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## ACSW HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES 2009

### SPIRIT Week

Devin Holly and Laronda Pickens, fifth graders, put on their best NERD clothes on All About Academics Day.

By Tanginyka Crews  
Staff Reporter

During the week of October 19-23, 2009, Akron Community School West had homecoming activities. On Monday, October 19th, "Tie Down Those Hornets Day", the students were able to wear the craziest tie. On Tuesday, the 20th, the theme was "All About Academics Day", and the students dressed as a nerd. Wednesday the 21st was "Team Day". The students wore their favorite team jersey. Later Wednesday

evening, "Thrillers of Akron Community School West" the students participated in the 2009 Homecoming Talent Show. "Coronation" was held on Thursday, October 22nd at 1:00 PM, in the Akron Community School West Auditorium. "Parade and Game Day" Akron vs John Essex Homecoming Day!! LET'S GO RAMS!!!!



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DeQuan Bryant, 7th, and Alexus Bryant, 9th, participated in the High School's "Gender Swap Day" on Friday 23rd.

### Talent Show



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by Anitra Winn  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, Akron Community School West held a Talent Show as one of the activities during Homecoming week. The categories were: Dancing, Singing, and Modeling. The Welcoming was presented by Regiana Fields and our introduction host was Mr. Wayne Lewis. The show was opened up by Michael Jackson's Thriller. Those who performed included the following sixth grade students: Jamerson Pasteur, Anitra Winn, Rakeila Anderson, Dequanda Lyles, LaKeisa Tinker, Laurietta Small and Nikita Ward.

Those who participated in the Talent Show with dancing included the following students: Khadeja Bryant, Donavon Anderson, Moesha Bell, Quontra Ward, Glorinisha Fields, Tyrecha Tubbs,

Roger Anderson, Donovan Anderson, Khadeja Bryant, Donshakai Anderson, Marcus Small, Corneshia Bryant, and Reginiqua Fields were just a few of the many performers at the Talent Show this year.

Marcus Small, Sabrina Hunter, Nikita Ward, Anitra Winn, LaKeisa Tinker, Jamerson Pasteur, RaKeila Anderson, Dequandra Lyles, and Ronnie King.

Some of the students at Akron Community School gave a singing performance. Singing performances were presented by the following students: Jamerson Pasteur, Roger Anderson, Donshakai Anderson, Corneisha Bryant, Regiana Fields, Jairus Mitcheam, and Tyrus Eatmon.

Throughout the Talent Show, students participated by modeling a variety of outfits. Those who participated in this division of the Talent Show included these students: Jaylin Long, Chassity Blackmon, Roger Anderson, Antonisha Shelton, Regiana Fields, Jamerson Pasteur, Nikita Ward, James Walker, Rakeila Anderson, Laurietta Small, Matalyn McCain and Ronnie King.

### Coronation



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Homecoming Court: Roger Anderson (4th), Dequandra Lyles (6th), Lakeisa Tinker (6th), Riccardo Hunter (4th), Jacquala Fields (K), Justin Terry (K), Regiana Fields (6th) and Willie Bryant (4th)

King Kennzell Woods and Queen Lashunna Ingram

by Anitra Winn  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, October 22, 2009, Akron Community School West held its annual Coronation ceremony. The Welcoming was presented by Sabrina Hunter. Laurietta Small opened the event with a poem. Ke'Airal Byrd, a 7th grader, crowned the 2009-10 Homecoming Court. The King and Queen were Kennzell Woods and Lashunna Ingram.



STAFF PHOTO | E. Adams

Prince Justin Terry and Princess Jacquala Fields

Our Prince and Princess were Justin Terry and Jacquayla Fields. Following our King and Queen, the second runner up was Roger Anderson and Dequandra Lyles. The third runner up for Queen was LaKeisa Tinker. However, there was a tie for the third runner up for King: Edward Waller and Ricardo Hunter. Finally, the fourth couple was announced—Willie Bryant and Regiana.

### Halloween Carnival at ACSW

By Jaylon Franklin  
Staff Reporter

Boo! Did you go to Akron Community School West's Halloween Carnival on October 30, 2009? Well here is the scoop on what happened. There were several fun games at the Halloween Carnival. Ms. Holly and Ms. Adams were doing face painting. They also painted phrases on faces such as,

"GO AKRON" and "GO RAMS". Mrs. Bagby worked the Bean Bag Toss while Mrs. Lavender monitored the Hoop Tossing game. Ms. Stewart had the older students at Akron playing Putt-Putt Golf. The snacks were delicious! Mrs. Duke sold the following snacks: sour straws, airheads, juices, sodas, and popcorn. So, if you didn't make it to Akron Community School West's Halloween Carnival... BOO on you! Try to make it next year or we will have to send the ghosts and goblins after you!

