, Demetria Wheeler, Jaylyn Mink, Gracie Collett, Kamryn Foster, Destinie Upton, and Victoria Emmett
Middle Row: Chloe Gipson, Tamara Branscome, Alexis Middleton, Karissa Harrell, Alyssa Burchfield, Desirae Upton, Kylee Nunn, and Kaila Whitehead
Back Row: McKenna Langford, Chloe Hendrickson, Chloe Mahan, Anna Myers, Cadence Seigler, Courtney Myers, Keylee Ayers, and Bree Stewart
Not Pictured: Lacey Lawson



District Storytelling Contest

Kaitlyn Givens	.....3rd- 5th Grade District Storytelling Contest, 1st Place in District
Jordan Hall	.....6th- 8th Grade District Storytelling Contest, 1st Place in District

District Spelling Bee

Ethan ReeseDistrict Spelling Bee-Elementary, 1st Place in District
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Duke Tip

Grace WhiteState Recognition for scoring above the 50th percentile of all students on the ACT
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**Jim Claypool Conservation Art Contest-
Individual Awards**

Gracie Collett1st Place in District
Lexi Rose	.....2nd Place in District
Kenna Gambrel	.....3rd Place in District
Angelee McFall	.....1st Place in District
Bronson Goins	.....2nd Place in District
Sidney Robinson	.....3rd Place in District

Middle School Academic Team-Individual Awards

Ashton Burchfield	.....2nd Place in District & 1st Place in Region-Written Composition
Grace White	.....2nd Place in District & 3rd Place in Region-Arts & Humanities
Adriann Strouth	.....2nd Place in District-Math
Devin Reese	.....2nd Place in Region-Math
Ashton Burchfield	.....3rd Place in District-Language Arts
Noah England	.....YCS Robotics Team 1, 2nd Place Regional RCX
Olivia Lynch	.....YCS Robotics Team 1, 2nd Place Regional RCX
Keith McPherson	.....YCS Robotics Team 1, 2nd Place Regional RCX
Jacob Norton	.....YCS Robotics Team 1, 2nd Place Regional RCX
Grace Johnson	.....YCS Robotics Team 1, 2nd Place Regional RCX
Dalton Johnson	.....YCS Robotics Team 1, 2nd Place Regional RCX
Noah England	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 2nd Place-Food Science, and 3rd Place-Road Scholar
Olivia Lynch	.....Science Olympiad Regionals 1st Place Overall, 1st Place-Bottle Rocket, 1st Place-Towers, and 3rd Place-Scrambler
Keith McPherson	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall and 3rd Place-Road Scholar

Jacob Norton	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 1st Place-Bottle Rocket, 1st Place-Towers, 3rd Place-Scrambler, & 2nd Place-Mission Possible
Grace Johnson	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 2nd place- Mission Possible, 1st Place-Invasive Species, and 2nd place-Anatomy
Dalton Johnson	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall and 3rd Place-Experimental Design
Caleb Baker	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall
Grace White	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 3rd Place-Dynamic Planet, and 3rd Place-Experimental Design
Kallie Hatfield	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 3rd Place- Dynamic Planet, 2nd Place-Food Science, and 3rd Place-Hovercraft
Mackenzie Brock	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall and 2nd Place-Crime Busters
Kiley Gambrel	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall
Anna Evans	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 2nd place-Crime Busters 1st Place- Meteorology, and 2nd Place-Astronomy
Emalee Sullivan	.....Science Olympiad Regionals- 1st Place Overall, 3rd Place-Experimental Design, and 2nd Place-Reach for the Stars
Devin Reese	.....Science Olympiad Regionals- 1st Place Overall, 2nd Place- Anatomy and 1st Place- Meteorology
Alyssa Brooks	.....Science Olympiad Regionals-1st Place Overall, 3rd place - Hovercraft, & 1st Place-Invasive Species
Jacob Norton	.....Science Olympiad State-3rd Place-Tower Building
Olivia Lynch	.....Science Olympiad State-3rd Place- Tower Building

Air Force Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony

Concluding another great year for Bell County Air Force Junior ROTC, Cadet Colonel Klowie Ortiz hosted the 23rd Annual ROTC Awards Night at Bell County High School on 9 May. The event was attended by approximately 200 cadets, parents, families, friends and dignitaries. Honored guests included Mr. James Curry – Kentucky State Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander and Sergeant Seth Branum – Army National Guard Recruiter.

Cadets were recognized for their many accomplishments during this school year, including donating over 1100 hours of Community Service, conducting visits to McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Langley Air Force Base, Fort Eustis Army Post and Norfolk Naval Air Station and the Kitty Hawk National Park.

The following cadets maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for this school year:

Cadet Maj Cameron Miracle, Cadet Captain Bobby Ortiz, Cadet Maj Curtis Miracle, Cadet Capt James Leach, MSgt Jadon Hall, Cadet SSgt Charity Johnson, and Cadet SSgt Olivia Lynch.

