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Uncovering meaning and talent

By Paige Sizemore
Beacon Staff

"The S Files-Uncovering the True Meaning of Christmas" was presented Tuesday evening, December 12. The lively musical Christmas program was performed by all students in grades K-8. The event was held in the gymnasium.

A second performance was held the next morning, Wednesday, December 13 at 8:30 am. for the student body.

Both performances were open to the public. The last presentation of the program was at the Nim Henson Geriatric Center in Jackson.

Special effects, choreography, speaking parts and songs were woven into the production. Every elementary teacher assisted throughout the rehearsals and the play. Mrs. Kathy Keck was the director.

After the Tuesday evening performance, cookies and punch were enjoyed by the cast, parents and friends.



The grand finale of "The S Files" declares they discovered the solution. For more pictures of the Christmas program, see p.5.

Auto accident claims Riverside coach

A love for young people, a commitment to serve the Lord, and a willingness to try were just some of the attributes of Mike Alex.

He coached the junior high and elementary boys and girls in basketball. He taught a physical education class. He helped with maintenance work around the campus.

On New Year's Day, Mike left this earthly life to join the Lord he loved so much. Mike, 27, died in a two vehicle collision less than a mile from school.

Mike and his wife Tayaeka joined the Riverside staff last September. He was originally from Salem, Oregon. She is

from eastern Kentucky. They met at Commonwealth Baptist Bible College in Lexington, Kentucky.

The couple was married in June of 2005. Mrs. Alex is expecting their first child in May. Mike will be greatly missed by his family, his co-workers, and the folks at Rehoboth Bible Church up Southfork where they were attending.

A memorial service was held for Mike Alex at Riverside. (See page 2.)

Anyone who would like to help Tayaeka and the child to come, may send gifts to Riverside Christian School. They will be forwarded to Tayaeka.



Jordan Daniels

Jordan Daniels, pictured above, was recently announced as the County Winner in the local Conservation Essay Contest.

For more details about the Contest, his prizes, and the school winners in the grades at Riverside, see the article on page 2.

Family and friends honor coach killed in holiday accident

The church sanctuary was filled to overflowing. Family, co-workers, students and friends came together to honor the memory of Michael Alex.

After opening prayer by Mr. Keck, the congregation sang one of Mike's favorite hymns "He Lives."

A video presentation of Mike's life was shared by his family. In attendance were Mike's parents Michael and Cheryl Alex and a sister Paige. A younger brother had died after being hit by a car at the age of four.

Two students, freshman Danielle Landrum and eighth grader Tia Combs, read poems they had written about Mr. Alex, their teacher. Mrs. Kathy Keck and Mrs. Donna Southwood sang one of Ty Alex's favorite hymns "In the Garden."

Video clips from the Hazard station WYMT-TV were shown. That included comments from several of his former players prior to their last game which they dedicated to

Coach Alex.

Several of the 3rd and 4th graders testified to their love for Mr. Alex. Then Mike's dad spoke to the congregation. He expressed the appreciation of his family for all that had been done for them since Mike's passing. He also talked about the joy he and Mike had shared going out and witnessing door to door. He spoke of Mike's enthusiasm for the Lord and his enthusiasm for life.

A unique presentation followed. Mrs. Sherry Downing, mother of student Aungelica Downing, presented a special quilt for Ty Alex. A number of students had had opportunity to help with the quilt. Mrs. Downing pointed out the colors and designs that had special meaning for Ty and their child to come in May.

The quilt had ties to be knotted. People in the congregation filed by and each one paused to tie a knot and say a brief prayer for Mike's family. Thus the finished

quilt had many "prayer knots."

A plaque in memory of Mike Alex was presented to his wife. This was followed with comments by Paul Jorgensen representing Commonwealth Baptist Bible College where the Alex's had been students. Once again Mike's enthusiasm for his faith was remembered so vividly. Then Mrs. Southwood sang "On the Other Side."

John Smith, Mike's pastor at Rehoboth, delivered a message. He spoke of Job in the Old Testament who had lost so much but had never lost his faith in God. Pastor Smith told the students what he thought Mr. Alex would say if he were present. How he would encourage them to live life to the fullest and always do their best.