### SGA Elections

By LaShunna Ingram  
Staff Reporter

On October 16, 2009 Akron Community School West practiced democracy first hand by holding a Student Government Association (SGA) Election.

During the assembly, each student candidate would give a speech explaining why they wanted to be elected. Only the students from grades third through sixth could run for SGA office, as well the only students which could vote for the candidate of their choice. Donavon Anderson, third grader, was elected as Pledge Leader. The SGA Secretary position was awarded to Aniah Ingram, fourth grader. Amiesha Coleman, a fifth grader, was elected Vice President. Regiana Fields, sixth grader, was announced as the new President for the 2009-2010 Student Government Association. Let us congratulate each one of the students for their winning position and wish them the best of luck for the upcoming year.

Homcoming Parade  
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## Akron Community School West Welcomes New Faculty

By Regiana Fields  
Staff Reporter

### Coach F. Means



STAFF PHOTO | Regiana Fields

Mr. Fentress Means, or Coach, attended and graduated Eutaw High School and later the University of Alabama. Coach Means comes to Akron Community School West after being in Education for ten years. When asked why Coach Means wanted to become a Physical Education teacher, Means stated that he like that Physical Education involves sports and overall people as

far as their health. Coach Means was persuaded and motivated to become a Physical Education Teacher by his former high school coach. Coach says that he still has not reached his lifelong goal. He hopes to possibly be a principal one day then later pursue a career as a professional college coach and athletic director. Coach Mean's motto is, "Never Give Up—Believe!"

### Ms. Rowser-Special Ed



STAFF PHOTO | Regiana Fields  
Ms. Adrain Rowser,

Special Education teacher, comes to Akron Community School West from Tuscaloosa County School System where she served in the Brookwood Middle School for seven years. Ms. Rowser attended Stillman College and the University of Phoenix where she received a Bachelor in Business Administration. She is currently working on her Masters degree in Special Education. Ms. Rowser decided to seek her Masters in Special Education because she had a nephew who has a disability. She wants to learn all she can in the area. Ms. Rowser continued by stating she hopes to work with the students to help them accomplish their goals and dreams. Ms. Roser's motto is a quote by Maya Angelou, "I can be changed by what happens to me. I refuse to be reduced by it."

### Ms. Dukes-Librarian



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Ms. Cindy Dukes, librarian, attended the University of Livingston. Ms. Dukes has earned her Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education and her Masters degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Library Media. She became a librarian because she enjoys reading books and working with technology. Ms. Duke's states her motto, "Learn as much as you can!" While thinking about her education, Ms Dukes also states, "No matter what problems you have with learning, just stick to it."

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Third Graders learn how useful a Dictionary is to learning.

## Students Gain Dictionaries

By Tanganyika Crews  
Staff Reporter

The third grade classes at Akron Community School West received a Webster Dictionary on Thursday, November 19, 2009. The dictionaries were given to the students by Green County Rotary Club; Probate Judge Earlean Isaac,

Betty Banks, Vivica Spencer, Phillis Branch Belcher, and Patti Fuller. The students were asked to read the first page which shared The Four-Way Test of things we think, say or do: 1st—Is it the TRUTH? 2nd—Is it fair to all concerned? 3rd—Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? And 4th—Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? The students then put the dictionary to work finding words such as -beneficial, judge, frosty, judgment and acrobat.

## Catastrophic Events

By James Walker  
Staff Reporter

On September 22, 2009, Ms. Holley's sixth grade class did an experiment on catastrophic events. Catastrophic events are the basic storms such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and hail storms. The name of the experiment was forming a vortex. A vortex is the spiral of a tornado, or in other words a vortex is the eye of the tornado and/or hurricane. Hurricanes usually occur

north of the equator in the Atlantic and eastern Pacific Oceans. To form a model of a vortex you have to use 2 litter bottles, 1 capsule, beads, and glitter. The beads and glitter were used for debris. Debris is the substance that rotates around the tornado such as houses, trees, cows, and other things. A tornado forms when hot air and cold air mixes. The tornado alley is states that tornadoes mostly occur in. Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa are just a few which are located in the tornado alley.