The highest-level local award presented to cadets is the “Outstanding Cadet Ribbon.” This ribbon is presented to one cadet in each of the four Aerospace Science (AS) levels. They must be of high moral character, demonstrate positive personal attributes, display outstanding military leadership, and attain academic and military excellence. The winners were: AS I: C/TSgt Charity Johnson, AS II: C/Captain Ean Rutherford, AS III: C/Major Ashley Taylor, and AS IV: C/Col Klowie Ortiz.

Awards were presented by Lt Col Barry Tanner or MSgt James Browning unless indicated otherwise below. The National and State awards were as follows:

The Kentucky Army National Guard “Junior ROTC Distinguished Cadet Medal” was presented by Sergeant Branham to Cadet TSgt Isaiah Webb (not present). Isaiah is a first year cadet.

The Kentucky Air National Guard “Most Improved Cadet Award” was presented to Cadet MSgt Jadon Hall and Cadet SrA Hunter Clark. Jadon is second year cadet and is the Flight Sergeant for Echo Flight. Hunter is a Freshman and a member of the Drill Team.

The Retired Enlisted Association was presented to Cadet TSgt Ladassa Shackelford. Ladassa is a sophomore cadet and a Logistics NCO.

The Tuskegee Airman Awards were presented to C/Capt Austin Baker and C/SrA Amber Adams. Austin is a Junior and the Foxtrot Flight Commander. Amber is a sophomore and member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Air Commando Association Awards were presented C/SrA Abbie Armstrong and C/SrA Elizabeth Irwin. Abbie and Elizabeth are Freshman and members of the first year drill team and color guard and a members of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Air Force Sergeants Association Award was presented to Cadet Major James Leach. James is a Sophomore, the Fundraising Officer and a member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was awarded to Cadet Capt Robert Ortiz. Bobby is a sophomore, the Bravo Flight Commander, a member of the advanced drill and color guard teams, and a member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Sons of the American Revolution Award was awarded to Cadet Capt Austin Edmondson (not



c/TSgt Olivia Lynch receiving her award from **Lt Col (ret) Barry Tanner**.



Mr. Curry decorating **c/Maj Cameron Miracle**.



c/Maj Josh Wilder receiving his award from **Lt Col (ret) Barry Tanner**.

present). Austin is a 2nd year cadet and is the Flight Commander for Echo Flight.

The National Sojourners Award was presented to Cadet TSgt Charity Johnson. Charity is the first year drill team commander, first year color guard member, a Logistics NCO, and a member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was presented by Mr. James Curry to Cadet Major Cameron Miracle. In addition to the Medal, Mr. Curry presented Cameron with a \$500 scholarship. Cameron is a senior and the Public Affairs Officer.

The Military Officers Association of America Award was presented to Cadet Capt Keith Roberts. Keith is a junior and 2nd year cadet and the Alpha Flight Commander. He is also a member of member of the Color Guard, IDR, and Exhibition Drill Team and a member of the Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Military Order of World Wars was awarded to Cadet Major Jacob Epperson. Jacob is a senior and a 4th year cadet and the Squadron 1 Commander. He is also a member of member of the Color Guard, IDR, and Exhibition Drill Team and a member of the Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Reserve Officer Association was awarded to Cadet Major Curtis Miracle. Curtis is a sophomore and 2nd year cadet. He is also the Personnel Officer, a drill team member, and a member of the Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The American Veterans or AMVETS Medal was an awarded to Cadet TSgt Olivia Lynch. Olivia is a Freshman and a Public Affairs NCO. She is a member of the first year drill team and the First Year Color guard Commander. She is also a member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Medal was awarded to Cadet MSgt Lynette Graham. Lynette is a senior, 3rd year cadet and the Corp Senior Enlisted Advisor.

The American Legion offers two awards for cadets. The first is their Scholastic Award presented to Cadet Lt Colonel Josh Wilder. Josh is a 4th year cadet and the Corp Inspector General. Josh is also a member of Advanced IDR, Exhibition Drill Team, Color Guard and Kitty Hawk Honor Society. The American Legion General Military Excellence Award was awarded award tonight is Cadet Captain Ean Rutherford. Ean is the Charlie Flight Commander, a drill team member and is a member of Kitty Hawk Honor Society.

Cadet Captain Ean Rutherford, who is also a Junior Volunteer Fire Fighter in Bell County received the AFJROTC Silver Valor Award for saving the life of a young girl injured in a 4-wheeling accident.



Mr. Curry presenting **c/Lt Col Klowie Ortiz** with the Order of Daedalians Medal.



c/Lt Col Ashley Taylor receiving her award from **Lt Col (ret) Barry Tanner**.



Change of command: **c/Lt Col Ashley Taylor** (left center) salutes **Lt Col (ret) Tanner** as she assumes Command of Cadet Corps, KY-931. **c/MSgt Lynette Graham** (with guidon) and **c/Col Klowie Ortiz** observe.

Mr. James Curry, presented the Order of Daedalians Medal to Cadet Colonel Klowie Ortiz. Klowie is the Corp Commander, a member of Kitty Hawk Air Society, and Advanced Drill Team and Color Guard member. In addition Curry also presented Klowie with a \$500 scholarship. Klowie plans to attend Kentucky State University and pursue an Air Force Commission through the University of Kentucky ROTC program.