Another Alex family friend, Pastor Lucas, before closing the service in prayer, spoke of his appreciation for Mike and recalled one of the last statements Mike had said, "I would like everything I do to honor God."

Conservation has rewards...

Jordan Daniels is County Essay Winner

Over 300 essays were entered in the 2006 Conservation Writing Contest held last fall in Breathitt County.

Jordan Daniels, a sixth grader at Riverside, was chosen as the County Winner. He will receive a \$50.00 savings bond from the Louisville-Courier Journal and a \$50.00 cash award from the Breathitt County Conservation District. He will also receive a personalized jacket.

Each school in the county had grade winners in the Writing Contest. Winners at Riverside were Overall, Zane Watts. 7th Grade: 1st place Tommy Moore, 2nd place

Patrick Haddix; 8th Grade: 1st place Ashley Back, 2nd place Bethany Butters.

In conjunction with the Writing Contest, an Art Contest was held as well. The theme for both was "Kentucky Soil: It's Worth Protecting."

Local winners in the Art Contest were as follows: Overall Judah Voth, second grader; 1st Grade: 1st place Vanessa Noble, 2nd place Felix Wagers; 2nd Grade: 1st place Alexis Haddix, 2nd place Rose Haddix. Throughout the county, 636 posters were entered in the Art Contest.

These contests are sponsored annually by the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Department of Conservation Districts, the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation.

The contest is sponsored locally by the Breathitt County Conservation District and the Breathitt County Board of Education. Students in grades 1-12 participate in the contest.

All the winning students will be recognized in May at the Conservation District annual Awards Banquet.

HONOR ROLL

Seniors once again claimed the top spots on the Honor Roll, both semester and six weeks. Brandon Hudson and Paige Sizemore took turns leading the student body, separated each time by less than one point. Justin Tapio, freshman, held the third place both times.

High School

Honor Roll
(Semester)

Principal's List

Brandon Hudson	97.7
Paige Sizemore	97.4
Justin Tapio	97

Honor Roll

Dell Rose	93.4
Beretta Roberts	93.4
Brett Stacy	93.3
Randall Hardin	92.7

Honorable Mention

Whitney Noble	89.7
Jesse Lovins	88.3

Junior High

Honor Roll
(Semester)

Principal's List

Ashley Back	96.7
Bethany Butters	95.8

Honor Roll

Treven Back	93.9
Maura Watkins	93.7
Katlynn French	92.6
Aungelica Downing	92.4
Tia Combs	90.3
Kayla Noble	90.1

Honorable Mention

Patrick Haddix	89.9
Tommy Moore	88.4

High School

Honor Roll
(3rd 6 Weeks)

Principal's List

Paige Sizemore	98.1
Brandon Hudson	97.3
Justin Tapio	97

Honor Roll

Dell Rose	94.4
Beretta Roberts	93.7
Randall Hardin	93.1
Brett Stacy	92.4

Honorable Mention

Whitney Noble	89.3
Jessie Lovins	88.7
Brittany Neace	88

Junior High

Honor Roll
(3rd 6 Weeks)

Principal's List

Ashley Back	97.3
Bethany Butters	97.1
Treven Back	95.7
Kaytlnn French	95.7
Maura Watkins	95.6

Honor Roll

Tommy Moore	94.2
Aungelica Downing	94.1
Tia Combs	92.8
Kayla Noble	92.6
Patrick Haddix	92

Honorable Mention

Deanna Hollan	87.6
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Lower Lights schedule their first program

By Paige Sizemore
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Spreading the word of God in music is what the Lower Lights do best. Their first performance of their program, "Truth Works, Making the Right Choice", will be held on February 25, at Caney Creek Mennonite Church.

The Lower Lights next performance will be held during spring break, March 10-12. They'll be taking a small tour in Southern Ohio. The year had a slow start for the group, but they've pushed through and now are continuing strong. The group has 16 students involved in the program.

Mrs. Keck stated, "We have a good message about choosing God's way in life." She's looking forward to presenting the program.

"What's that you have there?"
"A clamp."
"Oh, so you're a vise guy."



The Mountain Mission team included Travis Johnson, Malcolm Lance, Jimmy Eubanks, David Summey, and Charles Hawkins.