## Disco

By Shannon Brantley  
Staff Reporter

What has loud music, people of all sizes dancing, and refreshments? You guessed it! A DISCO! On Tuesday November 10, 2009, Akron Community School West had a DISCO.

The Disco was filled with fun activities: dancing, entertainment, music, and socializing. The music had teachers up and moving to the beat with the young and talented students. The D. J., Mr. R. Stewart, played well-known artists: Soldier Boy, Beyonce', G's Boys and many more.

## Academic Pizza Party

By Turnecia Cutts

The big scoop at Akron Community School West on November 13, 2009 is a scrumptious pizza party. The party will be held at 2:00 P.M. in the school's auditorium in honor of those

students on their academic success on the honor roll. The pizza party will be hosted by Miss. Lavender, school counselor, and Mrs. Dukes, school librarian. Students in grades First-Sixth with academic success, who made the 1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll, will attend the party. This will include the following students: "A" Honor Roll: First Grade-Tramell Bryant, Talia Garner,



STAFF PHOTO: E. Adams

## 4th Grade Build Houses

By Roshawnda Winn  
Staff Reporter

Do you know what Folk Houses are? Folk houses are houses that are built without plans or blue prints. Ms. Adam's 4th grade class made Folk Houses for their Social Studies project. Some of their Folk Houses were Adobes, Tepees, Log Cabins, and Igloos. The Nomadic

people built these houses from materials found in their environment. The houses were built to fit the weather and temperature of the environment. Also nomadic people made sure their houses were easy to transport and reconstruct.

There also was a competition between who made the best house. The judges were Ms. Stewart, Ms. Holley, and Mr. Stewart. The winners were DeQuisha Bryant in 1st place. Corneisha Bryant in 2nd place and Jenique White won 3rd place.



Dequisha Bryant, Corneisha Bryant, and Jeniqua White stand behind their winning Folk Houses. Congrats!!!

## Thanksgiving Program

By Tanginyka Crews  
Staff Reporter

Akron Community School West presented its Thanksgiving Program on November 24th at 1:00pm. Regiana Fields lead the Welcoming speech and Donovan Anderson followed with the pledge. Lashunna Ingram informed the audience

with *About Thanksgiving*. The duo of sixth graders, Anitra Winn, dressed as Pocahontas, and Regiana Fields presented *The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers*. The third grade class performed the play, *The Ugly Turkey*. The fourth graders acted out the play, *The Meal Must Go On*, before reciting the poem, *I Ate Too Much Turkey*. Jaiurus Mitcheam, fifth grader, presented *A Thankful Thanksgiving*. Principal, Ruth I. Davis concluded the Thanksgiving program with Announcements.

Diamond Hudson, Jasmine Moore, Mykhael Teacher Second Grade-Tyrus Eatmon Fourth Grade-Aniah Ingram Fifth Grade-Jayla Tarvin-Coleman, Phillip Terry Sixth Grade-LaShunna Ingram "AB" Honor Roll: First Grade-DeNeisha Bryant, Princeton Cameron, DeVon Crawford, Jaylin Long, Kevin Long, Kalix Rhodes, Sagal Webb, McKayla Williams, Kadeja Winn Second Grade-

Alicia Bryant, Daisha McCruter, Taniya Morse, DanQarius Parker, Anterria Quarles, Amber Rollins, Brandon Terry Third Grade-Donovan Anderson, Chassity Blackmon, Khadeja Bryant, Tevin Field, Reginiqua Fields, James Harris, Lauryn Lewis, Austin Long, Asia McMillian, Keiana Patterson Fourth Grade-Donshalia Anderson, Roger Anderson, DeQuisha Bryant, Destiny



## Most Current AR Report

By Tanginyka Crews  
Staff Reporter

As of December 2nd, the students of Akron Community School West have read 3,049 books and 14,699,365 words according to the latest Accelerated Reader Report. The following is a list of the top readers from each class:

- 1st-Tramell Bryant-14.2
- 3rd-Asia McMillian-62.9
- 4th-Aniah Ingram-73.2
- 5th-Jaiurus Mitcheam -81.7
- 6th-LaKeisa Tinker-126.5

The following is the list of top to lowest class effort:

- Ms. Holly-770.4
- Ms. Adams-560.1
- Mr. Stewart-499.4
- Ms. Stewart-261.1
- Ms. Bagby-234.8
- Ms. Parten-22
- Ms. Thomas-14.2
- Ms. Lavendar-0
- Ms. Quarles-0

Bryant, Willie Bryant, Johnny Franklin, Antonisha Shelton Fifth Grade-AmMeisha Coleman, Tanginyka Crews, Turnecia Cutts, Ladarrius Hudson, Jaiurus Mitcheam, LaRonda Pickens, Roshawnda Winn Sixth Grade-Rekeila Anderson, Shannon Brantley, Regiana Fields, Jaylon Franklin, Ronnie King, Laurietta Small, Lakeisa Tinker, James Walker IV, Anitra Winn

## Last Year's AR Dragon Was Fired UP

By Regianna Fields  
Staff Report

The old Accelerated Reading Dragon at Akron Community School West really got fired up in 2008-2009. The Akron students fed him so many points that there was talk of expanding the walls of the auditorium in order to hold him.

In the past, statistics lean toward boys being more inclined to do better in mathematics, while girls tend to do better in language arts (READING). Robert Stewart's class of sixth grade boys blew the lid off that theory last year. His group began the year fired up, and slowing down throughout the year was never an option for them. His group of boys fed the old dragon a whopping 2016.6 points. The only class that came close to catching them was Ms. Adams's fourth graders, and they were at least 362 points behind him. The other classes were left in the wind. Congratulations to Mr. Stewart's boys for a job well done!

Now even though the other classes were left in the wind behind Mr. Stewart's class, don't think for one moment they were sitting leisurely by doing nothing. Students from all the classes worked very hard. The information provided will give proof to how diligent Akron's students are throughout a school year. Congratulations to them as well for all their hard work.

## 2008-2009 AR Winners

### TOP READERS IN EACH CLASS

- K - Tramell Bryant -3.9
- 1st-Alicia Bryant -14.7
- 2nd -Asia McMillian - 123.5
- 3rd -Aniah Ingram -96.1
- 4th -Jaiurus Mitcheam -235.9
- 5th - Rakeila Anderson - 151.1
- 6th -Ronald Bullock - 401.3

### TOP THREE IN K-3

- 1st - Asia McMillian - 123.5
- 2nd - Aniah Ingram - 96.1
- 3rd. - Tanya Barbour - 77.6

### TOP THREE IN 4-6

- 1ST - Ronald Bullock - 401.3
- 2nd - Derrick Winn - 333.3
- 3rd - Dequan Bryant - 311.7

### TOP CLASSES IN K-3

- 1st - Fricks's Class - 580.9
- 2nd - Thomas's Class - 404.6
- 3rd - Bagby's Class - 277

### TOP CLASSES IN 4-6

- 1ST - Mr. Stewart's Class - 2016.6
- 2nd - Ms. Adams's Class - 1654.0
- 3rd - Ms. Holley's Class - 1027.7

### STUDENTS MAKING THE 100 POINT CLUB

- Asia McMillian
- Jayla Coleman Tarvin
- James Lee
- Jaiurus Mitcheam
- Phillip Terry
- Edward Waller
- Rakeila Anderson
- Lashunna Ingram
- Lakeisa Tinker
- Eva Bryant
- Kc'Airal Byrd
- Jakerria Harris
- Arielle Lewis
- Tierra Taylor
- Dequan Bryant
- Ronald Bullock
- Jaylon Ruffin
- Anfernee Ward
- Derrick Winn

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 2008-09 ACCELERATED READER TOP CLASS WINNER



MR. STEWART'S SIXTH GRADERS

# Church Corner

## Glory, Glory, Glory



By LaKeisa Tinker  
Staff Reporter

On behalf of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, I would like to invite you to fellowship and worship. The church is located in Sawyerville, AL. Minister G.D. Green and Minister Ricky Lewis are joined by seven deacons: Chairman Charles Tinker, Jr., Hosie Hunter, Jr. Tony Johnson Sr., Luke Tinker, Sr. Charles Tinker, Sr., Sam Jemison, Sr., and Arthur Crawford Sr. Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church vision statement reads, "To be one of the pillars of the community: compelling others to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through Worship, Service, Community Involvement and Outreach Programs". Our Sunday morning service starts at 11:05. Glory, Glory, Glory, come for the alter call and Benediction. Please feel welcome—the doors of the church are always open. Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 98  
Sawyerville, AL 36776  
(334)624-1890

## Jackson Chapel's Baptism

By Shannon Brantley  
Staff Reporter

Way in the water, on September 23, 2009 there was a baptism at Jackson Chapel. There were many children getting baptized ages one and up. It was an amazing sight! Children were submerged in the water symbolizing giving their life to Christ. Mr. Boykins, the pastor of Jackson Chapel, was the one who baptized the children. Since Jackson Chapel does not have a baptism pool, the baptism was done at Friendship Church in Akron. I hope that the children will stay committed to giving their life to Christ.

