

North students put character into action



Front row, l-r, John William Eagle, Ashley Laye, Deniah Young, Adam Cox, Lilly Bright, Sakhia Boswell; second row, l-r, Jerry Jenkins, Holly Campbell, D'Asia Gates, Karissa Smith, Makayla Bennett, Dylan Towery, Christina Maxwell; back row, l-r, Mrs. Smith LaVonte Simmons, DeAntonio Griffin, Mrs. Wyte.



Left to right, Ethan Bright, Koby Starnes, Nicholas Johnson, Brady Waters, Ansley Habel, A'ssyrria Hall, Jacob Cox, Carmyn Mack, Ally Pyne, and Brittany Reynolds.

North Elementary School students have been putting the character trait of kindness and service to others in action. First grade teachers, Nicole Smith and Johnna Wyte, organized a can food drive during the month of December to benefit families in our community.

"This has been a whole school effort and we have collected over 600 items to help start our own North Elementary School food closet," said Molly Blanton, principal of North. "The students and families of North have shown a

great deal of kindness to others."

"Melissa Cox, 4th grade teacher assistant, and 4th grade teachers, Sherri Bailey, Penny Canipe, and Denise McGirt, had missionaries from Honduras visit their classes during the month of December. Students learned about the country, schools, and the culture of Honduras. Students in 4th grade are collecting school supplies to send to children in the area for Christmas. This project not only helped students learn about another country but it was also a way to help others."



Front row, l-r, Brianna Brown, Michael Thomas, Jacob Cox, and Nyla Scott; second row, l-r, Mrs. McGirt, DeRon Dean, Sierra Morrison, Ashley Hughes, Mary Robinson; back row, l-r, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Cox, and Mrs. Canipe.

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KMMS Honor Rolls

A Honor Roll

7th Grade - Brittany Ausburn, Carson Bailey, John Bell, Lane Bell, Stephanie Berard, Laura Blaine, Madisyn Bolin, Devin Bolin, Kaitlyn Bolin, Gretchen Boyles, Makayla Bradley, Kayla Capps, Megan Clampett, Keyondre Currence, Virginia Dellinger, Jessica Dulin, Sarah Dye, Landon Ervin, Luke Evatt, Alexander Farmer, Richard Fernandez, Chy'Anne Hall, Madalyn Harrill, Carmen Henwood, Christopher Hopper, Tyler Inthavong, Levi Johnson, Carrigan Leatherman, Morgan Lewis, Joshua Martin, Austin Mckee, Johnathan Medlin, Abigail Morehouse, Kaitlyn Moss, Taylor Myles, Destiny Neesmith, Nathan Palmer, Emily Parker, Chloe Pasour, Brooke Patterson, Octavio Perez, Kristian Postell, Ka'Myiah Pressley, Sydnee Radford, Ashley Rhom, Thomas Rikard, Destiny Roberts, Kayla Saynorath, Brennden Scarborough, Autumn Sheridan, Cooper Short, Marla Silaphet, Kaitlin Simonds, Taylor Smith, Michael Sparks, Caytlin Thompson, Molly Vongphouthone, Makayla Wilson, Ashton Withers, Meredith Wyte and Ricky Zheng.

8th Grade - Sean Anderson, Peter Boakye, Jordanne Briggs, Joshua Brucker, Allen Card, Gibson Conner, Jordan Davis, Tanner Davis, Taylor Davis, Naseme Devoe-Green, Kevin Dryden, Dylan Ervin, Ashley Faucette, Tess Goode, Bailey Goodson, Brittany Green, Michael Gunter, Weston Harmon, Wesley Henson, Ashlea Hodge, Gwendolyn Hopper, Kassie Horn, Dalton Hullender, Lindsey Laughridge, Ciara Mackey, Juanita Martinez, Destinee McClain, Tynasha Merriman, Kiersten Moore, Courtney Neal, Maxwell Peterson, Albert Petty, Darha Ponder, Tyler Randle, Shadeah Reid, Tiana Roberts, Brandon Robinson, Toni Sanders, Kelly Sarvis, Amber Sellers, Mikayla Smithson, Emma Stewart, Jordan Sweezy, Melissa Sweezy,

Mary Thibodeaux, Stevette Tomberlin, John Ward, Jacob Warren, Bethany Wilson, Will Wilson and Destiny Wood.