The Distinguished Cadet Award was presented to Cadet Major Ashley Taylor. Ashley is the Deputy Kitty Hawk Commander and Activities Officer. Additionally, Ashley received the Air Force Association Award – was promoted to cadet Lieutenant Colonel and assumed command as the Cadet Corps Commander for the 2017-2018 school year.

The departing Corps Commander, Cadet Colonel Klowie Ortiz closed the ceremony with her farewell



c/Col Klowie Ortiz's farewell speech.

speech, following the change of command ceremony. The cadets and their guests then enjoyed a buffet and social.

8th Grade Trip

8th grade students enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Forge before school let out for summer break. They explored Wonder Works where students got to do several educational activities and hands on activities such as rock climbing. They also went to The Island where they rode the Wheel. They would like to thank their parents and the Page staff for helping fundraise and the many donors including the Pineville Rotary Club for making their trip possible.



Page 8th graders enjoyed The Island in Pigeon Forge for their 8th grade trip.



Jasee Boatright, Alana Stevens, and Kirsten Barlow ride the wheel while on their 8th grade trip.



8th graders climb the rock wall on their 8th grade trip to Pigeon Forge. Pictured front to back: **Colton Howard, Kennedy Miracle, Marcus Chaney, and Noah Stewart**

Beta Book Battle Champions

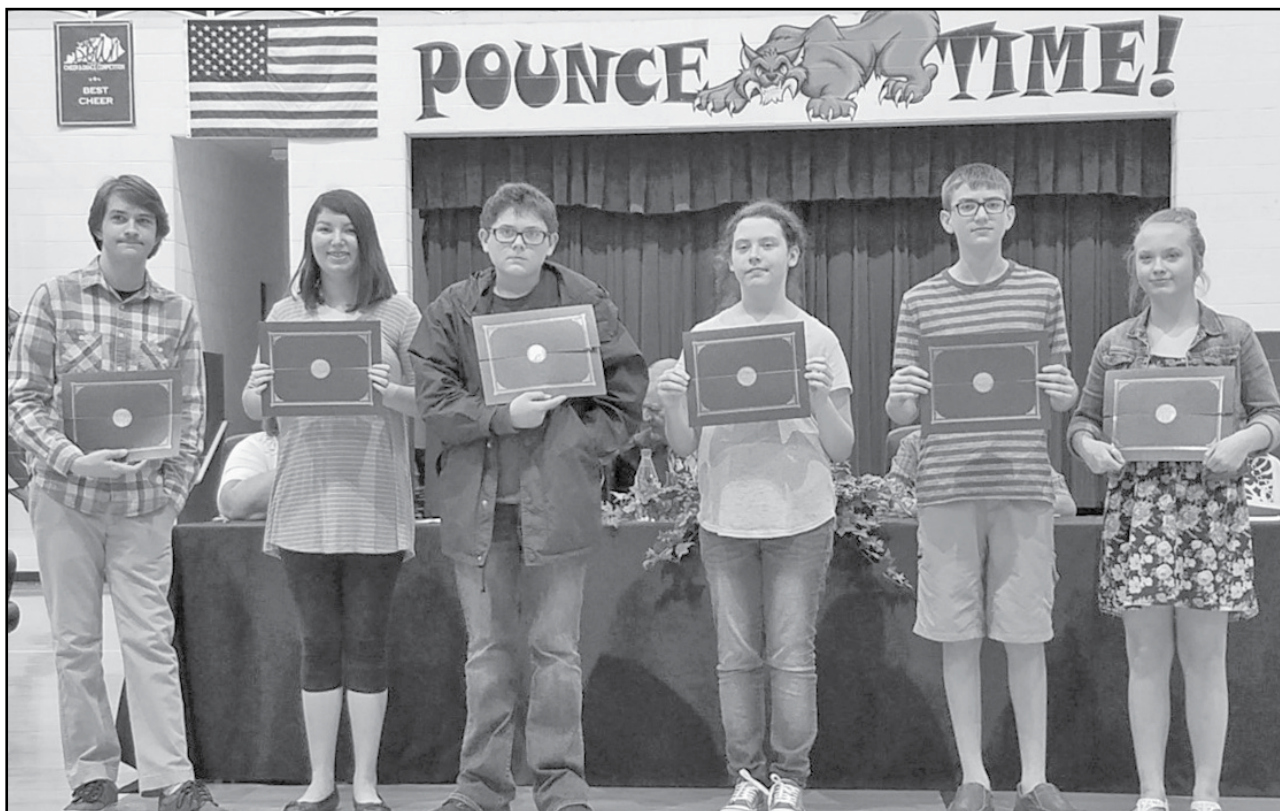


Bree-Ann Greene, Natalie Hubbard and Kaelyn Miracle were honored by board members. These students competed in the State Beta Convention in February and placed first in the Junior Division. The girls have advanced to the National Convention and will compete at Disney World in June.