## Just As You Are

By Kemontae Jaml Crawford

Please come to Pine Grove Baptist Church. There are no rules at Pine Grove. Anyone can come to Akron Pine Grove Church. I will see you Sunday.

## New First Baptist Church

Rev. L.C. Eatman & Sis. Arbra Eatman  
Lock 6 Road  
Sawyerville, AL 36776  
(334) 624-2000

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isaiah 40:29.

## Greater St. Paul CME Church Welcomes



Greetings in the name of God our Father, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and the Holy Ghost our Divine Guide, it is my prayer that all is well with you and your family. Rev. James Wilson is the pastor of Greater St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Akron. He has pastored there for the past three years and is eager to being a part of the community assisting with its spiritual, physical, emotional, and social growth. The Family of Greater St. Paul CME welcomes all. Greater St. Paul CME Church 3779 4th Avenue South Akron, AL 35441 For more information, please call (205) 372-3633.

## I am... The Good Shepherd

Members of the Bass Tabernacle CME Church believe a great commitment to the great commandment and the great commission will grow a great church. Reverend Glen Jones, Sr., is the pastor of Christ's flock whose mission statement reads: "To reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and empower them toward Christ-like maturity for ministry through the church." Bass Tabernacle CME had stewards on call every month as well as a stewardess for each Sunday morning service. Ushers and greeters also welcome all each week. Children, up to age 11, may participate in children's church. Liturgical Dance is taught on the second Sunday of each month. Members invites and welcomes all—visitors, guests, other members we may haven't seen in a while—to worship with us Sunday.

Bass Tabernacle Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
Rev. Glen Jones, Sr.  
22890 County Road 32  
Akron, AL 35441  
(205) 372-0769  
www.basstabernaclecme.org

## Betty Cakes and Catering

By Matalynn McCain

Are You Hungry? If you are, I may can help you. You may know Mrs. Hunter. If you don't I know she is a marvelous cook. She works right up there at the High School. You have probably tried her delicious heart cookie. Mrs. Hunter has her own catering business and a pretty glamorous decorator. If you need cakes, cookies, or anything else, she's the one to call! Her number is 372-3915. She has everything in mind for you. Trust me I know because I am her favorite niece. I know this because she told me so. If you need cakes or desserts for special occasions, of any kind, you name it---She is the Party Maker!!!

## The Town of Akron

By Mrs. Torres Blackmon  
Community Reporter

Akron is a small town located in west central Hale County. In Akron, the population is about 500 to 600 people. Here we have many different community activities. During the springtime of the year, we have a community Easter Program that consists mainly of the three local churches. The members of these three churches come together, especially the children, to perform speeches, plays, and poems.

Also Akron now has its very own Senior Citizen Program. This program was designed for the Senior Citizens of our community. The members get together each day for a good warm meal and to be able to fellowship with friends in the community. While at the center, Senior Citizens entertain themselves with good conversation and games.

Akron does not forget the young people who live here. There is also a Boy's and Girl's Club located in the heart of Akron. Those in charge of the club are in the process of having many creative fundraisers to help get the club off to a great start. The community would like to thank Auburn University for making this program available to our youth.

Even though Akron Community is a considered a small community, the people of Akron continue with a fight for the sports. Akron has a Community Basketball Program for young men ages eight to fifteen from the Akron and Sawyerville Communities. Our team has the opportunity to play teams from other areas.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask the people of the community to help support your local schools, churches, and activities. Also, we encourage those people who will support the newspaper by writing articles about news that is happening in your community.

A Special Thanks goes out to Mrs. T. Blackmon for her support when she wrote this article for The Akron Rambler.



