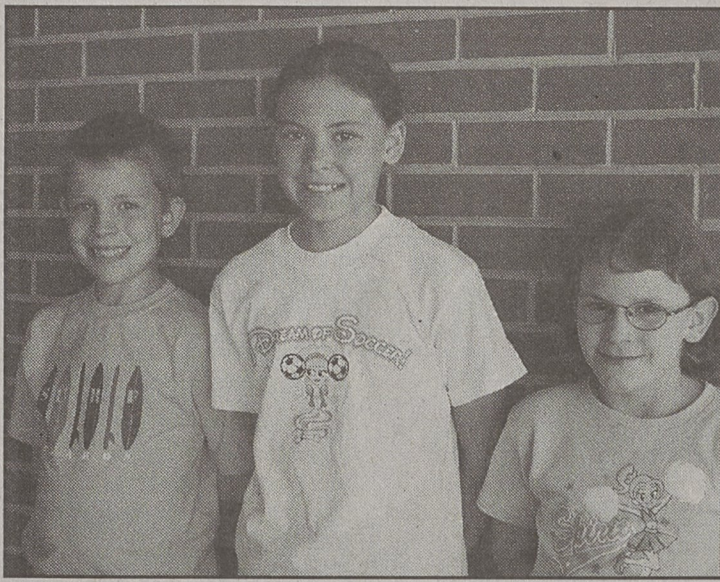


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Chase Hullender, left, Lyndsey Murphey and Michele Bridges along with classmates raised money for the American Heart Association by jumping rope.

Lyndsey Murphey jumps 1,400 times in AHA fund raiser

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Bethware Elementary fourth grader Lyndsey Murphey jumped rope 1,400 times in 25 minutes to beat a school record.

Lyndsey out-did last year's champ by 300 jumps. The competition wasn't just about beating records. It was an American Heart Association fund raiser. Students collected pledges for the amount of jumps they made. Lyndsey raised \$110.

Chase Hullender, also a fourth grader, finished second in the number of jumps - 1,356. He raised \$155. Third grader Michele Bridges brought in the most money - \$232. That's the most any student has raised. The school raised a total of \$3,300.

All three students are on the Bethware jump rope team. Approximately 35 students each are on the two teams. Second and some third graders make up the gold team and fourth and some third graders comprise the black team.

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Couple enjoys volunteer work at Bethware School

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Eric and Sharon Sellars call their volunteer work at Bethware Elementary "amazing" and "rewarding."
Students in Robin Wilson's first grade classroom read to the couple on Mondays. They've watched some progress from simple stories to chapter books. Some of the kids are doing so well that Eric Sellars jokes that he is the one who needs to practice reading.

The Sellars are among over 80 volunteers serving Bethware. Assignments range from helping with reading and other classroom tasks to being a lunch buddy or volunteering with the twice-yearly book fair.

"We have great volunteers," said Assistant Principal Jada Hardin. "We put them to work."

The school honored its volunteers Friday with a luncheon and concert by kindergartners.

Ty Toney became second grader Adam Rogers' lunch buddy three months ago when a teacher asked him to volunteer. Toney, who works nearby, is able to visit during his lunch hour at least once each week.



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Bethware Elementary kindergartners sing during a volunteer luncheon Friday.

Rogers says the two talk about "a lot of things." When Toney visited New York recently, he brought Rogers a tee-shirt and toy taxi cab.

Every Friday Kim Hullender visits Bethware Elementary to help out in her twin sons' classrooms.

Hullender says it helps her learn her children's classmates and teachers Melanie Anderson and Sandra Mullinax. As Hullender sits in the

auditorium during the volunteer luncheon one student walks up and gives her a hug. She says the kids like to tease her, telling teachers to write her name on the board - something reserved for those who misbehave.

Hullender volunteered when her daughter was in elementary school and has done the same since her sons started school. She recommends it to all parents.

Virginia Ware lends a hand in her daughter's classroom led by teacher Chrissy Johnsonbough. She also assists with the school's book fairs.

Principal Valerie Boyd called the Friday event "one small way to show you (volunteers) we appreciate you."

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