Congratulations!

Pictured left to right: Bree-Ann Greene, Natalie Hubbard, And Kaelyn Miracle

Academic Team District Governor's Cup Quick Recall 1st Place



Dylan Wilson, Kennedy Miracle, Colton Howard, Trista Hurst, Caden Miracle, Madison Widener - Congratulations!

Field Day



Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Cox enjoy field day with their first grade classes.



Kindergartners from **Mrs. Brookes** class enjoy field day festivities. Pictured are kindergarten students **Chloe Godsey, Emma Wilder, and Ivy Miracle**



Kindergartener **Aiden Mason** catches some cheetos during field day.

YC Makes Clean Sweep at District Storytelling Contest!



To many, storytelling is a dying art, but two outstanding Yellow Creek students have showcased an impressive set of skills that just may make those who doubt the future of storytelling change their minds.

The Bell County School System recently held a district storytelling contest at the Bell County High School Auditorium. The contest required students to first compete and win at their elementary school storytelling contest before continuing on to the district level.

Yellow Creek is proud to announce that 3rd - 5th grade representative, Kaitlyn Givens, and 6th - 8th grade representative, Jordan Hall, BOTH won 1st PLACE at the district level of the storytelling contest.

*Submitted by Mrs. Misty Barnes,
5th and 6th Grade Writing Teacher*

Great Things are Happening in Mrs. Grigsby's 2nd Grade Class!

Mrs. Grigsby's class has been very busy learning many new math skills these last few months. They have learned to multiply, divide, do fractions, and to tell time. They also just completed their last MAP Test of the year.

In writing, students have been finishing up their writing portfolios. For their last project, students completed an informative writing piece. They concluded it

with a fun art project!

I hope all of the children are enjoying and using Education Galaxy and will continue to practice throughout the summer to help prepare them for the next school year!

Thank you for your support and encouragement. We have had a great year!

*Submitted by
Mrs. Jessica Grigsby,
2nd Grade Teacher*



Cheyenne Gilbert, Caleb Asher, Brayden Carey, and Dillon Carmack



Bryson Heck, Ryan Goins, and T.J. Partin



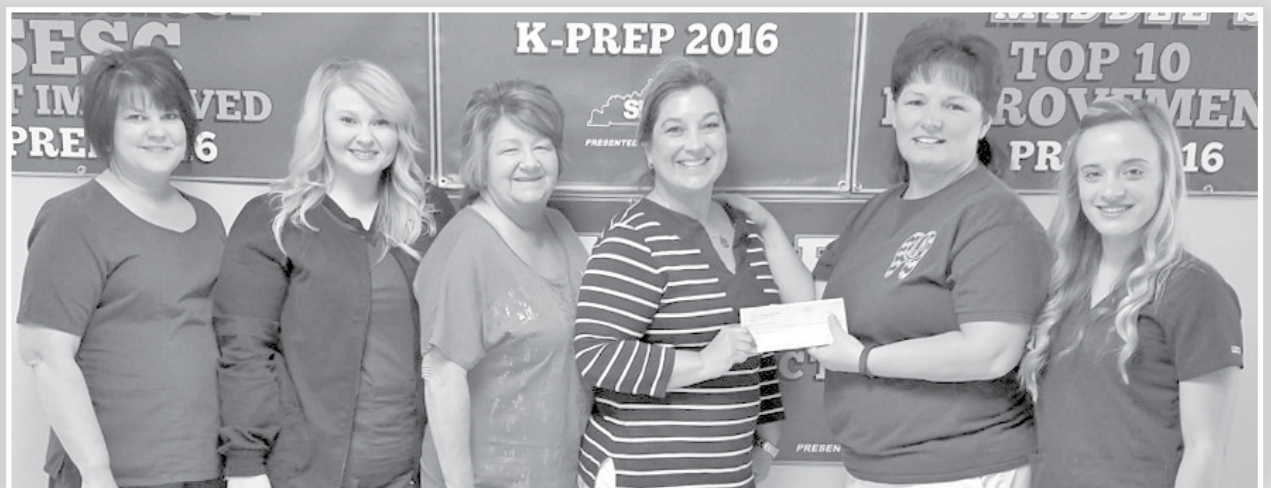
Landon Owens, Blake Lambert, Trinity Coppersmith, and Jaelynn Reeder

Donation Made to Yellow Creek

Yellow Creek School Center would like to say thank you to **Dr. Kathy Lefevers'** Office for their donation to the school.

We appreciate all they do for our students.

Pictured are staff members with Dr. Lefevers' office with **Mrs. Patricia West**, FRYSC Coordinator, and **Mrs. Barbara Warren**, Yellow Creek Principal.