Juniors to host Valentine Dinner

By Paige Sizemore
Beacon Staff

Colorful balloons, pretty tablecloths, more decorations and lots of good food is what you'll find at the Valentine Dinner in the gymnasium on Saturday, February 10.

The dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The price for a couple is \$25.00 and a single is \$12.50. Desserts and drinks are included in that.

The juniors are hosting this event and they will be the waiters and waitresses for the evening. The proceeds will help them prepare for the upcoming Junior-Senior Banquet.

For more information call 666-2359.

Cook receives honor



Shown above is Mrs. Ernestine Barnett Gross who recently received a special honor. She is holding a certificate that proclaims she has been recognized as a

Kentucky Colonel. This is an honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Ernestine, who lives nearby in Haddix, has been a part of the Riverside family for years. She currently is cafeteria manger. Her daughter, Donna Gross Southwood, is a graduate of RCS and now serving as school secretary.

The order of Kentucky Colonels has been called "a society closely banded together into a brotherhood for the advancement of Kentucky and Kentuckians."

Ernestine received a letter of congratulations from State Representative Ted Edmonds on behalf of Governor Fletcher.



Students bring back ribbons from ACSI Art Festival

By Brandon Hudson
Beacon Staff

The senior Art History class and several of the junior high art class got to enjoy the ACSI Art Convention once again. The Art Convention was held at Louisa, Kentucky on January 12. There were eight students and one advisor, Barbara Gross, that went.

The two senior boys, Brett Stacy and Brandon Hudson, received a blue ribbon and a red ribbon a piece. Also senior Paige Sizemore received two blue ribbons and a Best of Show on one of her pieces. Paige says about her winning, "It was a great experience; I enjoyed seeing other people's art work and pieces. I am happy that I won first place."

The other five, who partici-

pated in the middle school division, were 8th graders.

Carla Hogg received one blue ribbon also along with her Best of Show.

Maura Watkins, Daniel Smith and Bethany Butters each received one red ribbon. Treven Back received one blue ribbon. No one received anything less than a red ribbon.

Advisor and art teacher Barbara Gross said, "It was very nice. There was good competition, and I am very proud of my students, especially two best of shows." She also said the students were very well behaved and they all had a lot of fun.

Also Mrs. Gross says next year Riverside may host the ACSI Art Convention.

Mountain Mission came bearing gifts

Christmas came early for the young people at Riverside. A truck pulled up to the back door and five men began unloading boxes.

These men are part of a group called Mountain Missions. Their home base is in Marietta, South Carolina, but they also reach out to schools in Kentucky and West Virginia. On one occasion they took gifts to an Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Before distributing the gifts

they brought, the men had a devotional message. Guitarist David Summey led in some Christmas carols. Malcolm Lance, Blue Ridge Baptist preacher, and Charles Hawkins, director of Mountain Missions, spoke.

Gifts of scarves, gloves and mittens were given to the older students. The younger ones received dolls for the girls and airplanes for the boys.

The men also brought fruit,

canned goods, drinks and flour for the school.

"Some of these men had been on mission trips to Haiti," said Hawkins, "and they decided to start a home mission outreach. We have money donated to us from different states. We get most of our gifts from wholesale auctions. Each year we reach about 2000 children.

The other two men in the group were Jimmy Eubanks and Travis Johnson.

Do you know the junior high?

Here on campus she does stay.
In woods and with animals she
likes to play.
_____ is a really nice girl;
To her mother she means the
world.

Up on the Barge is where he is
from.
To RCS this year he did come.
Though _____ seems quiet
and shy,
Talk to him, you'll see he's
quite a guy.

From Hazard way he does
come;
_____ can be a lot of fun.
He likes to play basketball day
by day;
By his cousin he likes to stay.

You'll always see a basketball
in his hands;
His mom is always in the
stands.
Over him the girls go wild;
_____ always has a smile.

This girl is kind of quiet;
When cheerleading she'll be in
flight.
_____ is always working on
her form,
And her grandpa keeps us
warm.