## Tribute to Mrs. Erika Anderson



Family Vacation to Orlando, Florida during July 2009: Erica, Donald III, Donshalai, Donovan, Donrietta, and Donald Ray Anderson, Jr.

by Regiana Fields  
Staff Reporter

The sun may have been shining bright outside of Akron Community School West on August 27th; however, the inside was anything but bright. The majority of students, faculty, and staff started that morning as any other day—within a few hours all would hear the announcement of the heartbreaking loss of an amazing member of the Akron Community. On Wednesday, August 26th our merciful God called Mrs. Erika Anderson to eternal rest.

On a cold February morning on the thirteenth day of 1974, Mrs. Anderson was born to Henrietta Brasfield and James Lewis. As a baby, she was dedicated to God at the Liberty CME Church under the leadership of the late Pastor P.J. Kirksey. She accepted Christ and served in the Liberty CME Church. Mrs. Anderson later became a member of the New Pentecostal Church in Greensboro, Alabama where she served as a Sunday School Secretary, Program Coordinator for the children, choir member and kitchen committee. She married her high school sweetheart, Donald Ray Anderson, Jr. To this union two sons and two daughters were born—Donald Ray III, Donrietta Rakia, Donshalai, and Donovan. Mrs. Anderson graduated from Greensboro Public School East class of 1992. She furthered her education through course work at Shelton State Community College and the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Anderson gave her patients as a dental hygienist and to Akron Community Schools as a parent, active community member, and as a substitute teacher. Ms. Anderson touched numerous lives and many from Akron Community School West would like to take the opportunity to share their thoughts of Mrs. Erika Lashonda Anderson.

She was a really nice person when we needed her, especially in Girl Scouts. —Lakeisa Tinker

She was nice, good to us. —Khadeja Bryant

She was kind to us. —Austin Long

She is nice and good. —Tevin

She is nice and we miss you

and love her. —Chassity Blackmon

She was nice and we miss love. —Damion Moore

She was nice and came to everything we had at school. —Love Asia McMillian

Mrs. Anderson was a terrific lady. Rest in peace. —Love Lauryn Lewis

She was happy and nice. —Keviana Long

Mrs. Erika Anderson is truly missed. —Mrs. Bagby

I will always miss her beautiful smile. —Ms. D. Stewart

I miss you Aunt Erika. You were kind. —Reginiqua Fields

That she is nice and beautiful. —Tysheena Thomas

Mrs. Anderson was nice to the whole school. —James Harris

Mrs. Anderson was so sweet. —Keiana Patterson

I miss Mrs. Anderson. —Jordan White

I like how she cook. —Kevin Travis

I really, really, really, miss her and I hope to see her again. Love her son, Donovan Anderson

I miss you Auntie Erika because you meant a lot to me. Your niece, Regiana Fields

Mrs. Anderson and I both substituted at ACSW. I remember one day I walked into the lunchroom with my class and scanning the room and we made eye contact. I quickly knew which class she had by where she was sitting—and my <3 went out to her. This day, Mrs. Anderson was the substitute teacher for the same class I had for the very first day of my substitute teaching career; this class had me in tears once in the comfort of my own home. However, Mrs. Anderson was all smiles—as usual! —Dana Washburn

She was my friend's mother. —Micheal

She helped at D'rays. —Tramell

She was my mom's friend.

—DeNesha

She used to love to carry her Coach © purse around. —Roger

She was a loving and caring mother to our family and my friends. —Donshalai

She always was nice and had a smile on her face. —Aniah

She use to always say kind and caring things and always have a big smile. —DeQuisha

When I saw Erika she always smiled and told me hello. —Corneisha

She was a kind person and always loved her children. —Tamyra

I will always love her. R.I.P. —Bradley

I remember everything she did. —Kelvin

I loved it when she smiled. —Ricardo

I miss you Mrs. Anderson. I miss you so much. —Alicia

I love ERICA. She was my aunt. She was like amother to me. You will be missed! —Kelvin Williams

You will always be missed! —Ladarrius Hudson

I miss you! —James Lee

To the Anderson Family Love and Prayers. We miss you Erika. —Kadarrius Aaron

Erika Anderson was an insperation to me and my Girl Scout friends. You will always be remembered! XOXO —Roshawnda Winn

You will be missed. —LaRonda Pickens

R.I.P. Erika. You will always be remembered! —Am'Meisha Coleman

Mrs. Erika, you will be missed! We loved your smile, and you were Beautiful!! —Queenie Ward

I love you, Erika!! —Tykerria Robinson

Rest in Peace, Erika! —from Tanginyka Crews

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STAFF ART | McKenn Wiggan

## How Do You Feel About...

### ...the closing of Akron Community School West?

By Anitra Winn  
Staff Reporter

I think the school should not close because I love Akron School. The school board is thinking about closing the school down, and moving the Elementary up to the High school building. The East campus will then be a K-8. I think they should keep it the same because after eighth grade you will have to go to another school. I don't want to go to another school. I want to graduate from Akron High, not another school!!!!