Pennies for Patients Carnival Winners

Yellow Creek School Center conducted a competition for a good cause among the primary and middle grades homeroom classes. It was "Pennies for Patients" and the homerooms collected pennies for three weeks in order to win a carnival and pizza party reward. Mrs. Elaine Johnson's first grade homeroom was so thrilled to learn that they could help other children by simply donating pennies. They worked very hard to collect as much money as they could and were excited when the weekly counts came in. In the end, Mrs. Johnson's first grade homeroom won in the primary grades and Mrs. Lisa Gambrel's seventh grade class won in the middle grades. All students had a great time at the carnival and enjoyed a much deserved pizza party for working so hard to help other children. YCS has the best students and they are very dedicated to any task that is given to them. We are very proud of them all!

Submitted by Mrs. Elaine Johnson, First Grade Teacher



Pictured left to right: **Mrs. Elaine Johnson, Jackson Tapp, Jonah Slusher and Keeli Damron**



Pictured left to right: **Ella Lawson, Alex Tuberville, Brayden Brooks, Kaydence Hill, Madison North, Lucas Gibson, Gracie Fuson, Brandon Mosley, Chad Madison, Keeli Damron, Jonah Slusher, Miranda Miller**

YC Goes All Out to Kick-Off 2017 K-PREP Testing!

Testing time is here again, and as usual, the staff at Yellow Creek went all out to show students they are behind them one hundred percent!

The Tuesday before testing began was a day jam packed with celebration! To start the festivities, veteran cheerleading teachers pumped up all 3rd – 8th grade students with a pep rally of cheers and stunts before Distinguished students had teacher waiters serve them a variety pastry treats for breakfast as they stopped by the "Distinguished Cafe." KPREP testing shirts were all the rage as students dropped in

at the YC T-SHIRT SHOP! Proficient and Distinguished students were each recognized with a tasty treat at the Longhorn Ice Cream Parlor. Students lined up and delivered their frosty or-

ders for ice cream sundaes, hand dipped cones, or root beer floats! As usual, testing celebration at YC couldn't conclude without the Kids Choice Awards. Performances by many famil-

iar faces rocked the stage before concluding with a slime bath for student pick, Mr. Haley!

Submitted by Mrs. Misty Barnes, 5th and 6th Grade Writing Teacher



YC Staff in The Kids Choice Awards: **Hufstедler, Huffman, Kelley, Baker, Mangus, Bolton, Dunn, Warren, Hayes, Creech, Daniels, Butler, Barnes, Barnett, Hoskins, Weaver**



YC T-Shirt Shop with **Mrs. Creech's 6th Grade Homeroom**

Teacher voted to be slimed: **Paul Haley**



Distinguished Café Wait Staff: **Misty Barnes, Paul Haley, and Carrie Daniels**



Longhorn Cheerleaders and Mascot: **Mike Bolton, Mandy Creech, Tasha Barnett, Amanda Slusher, Charity Hayes, Jennifer Butler, and Courtney Weaver**

Art Club Gets Messy!

The YCS Art Club members have been getting quite messy during their creative club meetings on Fridays. During our meetings, students have been molding pottery, painting, making soap sculptures, and designing their own Faberge eggs.

"I was made for art!" exclaimed Neveah Couch, a 6th grader at Yellow Creek.

"This art club year has been our most creative yet," stated Mrs. Brock, the Art Club coach. "We certainly have many talented artistic students. I am looking forward to next year's art club and what our students will create."

Mrs. Brock displayed the 6, 7, & 8th grade student artwork at the Mountain Laurel Festival on May 25-28 in Pineville.

*Submitted by Mrs. Eva Potter-Brock,
8th Grade Writing and 7th Grade Math Teacher*



Nick Cox and Noah Akers (7th grade)



Selena Vasques (6th grade)

Bell County Conservation Art and Essay Contest Winners

Students in Mrs. Connie Baker's 4th grade science classes created art pieces for the Jim Claypool Conservation Art & Writing Contest, while students in Mrs. Misty Barnes' 6th grade writing classes composed essays for 6th – 8th grade division of the contest. Members of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts recently named 4th grader, Gracie Collett, as the winner of the conservation art contest for Bell County. Gracie's art showcased her appreciation of firefighters and was created as a tribute to Mrs. Baker's brother, a heroic firefighter who lost his life back in October.

Members of the association also named YC 6th grader, Angelee McFall, as the Jim Claypool Conservation Essay Contest winner. Angelee wrote her essay about ways members of our community could make the world a better place.

In recognition of their outstanding accomplishments, they were each awarded a \$25 check from Kentucky Farm Bureau.

*Submitted by Mrs. Misty Barnes,
5th and 6th Grade Writing Teacher*



Gracie Collett



Angelee McFall

8th Grade Career Day at YCS!

On Thursday, March 16th, the 8th grade students at Yellow Creek School presented a special Career Day to inform our school body about the various careers available to students. Throughout the school year, the 8th graders have been investigating, comparing, and setting career goals for their future. In addition, they have been accessing their ILP's, taking career and interests surveys, and researching various career pathways on the Career Cruising website. As part of our Gear Up grant, this project supported the components of setting the stage for college and career success for our YCS students.

"When you can get 8th graders invested in their futures and motivated to look for opportunities to support their success, it's definitely a winning combination," stated Mrs. Brock.