Front row l-r: Ashley Back, Kayla Noble, Bethany Butters, Katy French, Treven Back, Tommy Moore, Eric Whitt; Second row: Maura Watkins, Carla Hogg, Tia Combs, Patrick Haddix, Daniel Smith, Brian Baker; Back row: Deanna Hollan, Heather Baker, Tayler Fugate, Wickie Noble. Not in picture: Andy Enfusse, Angelica Downing.

_____ 's dog Chigger is her
love.
She likes to wear a 'boggin
and gloves.
In her hand pompoms will be
found,
Making the crowd get more
loud.

_____ is somewhat quiet.
Shown magic, she will try it.
Student Council she does
attend.
A friendship she will lend.

This girl has blonde hair.
For her friends she does care.
Pink is her favorite hue.
At Riverside _____ is new.

He likes to joke, and
On the ball court he'll never
choke.
He's a sweetheart thru & thru.
_____ is never blue.

_____ likes goofing around.
Up Shacks Branch he can be
found.
A helping hand he will lend;
He has many a friend.

He's short and small in size.
Running x-country trails he
really tries.
_____ can be loud;
He fits in well with a crowd.

_____ goes the Hazard
way.
She's still smiling by the end
of the day.
She has brown eyes and brown
hair;
A basketball tee she likes to
wear.

She likes frogs and to cheer.
From her, "face" you often
hear.
To her friends _____ is very
dear;
When you need her, she is
near.

_____ likes to run;
She also likes to have some
fun.
She plays basketball with the
boys.
Her dad's computers are his
toys.

At first meeting she's rather
quiet;
Otherwise she's pretty much
a riot.
When cheering she hits her
moves on the dot,
_____ is our back spot.

_____ a good old boy is
he
He is smart as can be.
He wears glasses, is blonde
and tall,
And is fast when playing ball.

_____ may be small;
She may not be very tall.
The tiny she is she has a big
voice.
If she's your friend, you've
made a good choice.

He helped Student Council
at Thanksgiving.
In the Christmas program we
liked his singing.
_____ always dresses his
best,
But he is nothing like the rest.

_____ is a pretty good guy.
He may seem a little shy,
But it's all just a trick;
On the high schoolers he likes.
to pick.

CLASS NEWS

First and Second Grades

Our class has been learning about China. We went to the New China Restaurant, and some of us tried to eat with chopsticks. Everyone got a fortune cookie.

Also, we are collecting pop tabs for a boy named Michael. Please donate your tabs to first and second grade at RCS. We will be planning a Valentine Day party soon.

by Kaleigh Smith

Junior High

In the junior high class we started our vocabulary exams. We all studied really hard and hopefully we all did well. We also started working on a quilt for Mrs. Alex to show her how much we care about her.

by Ashley Back

Juniors

We are planning on having a Valentine Dinner for the public on February 10. We hope we have a good turnout. We are also beginning to get ready for the Junior-Senior Banquet which will be in April. We plan to have fun.

Seniors

Plans for the senior's trip to Washington in March are going well. We almost have everything scheduled. The seniors turned the Valentine Dinner over to the junior class. We appreciate them for doing that.

The seniors have the two top places on the six weeks and semester Honor Rolls which we are very proud of.

New freshman enrolls



Marilee Strong

The Riverside family welcomes one new student. Meet Marilee Strong, a 14 year old freshman. She last attended Breathitt High School. She doesn't have a favorite subject.

Marilee Strong heard about Riverside by her cousin, Mary Strong. Marilee stated, "I like Riverside."

Her hobbies are four wheeling, horseback riding and hunting. Marilee said, "My favorite animal to hunt is deer."

PTF/Boosters buy uniforms, plan parties

What more can we do for our students? That always seems to be the main topic at each Parent-Teacher/Booster Club meeting.

And the last meeting, held Monday, January 15, in the school cafeteria, was no different. After a delicious carry-in dinner, the PTF got down to business.

President Brenda Johnson reported that new risers had been purchased by the PTF. They arrived in time to be used in the Christmas program. They will be used in upcoming Lower Lights programs.

The Avon sales fundraiser was very successful, she reported. The top sales person was Tyler Hudson, third grader. The two top classes in sales were the 3rd and 4th grade class and the junior high.

Birthday parties are being held for students by months. A party for December/January birthdays was held that week. Also perfect attendance prizes are being awarded regularly as well.