A/B Honor Roll

7th Grade - Dawson Adams, Tamara Adams, Bryson Bailey, Philip Barrett, Luke Bennett, Joseph Blanton, Brett Bolin, Tobius Braswell, Macey Bridges, Christopher Burns, Rashad Byers, Caleb Carroll, Mark Champion, Sydney Champion, Cassie Chapman, Wesley Childers, Ajay Cobb, Michael Cogdell, Kayla Condrey, Aaron Cooke, Krickett Davis, Palmer Davis, Matthew Deal, Taylor Degree, Tyria Dellinger, Jada Donaldson, Lane Evans, Kelsey Farmer, Jeremiah Fite, Alisha Fletcher, Alyssa Fletcher, Paul Gamble, Shekinah Goins, Edward Grabert, Madison Green, Alaina Gunn, Lea Hamm, Cassidy Hamrick, Destiny Hamrick, Jennifer Hamrick, Mandy Hamrick, Jessica Harmon, Dillon Heaton, Viviana Hernandez, Casey Hill, Dennis Hill, Destinee Hodge, Sierrah Hough, Madison Hoyle, Emily Hudson, Colby Hughes, Joshua Jackson, Thomas Jenkins, Timothy Justice, Breaahna Keyes, Casey King, Jared Lewis, Madison Ley, Preston Love, Earon Lowery, Brian Lysek, Zachary MacDougall, Elliott Mann, Brandon Manning, Evelyn Mayes, Jessica McClure, Anthony McDowell, Savannah McGinnis, Megan McQueen, Jacob Merchant, Jaylee Mills, Alexis Morgan, Evelyn Morris, Morgan Murphy, Erica Nelson, Alexander Nowak, Sydney Owens, Emma Pasour, Sara Pasour, Sarah Patrick, Jahliyah Patterson, Solita Pegram, Jailah Pettis, Jullian Petty, Katherine Pillado, Zachary Premo, Ja'Myiah Pressley, William Quinn, Shauna Ramsey, Ryan Randle, Trevor Rhea, Riquarah Rivera, Zeldon Roberts, Deyawna Rollinson, Tyrin Ross, Cassidy Rudnick, Myshe' Russ, Alex Scism, Joshua Scism, Matthew Scoggins, Alec Seaward, Seth Setzer, Gavin Shockley, Bridgette Shoemake, Brittany Short, Jordan Short, Sabrina Short, Lindsea Smith, Sarah Smith, Melissa Stacey, Hailey Stevens, Ashley Strickland, Liberty Sutherland, Alex Thomas, Dallas Thompson, Dylan Thrift, Anna Todd, Brittany Towery, Destiny Vandyke, Estrella Villafranca, Alexis Virapanya, Ethan Walker, Kevin Webb, Noah Webb, Madison Weeks, Diamond

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Greener Pastures

Shelley Eagan Proffitt

Thinking about grass...

With every season change we make plans for the pastures. Asking ourselves... "What needs to be grazed before the next grass growing season?" "What needs to be bush hogged?" "How many animals will this pasture support for how long?"

We raise cattle and sell meat but at the heart of any decent grass-based operation there has to be a dedicated grazer. This is the person who is always thinking about the managing of the grass. For us, this is our bread and butter. Without healthy pastures we don't have healthy grass and this would effect the meat. The cooler temperatures have us transporting animals to be sure they graze through the remaining summer grass growth and maximize the resources we have in each pasture, grass!

The temperatures have begun to fall and this means we will be getting the fall grass growing right now. The soil is getting a bit dry since it's been over 2 weeks now that we've had rain but there is still a lot of summer grass that needs to be eaten before the pastures are really ready for the fall growth. Right now there are many pastures that still have a good 12" or so of summer season grasses that have yet to be grazed. Yes, the herds have been through them already this summer but they grew back!

In order for the fall grasses to come in at their fullest we need to have these 12" of grass taken down so the cooler season grass will not be squeezed out. They need room! What to do? The first

thing we always think of is which herd is nearby to graze them? If we don't get them grazed we will have to bush hog those pastures. This is the least desirable method!

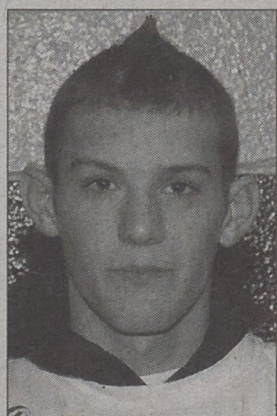
A lot of the summer grasses also went to seed, which means that they reached their full maturity and seeded out before we got a herd on there to graze them down. Now, the summer seed heads are standing dry and not as yummy as they are just before they reach maturity and they are a bit less nutritious than when still in the earlier growth stages.

This week Brian, Dad, and Tanner brought 20 steers from the Blacksburg farm to the Kings Mountain farm to help with the grazing that needs to be done here on these pastures. I have about 10 more to bring over this week. Increasing my numbers here will make it more likely that they will graze these summer grasses down to a level that the fall growth will be maximized. If they don't eat it then they will trample a lot of it and this is just as good. The trampling of the tall grasses leaves the organic matter of the plants right there on the soil. They will break down and add to the quality of the dirt there.

I won't leave them here all winter. After they have done their job here we will be on horseback again to move them onto another pasture where the fall growth has come in. Come see who is here during our open farm day and tours on Friday November 25!

Here's to greener pastures, Shelley

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FIRST WIN: of season for KM girls as they defeat Huskies

FROM 1B lead after the first eight minutes and were on top 42-21 at intermission. KM came back to cut the difference to 49-39 going into the fourth period.

Freshman Xavier Johnson had his best game of the year for the Mountaineers with 14 points and nine rebounds. Josh Sherer added nine points. Landon Bolin had six rebounds, Shawn Adams had four steals, and Josh Sherer had nine points and four assists.

JV BOXSCORE

KM (52) - Johnson 14, Sherer 9, Adams 8, Sanders 8, McClain 5, Bolin 4, Cole 4. HH (64) - Damantrijo Littlejohn 10, Dalvin Littlejohn 9, Phillips 8, Jordan 8, Woods 8. Floyd 7, Hamilton 5, Byrd 4, Hughes 3, Wright 2.