The 8th grade Career

Day was a culminating activity that featured each student's chosen career with information presented on a display board and required students to orally present their information to students and adults of all ages in an effort to inspire career minded thinking.

"This was really a fun day! I learned about different careers that I could do, and I had to talk about my own career to other kids," exclaimed Claudia Black.

A huge "thanks" to the collaboration team of Mr. Mangus, Mrs. Brock, and Mr. Thompson, who each had a specific role with the 8th grade career project. Students continued to talk about their career goals well after Career Day. It's definitely exciting to think about the opportunities that await our students and their futures. You can do it 8th grade!

*Submitted by
Mrs. Eva Potter-Brock,
8th Grade Writing and
7th Grade Math Teacher*



Claudia Black (vet)



Baylee Allen (Occupational Therapist)

Lone Jack School Center

FRED: Families Read Every Day

During the month of February, the Lone Jack School Center's library collaborated with Rebecca Miller with the Bell County Extension Office to host a Reading program that involved both parents and students. Families that wanted to participate were given a reading log to log minutes that they read with their child each night. At the end of the month, the number of minutes read were calculated by the Extension Office. The student logging the most minutes won a brand new bicycle. The winner of the bicycle was first grader, Kaydence Gambrel. We appreciate her mother, Crystal, for spending valuable time reading with her. Thanks to every parent and child who participated in the program. A special thanks to Mrs. Sheila Fuson, FRYSC Coordinator, for assisting Mrs. Rebecca Miller with delivering the bicycle.

*Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills,
Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator*



Rebecca Miller, Bell County Extension Office, presents Kaydence Gambrel (1st grader) with a brand new bicycle. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist, and Sheila Fuson, Family Resource Youth Service Coordinator help present the bicycle to the winner

Kaydence Gambrel (1st Grade) is happy that she won the bicycle for logging the most minutes read with her mom during the month of February.



Lone Jack School Center School Students Named 2017 National Book Challenge Winners

Local Pineville students awarded for publishing their own book



First Grade Writing Class: Front Row (Left to Right): **Brittany Johnson, Levi Gibbons, Alyssa Gray, Morgan Sowders, and Kylee Reagan;** Second Row: **Landen Collins, Tyler Hoskins, Alivia Reed, Audriana Partin, Tanner Edwards, Isabella Grubbs, and Anthony Gordon;** Third Row: **Mrs. Melanie Mills, Jonah Gambrel, Kaydence Gambrel, Brooklyn Brock, Bo Hoskins, Isaiah Gambrel, and Danielle Sowders.** Not Pictured: **Isaac Gambrel, Eric Layne, Ashlynn Jones, Desirae Lawson, and William Hoskins**

Pineville, Ky., May 18, 2017 – Local educator, Melanie Mills, and the 1st-grade class at Lone Jack School Center has been announced as one of Studenttreasures Publishing National Book Challenge winners for the 2016-2017 school year. Each of the 23, 1st-grade authors were recognized for their contributions to their book, **"Thankful Little First Graders"**, that was published earlier this year through one of Studenttreasures' free publishing programs.

Mrs. Mills's class came up with the idea for "Thankful Little First Graders" when thinking about what they were thankful for. The 1st-grade authors put in their best effort, writing and illustrating what they were thankful for, from their families to a pet rabbit, before they sent it off to be published.

"My students couldn't believe they were authors of a 'Real' book, like the ones they check out from the library. Upon receiving the published book, the students couldn't wait to share it with everyone in the school. Seeing their little



First Grade students at Lone Jack are competing as National Finalist in the National Book Challenge for a book they published, **Thankful Little First Graders.**

faces light up over being so excited was well worth all of the hard work put into the writing unit that tied in perfect with our curriculum. The book has been the most popular book in the library among faculty & staff, as well as students." Mrs. Melanie Mills

As winners of the National Book Challenge, Mrs. Mills's classbook was selected from entries across the country and was awarded based on the originality, creative storyline and illustrations of their book. This nationwide contest was open to more than 800,000 books that were submitted to Studenttreasures for publishing this school year.

"At Studenttreasures, we are fortunate to witness creativity and talent in classrooms

around the country. We especially congratulate Mrs. Mills and her students for earning this achievement and completing a project that provides lasting memories and a one-of-a-kind keepsake," said Chad Zimmerman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Studenttreasures.

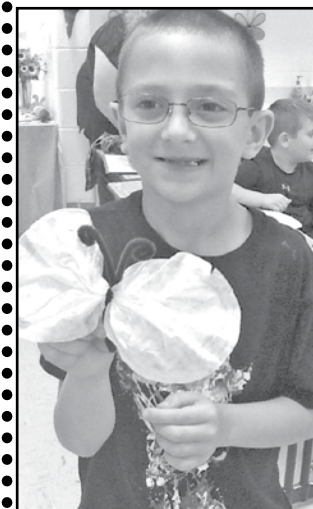
"Educators share that creating and publishing their own books through our easy publishing programs motivates students to write, inspires students to learn, instills pride and makes learning fun for these students."