Several new fundraisers were planned. They are cookie dough tubs, Pizza Hut cards, and a melodrama.

When the business shifted to Booster Club minutes, it was reported that the Club had purchased new uniforms for the cross country team, the varsity girls basketball team and the elementary boys basketball team. They also voted to help the cheerleaders with the remaining debt on their new outfits.

Teacher: "Isn't it wonderful how little chicks get out of their shells?"

Student: "What beats me is how they get in."

The Christmas program had many special effects



Top left: Solution-seekers ponder their newest case;
Above: Mary and Joseph find a place in Bethlehem.
Upper right: Junior high students did a black light special.
Right: Angels proclaim the good news.
Right: Kindergarteners bring gifts for the Christ Child.
Lower right: Rappers sing of supernatural events.

Students enter Math-A-Thon

By Jessi Lovins
Beacon Staff

The K-9 students here at Riverside are participating in the St. Jukes Math-a-thon. This annual event is for kids that are at St. Jukes. Children's Research Hospital in Tennessee. The money that is raised goes towards finding a cure for their cancer or other catastrophic disease.

The way it works is stu-

dents get people to sponsor them for the number of problems they work in their Math-A-Thon Books. However many problems they solve, they receive money that goes towards St. Jukes, where no child is ever turned away.

This amazing hospital has treated kids from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. This Math-A-Thon is "one of America's most exciting and long-standing educational math programs."



Parents join seniors for recognition night

By Jessi Lovins
Beacon Staff

This year's Senior Night will consist of the varsity Lady Rams playing the Jackson City Lady Tigers at 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the varsity Rams will be playing Evarts High School. The games will be held on Friday, February 16.

Students enroll, parents help

By Jessi Lovins
Beacon Staff

Meet Margaret Mullins...

When Margaret Mullins started helping here at Riverside School was when she enrolled her daughter Laurie here. She started Laurie in kindergarten here last fall so she would be in a Christian environment.



Margaret Mullins

Margaret attended Breathitt High School and then received a degree in social services from Pikeville College. Later she went on to Morehead State University and received her Master's Degree in Higher Education.

In college she helped in the library. So when she offered to help here that experience was a blessing because Donna Miller needed help in our library.

The special program to honor our three seniors and their parents will be held between the two games. Basketball players in the other grades and their parents will also be recognized.

The three varsity seniors are Brandon Hudson, Paige Sizemore and Brett Stacy.

In her free time Margaret enjoys reading Christian magazines, shopping and photography.

Margaret, who lives on King's Ridge in Jackson, says, "I especially enjoy helping the students when they come in to take tests on the Accelerated Reader."

Looking to the future her plans are "whatever God leads me."

Meet Wanda Noble...

Wanda Noble started volunteering here at Riverside when her son Beacher wanted to come. Beacher's friend Tyler Hudson talked him into coming.



Wanda Noble

Wanda, who lives in the community of Hardshell, attended and graduated from Breathitt High School. She also has a daughter Vanessa in the first grade here.

SPORTS

By Brandon Hudson
Beacon Staff

Once standing on a 2-3 record, the Rams were ready to reach their goal of having a winning season.

Rams vs Falcons

The Rams next game on December 8 was with the David School. Even though both teams played very hard all the way to the end, the Rams came out with a win. The two senior starters, Brett Stacy and Brandon Hudson, combined for 47 points and Jason Napier contributed 12 as the Rams defeated David 78-51.



Brandon puts the rebound back in the basket for 2.

Wanda began spending more and more time at Riverside, discovering she could help in various ways. Then because of her love for sewing, she offered to teach a Home Economics class.

"I like Home Ec; I enjoy cooking and sewing and being with the kids," she said. In the remainder of the school year she plans to have the students work on a quilt and do some cooking projects.

Wanda said, "I enjoy being at Riverside. It has made a big change in my kids. I've always prayed, but now they are telling me 'We gotta pray.'"

Rams in Louisville tourney

The Rams next three games were played in Louisville in the St. Francis Tournament. The Rams went into the tournament with a 3-3 record and very positive attitude.

The first game of the tournament the Rams opponent was Monticello. It was a close game most of the way through but Monticello defeated the Rams 65-48. David Poppy led the Rams with 18 points.