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By DeQuandra Lyles  
Staff Reporter



STAFF ART | Jazael Fudge

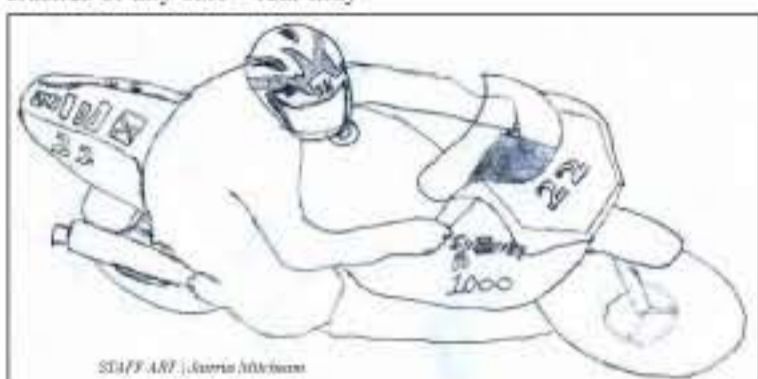
I think Akron School West should close down because when I get to the 9th grade, I would have to go to another school. When I go to this new school, I will meet new people and may make new friends. Another reason I would want the school to close is I am looking forward to not wearing uniforms. I want to wear regular clothes like other students my age. In conclusion, I would like to see Akron Community School West close so I could meet new people and get out of uniforms.

### Motocyles-Safe or Dangerous?

By Jairius Mischeam

In Akron, Alabama over 50% of grownups think motorcycles are not a safe mode of transportation. On November 6th a survey was conducted to decide who thought motorcycles were safe or not. Most motorcycles are unsafe because the driver is inexperienced. Many of the people in Akron like motorcycles and are fearful of crashes of any sort—fear may

save lives. Kids need to know the rules of riding motorcycles because those rules keep them from dangerous crashes. In many places most motorcycle crashes are on either wet roads or sharp turns. Motorcycle can reach speeds of 100 miles or more. One of the fastest motorcycles is the Suzuki R1000. Few people in Akron have motorcycles, and they feel them to be an unsafe mode of transportation. Even so, there are still those few in the Akron Community who are drawn to a motorcycle like nails to a magnet.



STAFF ART | Aaron Williams

### ...Texting While Driving?



STAFF ART | Dave Robinson

By Edward Waller

There has been much debate in today's media about

the safety of texting while driving. The Rambler Staff decided to take a survey of the people in and around our community to see how they felt about the dangers of texting while driving. Out of thirty-five children surveyed, all thirty-five unanimously voted that texting while driving was too dangerous. After asking thirty-five adults about the dangers of texting while driving—all again voted it was too dangerous!!! I do not think you can find anyone who would say that texting while driving is not reckless behavior.

**GO**

**AKRON RAMS**

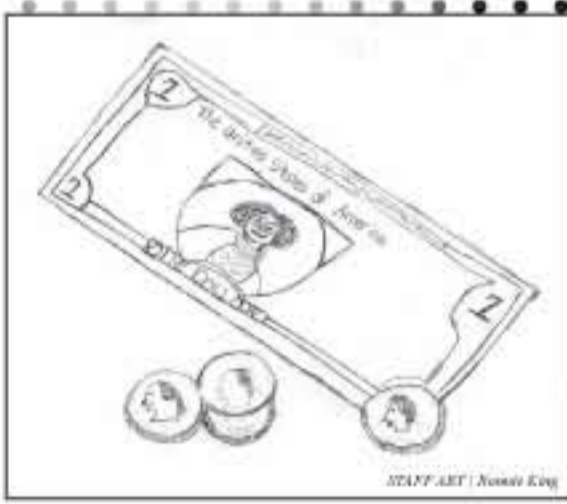
### ...This Major Recession?