*Article submitted by
Mrs. Melanie Mills,
Library Media
Specialist/Literacy
Facilitator, 1st Grade
Writing Teacher*

Spring Has Sprung!

Ms. Christy Blevins from the Bell County Extension Office visited first grade on April 27, 2017. She read the students the book, **The Hungry Caterpillar**. After reading the book, she helped the first graders create their own butterfly by coloring a coffee filter. They used the colored coffee filter with a pipe cleaner to create a beautiful butterfly. The students enjoyed the lesson.

*Article submitted by
Chelsey Partin,
First Grade Teacher and
Sheila Fuson,
FRYSC Coordinator*



Isaiah Gambrel shows off his beautiful butterfly!



Isabella Grubbs is proud of the butterfly she made!

Lone Jack School Center

Lone Jack Students Meet their SFA Read & Respond Goals

Students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades met their homework goals for the fourth quarter of SFA Reading. They were awarded with various prizes and books, provided by the Lone Jack Family Resource Youth Service Center. We would like to thank the parents who read with their children each night to support their academic success.

Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator



First grade students: **Ashlynn Jones, Jonah Gambrel, Alivia Reed, Audriana Partin, Danielle Sowders, Tanner Edwards, Brooklyn Brock, Levi Gibbons, Isaac Gambrel, Bo Hoskins, Landon Collins, Morgan Sowders, Brittany Johnson, Desirae Lawson, Isabella Grubbs, Isaiah Gambrel, and Kaydence Gambrel** select prizes as rewards for completing their Read & Respond Homework Forms during the 4th quarter of SFA Reading.



8th Grade students: **Richard Beverly, Madison Lewis, Alissa Taylor, Hannah Partin, Mary Jo Smith, Hunter Hendrickson, Jonathan Helton, Shayla Jackson, Breanna Laws, Delbert Cox, and Westley Posey** met their Reading homework goals during the 4th quarter of SFA Reading.

Reading on the Big Screen

Thanks to donors who voluntarily donated funds to support Lone Jack School Center's Chromebook Project on donorschoose.org, the library now has 10 new Chromebook computers. The school greatly appreciates the support of parents, community leaders/members, and friends of the library.

Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator



Mrs. Charles Lewis (Donor) and **Mrs. Casey Martin** (representing Commercial Bank who also donated) visited the first grade students to see the Chromebooks in action. The first grade class used the Chromebooks to do a Research/Writing Project in **Mrs. Melanie Mills** first grade Writing class.

Be a K-PREP MVP!

Lone Jack kicked off K-PREP testing with Teacher/Student Olympics. Teachers, staff, and Proficient/Distinguished students from the 2015-16 school year competed in an afternoon of fun and games. Some of the games included: Hungry Hungry Hippo Life-Size version, Wheelbarrow Race, Egg Relay Race, etc. Students who scored Proficient and/or Distinguished on last year's K-PREP test were given the opportunity to duct tape Mr. Jeremy Sanders to a wall and received special prizes that were donated by Lone Jack's Family Resource Youth Service Center. Other students made signs and cheered their favorite teams on as their "Biggest Fans!" Upon completion of the games, Mr. Brian Crawford, Principal, gave the students a motivational talk about the K-Prep Testing.

Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator



Joshua Beverly (6th) & **Kaden Morrison** (7th), **Evan Heck** (4th) & **Hunter Fuson** (6th), and **Ethan Queener** (4th) & **Westley Posey** (8th) are in close competition against each other in the Wheelbarrow Race.



Kaden Morrison (7th) & **Mrs. Billie Fuson** (Instructional aid), **Mary Jo Smith** (8th) & **Ms. Staci Slusher** (RTA Teacher), **Madason West** (8th) & **Mrs. Amy Gambrel** (Primary Teacher), **Richard Beverly** (8th) & **Mr. Thomas Heck** (Intermediate Math & Reading Teacher), **Keara Helton** (6th) & **Mr. Jeremy Sanders** (Intermediate Science Teacher), and **Evan Heck** (4th) & **Mr. Jordan Turner** compete in the life-size version of the Hungry Hungry Hippos board game. Team members **Bonnie West** (Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Counselor), **Dakota Walters** (6th), **Brady Tolliver** (4th), **Destiny Allen** (4th), **Kaylan Layne** (4th), **Elijah Gibbons** (4th), **Devan Boggs** (5th), and **Mrs. Chelsey Partin** (Primary Teacher) cheer their teams on. **Mr. Brian Crawford** calls the game!

Ending K-PREP Testing with a Little Fun...

The Lone Jack Faculty, Staff, and Students ended K-Prep testing with some fun and games. Every year, the Faculty & Staff play the 8th grade students in a little game of basketball. Students in the stands cheer on their favorite players and team. Mr. Crawford, Principal, always makes the game a little more interesting by announcing and calling the plays. It's a lot of fun for everyone!

Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator



Mr. Thomas Heck, Intermediate Math & Reading Teacher, drives in for a layup against three 8th grade students, **Alissa Taylor, Nate Lawson, and Thomas Smith**.