The next game of the tournament the Rams once again took on the David School. Once again it was a hard played game down to the end, but the Rams defeated the Falcons 61-36. Senior Brett Stacy led the Rams with 25 points. Hudson contributed with 14 and Napier with 12.

The Rams went into their last game of the tournament with a 4-4 record and high hopes as they went up against Kentucky Country Day. The Rams just couldn't pull it together and were defeated 60-31. Hudson led the Rams with 13. So the Rams came out of the St. Francis tournament with a 4-5 record but pleased.

Rams vs Colonels

The Rams next opponents were the Kentucky School for the Deaf Colonels. The Rams traveled to Danville. Although it was such a long trip, it was worth it because the Rams came out with a 70-58 victory. Stacy led the team with 22. Hudson and Robinson contributed with 17 and 12. Napier also hit for 10.

Rams vs Owls

The Rams next game was a little closer to home. The Rams took on Owsley County Owls in the Wolfe County Classic at Wolfe County. Although they fought hard, the Rams were defeated 85-49.

Rams vs Australian team

The Rams next opponents were all the way from Australia on tour. The Rams took on



Radford College at home, and were defeated 69-46. Senior Brandon Hudson led the Rams with 21 points. Poppy and Robinson also added 11 and 6.



Jason protects the ball.

Rams vs Red Bird

The Rams were then standing on a 5-7 record. Ready to get a W, the Rams went onto their next game against Red Bird and played with a lot of heart, but were defeated 63-45. Senior Brandon Hudson led the team with 20 points and Brett Stacy added 12.

Rams vs Letcher Central

Next the Rams traveled to Whitesburg. There they played Letcher Central. The Rams didn't give up but were defeated 92-30. Hudson led the team with 15 points and Stacy contributed with 7. The Rams are now at a 5-9 record.



Coach Turner plans the strategy for the varsity Rams.

SPORTS

By Paige Sizemore
Beacon Staff

Lady Rams basketball has rapidly progressed this '06-'07 session. Without many practices the Lady Rams have hung in the game with their heads held high.

Lady Rams vs Red Bird

The Lady Rams took on the Lady Cardinals at Red Bird. This was their second game into the season. They were unable to take the win from Red Bird. The final score was Lady Cardinals, 64, Lady Rams, 19. Whitney Noble was the highest scorer with 9 points.

Lady Rams vs JBS

June Buchanan was the next opponent for the Lady Rams. The final score was Lady Rams, 24, and JBS, 60. Whitney Noble scored the highest with 12 points; then Beretta Roberts and Paige Sizemore trailed behind with 6 points each.

Lady Rams vs Buckhorn

The Lady Rams took on Buckhorn on the RCS home court. The final score was 45, Lady Rams, and Lady Wildcats, 70. Whitney Noble was the Lady Rams top scorer with 17 points followed by Deanna Noble with 9, and Paige Sizemore with 8.

Lady Rams vs Elliot Co.

After playing the Wildcats, the Lady Rams traveled to Elliot County. The final score was Lady Rams, 23, and Elliot County, 68. Beretta Roberts led the girls with 9; Whitney Noble came shortly behind with 8.

Lady Rams vs Lady Wolves

Next the Lady Rams took on Wolfe County at Riverside. Scoring the highest was Whitney Noble with 13. The final score was Lady Wolves 79, and Lady Rams, 22.

Lady Rams vs KSD

The Lady Rams went to the Kentucky School of the Deaf

and were victorious. The final score was Lady Rams, 40, and Kentucky School of the Deaf, 31. The lead scorer was Courtney Marshall with 10, followed by Beretta Roberts with 9.

Lady Rams vs Menifee Co.

Menifee County was next for the Lady Rams. The Lady Rams really struggled with the final score being Lady Rams, 10, and Menifee County, 73.



Kendra dribbles past opponent.

Whitney Noble had the lead score of 8, and Paige Sizemore with 2.

Lady Rams vs Wolfe Co.

Next on schedule for the Lady Rams was Wolfe County. The final score, Lady Rams, 19, and the Lady Wolves, 76. Brandi Johnson was the lead scorer with 6, followed by Brittany Neace and Jammie Napier with 4.

Lady Rams vs Australian T.

Lady Rams faced an Australian team at Riverside. The final score was Lady Rams, 15, and Australian team, 71. Top scorers were Whitney Noble, Kendra Crowe and Deanna Noble each with 4.

Lady Rams vs Lady Cards

Red Bird is who the Lady Rams went head to head with next at Riverside. The final score was Lady Rams, 43, and Lady Cardinals, 69. The lead scorer was Brittany Neace with 14.

Lady Rams vs Evangelist C.

Playing the Lady Rams next was Evangelist Christian. The final score was the Lady Rams, 38, and Evangelist Christian, 45. Whitney Noble finished as top scorer with 16, and Beretta Roberts with 9.

Lady Rams vs Lady Lions

Lady Rams met Cordia next on the schedule. The Lady Rams final score was 15, and Cordia Lady Lions, 56. Whitney Noble was the highest scorer with 8.

Lady Rams vs Lady Tigers

Riverside was the place to be to watch the Lady Rams tangle with the Lady Tigers. A nail biting game was played with good sportsmanship. Unfortunately, the Lady Rams lost the game. The final score was Lady Rams, 40, and Jackson City Lady Tigers, 60. With 26 points, Whitney Noble led the game, followed by Kendra Crowe, 10, Deanna Noble, 9.

Lady Rams vs Fleming Co.



Brittany goes for two.

The Lady Rams then traveled to Fleming County. The final score was Lady Rams, 16, and Fleming County, 75. Whitney Noble was the leading scorer with 7.

Lady Rams vs Menifee Co.

Then the Lady Rams faced Menifee County. The score,

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Full Name: Jason Cody Napier

Birth Date: January 14, 1990

Parents: Jennie Napier and Jerry Fugate

Sports played/ position: Basketball/forward

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite movie/ tv show: Dazed and Confused

If a movie were made about my life this actor/actress would play my role: Jack Black

Favorite singer/group: Trapt

Top 3 Songs: Headstrong, These Walls, Echo

Cds that are controlling my stereo right now: Burned CD's

Hobbies: Sports, hunting, fishing, TV

Something not to many people know about me: I don't

like staying in the house all the time

Three words to describe me: Fun, funny, cool

Something I absolutely can't live without: Laptop

Favorite book or magazine: Trucks

Favorite school subject: Math

Person in history I would



was Lady Rams, 45, and Menifee, 71. The lead scorer was Whitney Noble with 19, Kendra Crowe with 9.

Lady Rams vs Louisville B.

Lady Rams took their home court with the Louisville Browns. The Lady Rams were very glad to claim the win over the Louisville Browns. The final score was Lady Rams, 58, and the Louisville Browns, 50. Whitney Noble led the Lady Rams with 28 points, Kendra Crowe, 11.



Jammie focuses on the basket for a sure free throw.

like to meet: George Washington

Person I most admire: My cousin

Something really important to me: My truck.

Favorite sports team/player: Miami Heat, Shaq

Best athlete I have ever faced: Brandon Hudson

If I could start high school (or jr. high) over again I would do this differently: Class work

In ten years I would like to see myself : With a steady job and a family

Parent/Senior
Night
Friday, Feb. 16.
Come support
the
Lady Rams
and
Rams



Front row, l-r: A. Keck, Kim Miller, A. Noble, Kendra Miller; Second row: J. Fugate, A. Fowler, Bessie Hudson; Back row: Tom Miller, Tim Miller, S. VanSkyhawk, B. Hudson, D. Fishcer

Local church group takes mission trip to Haiti

By Brandon Hudson
Beacon Staff

From Caney Creek to across the big waters. This is what folks from the Caney Creek Mennonite Church experienced recently.

The group of teens and adults took a mission trip to Haiti. There were twelve members from the church that went: Tommy Miller, Adna Mae Noble, Bessie Hudson, Amy Fowler, Jason Fugate, Andy Keck, Tim Miller, Darren Fishcer, Kimberly Miller, Kendra Miller, Brandon Hudson, and Seth VanSkyhawk.

[That group includes one RCS teacher, two RCS students, and six RCS alumni.]