Thomas Smith, Alissa Taylor, Cade Patterson, Nate Lawson, Austin Smith (8th graders) battle for the rebound against teachers, **Mr. Thomas Heck, Mr. Terry Thompson, Mrs. Chelsey Rivers, and Mrs. Melanie Mills**.

Lone Jack School Center's Field Day

Lone Jack School Center hosted its Intermediate (Grades 4-8) Field Day on Wednesday, May 17th. Students enjoyed a wide variety of games including the 100 yard dash, 50 yard dash (with a spin to run backwards), Sack Race, Softball Throw, Hula Hoop Ring Toss, Balloon Pop Relay, Bean Bag Toss, Soccer Ball Kick, Combination Relay (50 yard dash, 10 jumping jacks, and 50 yard hop), and the Baton Relay. Casey Martin from Commercial Bank was present to serve the students with an Ice Cream Social as a nice refreshing "cool down" from a beautiful sunny day. Students were presented with Field Day ribbons in a small awards ceremony at the conclusion of the Field Day events. Mrs. Casey Martin, Commercial Bank, presented awards to students as well. Lone Jack Faculty and Staff are so appreciative of the partnership we have with Commercial Bank and the dedication Mrs. Casey Martin provides to our students and school.



Joshua Raney (7th) gives a hard kick as he tries to kick the farthest distance. **Devin Fuson, Ashton Burns, Jayden Black, and Canyon Freels** (7th graders) watch in anticipation of their competition.



Shelby Collins and Allen Buell (5th grade) compete in the Balloon Pop Relay.

State Robotics Challenge!!

Teams from Bell Central and Yellow Creek School Centers competed at the state Robotics competition on Saturday, April 12, 2017. Bell Central's elementary and middle school teams placed 1st in the RCX ROBO Xtreme Chal-

lenge bringing home the state championship title at both levels. Yellow Creek's team placed 2nd in the STLP Sumobot Robotics competition for the middle school level. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Teams were given a

challenge to complete as many missions as possible with a robot that they designed and built themselves. Students then had to strategize to determine which missions would give them the needed points in the 3 minute time limit.



Bell Central's Middle School Team Members:

Bub Treece, Chase Huff, Kamryn Brock, Grace Wilder, Emily Smith, Elizabeth Black, Sydney Abbott, JJ Arno
Coach: Susan Brock



Bell Central's Elementary Team Members:

Jared Knuckles, Will Holder, Wyman Fisher, Meredith Allen, Holly Gambrel, Madysen Helton, Coach: Adam Knuckles, Assistant Coach: Jessica Dunn



Yellow Creek's Middle School Team Members:

Mackenzie Brock, Gracie White, Jordan Hall, Nick Cox, Kallie Hatfield, Hannah Bowen, Noah England, Grace Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Caleb Baker, Ketih McPherson, Jacob Norton, Olivia Lynch
Coach: Paul Haley

Bell County High School Baseball

Front row: Hunter Clark, Seth Huff, Jacob Smith, Ethan Brock, Dawson Woolum, DJ Ester, Jim Baker, Kainen Johnson;

Back row: Assistant Coach James Baker, Head Coach Robbie Landrum, Cameron Burnett, Antonio Zachery, Victor Morris, Jordan Smith, William Miracle, Cameron Wilder, Jordan Slusher, Assistant Coach Mark Slusher, Assistant Coach Calvin Smith



Bell County Boys Track and Field

Left to Right: Coach Stewart, Mitchell Miracle, Sean Southerland, Tyler Abner, Isaac Eldridge, Dalton Raby, Seth Risner, Nick Caldwell, Cody Brannon, Austin Turner, Blake Collins, Noah Stewart, Jonathan Henry



Bell County Girls Track and Field

Front row: Ajiyah Hariston, Autumn Simpson, Kelsie Dean, Lindsey Woody, Jazmine Brannon, Sidney Miracle, Bailey Guy
Back row: Madison Green, Faith Redmond, Brea Browning, Lindsay Bryant, Kaleigh Mason, Aubree Cupp, Haley Morales, and Susan Brown, Coach



Bell County High School Softball

Front row: Kaylee Goodin, Brittany Brock, Sarah Brooks, Alexis Fuson, Shelby Gambrel, Paige Johnson, Cassidy Thomas, Makaya Baker, Velda Smith, Raegan Robbins
Back row: Coach Herman Denny, Kassidy Harrell, Baylee Allen, Mckenzie Miracle, Mackenzie Griffin, Taylor Shackelford, Mary Kate Smith, Ashley Lawson, Emily Browning, Amber Lawson, Coach Kacy Denny



Bell County Middle School Softball

Front row: Callie Freels, Jordan Muncy, Elizabeth Black, Julia Branham, Camille Thomas, Kayleigh Saylor, Megan Green
Back row: Adriann Strouth, Baylee Alen, Paige Johnson, Nevaeh Wilson, Madison Shelton, Velda Smith, Makenzie Napier, Raegan Robbins, Coach Kacy Denny
Not Pictured: Rachel Eldridge and Alyssa Edmondson