The church had planned on this trip for almost two years. They were raising money and trying to get all the arrangements made. Everything finally came together just before Christmas.

This venture was started because one of Tommy Miller's uncles was in Haiti, and had been there awhile, drilling wells so the people could have fresh water.

Even today Tommy's cousin Leon, the person we went to help, lives in Haiti and runs Water for Life which

is the company that drills these wells.

The team left Clayhole around 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 25 and began their long and unforgettable journey.

Only stopping for gas and food, the group had about an 18 hour drive to Miami, Florida where they would board the plane to fly into Port Au Prince.

Also on the way there was a blowout around 2:30 in the morning. So they changed the tire with just a jack and vice grips and then were on their way.

The team arrived at the Miami Airport, boarded the plane, flew out around 2:15 pm and arrived in Port Au Prince, the capitol, at 4:00 pm. Leon Miller and two Haitian men took the group to a house in the city to spend the night.

We were told we had an 8 hour trip ahead of us out in the country to the Water for Life headquarters where we would stay. The Haitians prepared a Haitian meal for our supper. It was very good. We slept outside on the porch that night.

The next morning after breakfast we started our long journey to Pas Bau Dame. It was just about 80 miles but

the roads were so bad it took several hours. It was so hot and some of us had to stand in the back of a truck the whole way and some others rode in an SUV type vehicle without air conditioning but lots of dust.

At our destination we settled in at the guesthouse which was powered by generators from about 8:00 am to about 7:00 or 8:00 at night. So we had to shower early.

We worked around the headquarters and the Miller's home. We accomplished several tasks. We repaired a few water pumps and some plumbing in the guest house.

We painted the Miller's living room and kitchen and they got a new screen door and bed which we built from scratch.

Leon had a party for all the employees of Water for Life which we got to attend and interact with the people and really get close to the kids. Also we got to eat another delicious Haitian meal.

On New Years we had a little party on the beach where we had fireworks and just socialized. Also while there we got to swim in the Caribbean Sea. It was awesome.

We also were able to attend two church services which were very interesting. We really bonded with the kids. Although they can only dream of what we have, they are happy.

Even though we had to share one bathroom, sleep outside in the heat, go without

electricity, and put up with roosters crowing at 2:00 in the morning, we had a great time. It was definitely an unforgettable experience.

Then on Monday, January 1 we left the village and headed for Port Au Prince to fly back home. We still had that miserable 8 hour trip ahead of us. But with God's help, sunscreen, and lots of water, we made it to the city to stay one more night.

Back home (in the U.S.), but we weren't home yet. We still had the 18 hour drive back to Breathitt County. Finally, it was Home Sweet Home.

The trip was an unforgettable and eye opening experience. Everyone said that if they had another chance like this, they would definitely do it again.

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Polls

Who's your favorite Valentine??

Brandon Hudson— Mrs. Ho and Ernestine Gross
Ms. Gross— Wade Neace
Tia Combs— Stevie Watkins
Mrs. Southwood—Jimbo
Joey Gross—Paige and Mom
Jason Napier—Brandon Hudson
Laura Bailey—Kay Herald
Courtney Marshall—I'm through with guys
Danielle Landrum—Jesus

If you could only have one of the following, which would it be? A) Car B)Phone C)Money D)Friend

Brett Stacy—Friend
Joey Gross—Friend
Whitney Noble—Friend
Jason Napier—Friend
Michael Robinson—Car
Brittany Neace—Friend
Justin Tapio—Friend
Marilee Strong—Car
Daniel Smith—Friend
Aungelica Downing—Friend
Patrick Haddix—Money

January Birthdays

Crystal French—3
Kayla Noble—5
Joey Gross—11
Jason Napier—14
David Bush—24
Laura Bailey—25
Stevie Watkins—29

CALENDAR

Rams at Piarist.....Feb. 9
Lady Rams vs Jackson City.....Feb. 9
Valentine Dinner.....Feb. 10
PTF/Boosters.....Feb. 12
Parent-Senior Night.....Feb. 16
Rams, Lady Rams at Red Bird.....Feb. 23
Rams, Lady Rams at Buckhorn.....Feb. 24
Lower Lights at Caney Mennonite.....Feb. 25