By Regiana Fields  
Staff Reporter

Have you noticed the slump in the economy? ... lack of jobs and increase in unemployment? Could we be headed towards something similar to the "great depression"? I have seen many stores like Goody's, Dillard's, and Circuit City are closing their doors because

they can't afford to pay their bills and employees. If you have a lot of money it won't help—during the depression money was less valuable than a sheet of notebook paper. What if you had to grow your own food, use the bathroom outside, or never go shopping, as we know it, ever again?! From what I see with the economy, we may have to do all those things plus more. I have seen on TV how people have been standing outside, in the cold trying to get someone to hire them. I started thinking what if that was my mom or dad—or what if it was yours? How can we prevent a depression from happening? From what I can tell, no one

really had an idea on how we can stop this, but in the future we have to come up with ideas on how to prevent it ever happening again. Do you have any ideas?



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## Video Game Review: Mortal Kombat vs DC Universe

By Jaylon Ruffin

*Mortal Kombat vs DC Universe* is a video game by Game Spy/Midway. *MK vs DC* is rated "T" for teen due to moderate amount of violence. Parents may want to consider this before buying for their children. The story line for *MK vs DC* is about a DC comic world colliding into a Mortal Kombat world. There are a few options to choose from the main menu, but in order to start the story line, the player will have to choose a side—a

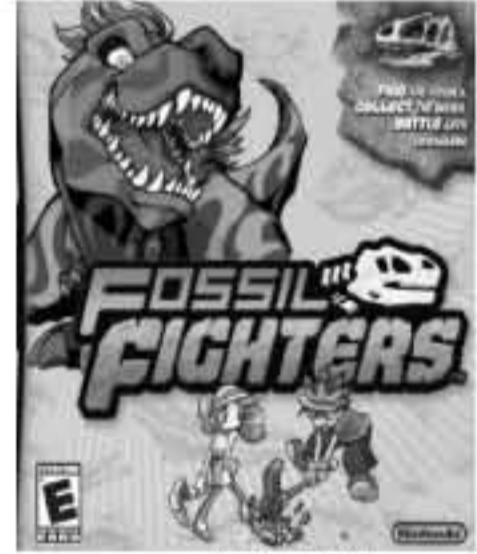


DC Comic Super Hero/Villain or would you rather be a Mortal Kombat Hero/Villain? Which side will you choose? Throughout the combats you will run across characters like Batman, Flash, the Joker, and Sub-Zero. Other characters you may meet include Scorpion, Lu Kang, Reptile, Super

man, Cat Woman, Sonya, Jax, Green Lantern, and many many more. There are a few new battle moves that are added to the game. The player can fight in mid air now. One of my favorite added features is the rage option, which is handy if you are backed into a corner and/or getting hit a lot. The

graphics are so much more realistic than other Mortal Kombat games. So what will be the outcome of these two very different worlds collision? Who will be the victor? This is Jaylon Ruffin reporting Game News for The Akron Rambler. Game Over!

## Video Game Review: Fossil Fighters



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## Fossil Fighters

By Phillip Terry  
Staff Reporter

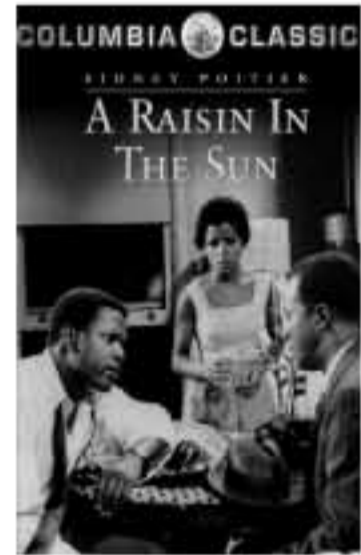
*Fossil Fighters*, rated E--for EVERYONE, is a game that allows the player to travel to an island shaped like the head of a dinosaur. When you arrive, you have to check into a hotel before you go to the fossil center to get your first dinosaur. Next, the player will

go to the fossil stadium for your first battle. If you win, you will receive a T-Rex foot. There are many different dinosaurs: T-Rex, Spinosaurus, Miasauros, Triceratops, Celofices, and Despecalca. As if the player doesn't have enough challenges with dinosaur battles, there is also an evil guy, pretending to be the police chief, who needs to be stopped before he captures the legendary dinosaur, Igonosaurus. You, the player, has to stop the evil boss and the Diranians before they destroy the earth!!!



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## Movie Review: A Raisin In The Sun



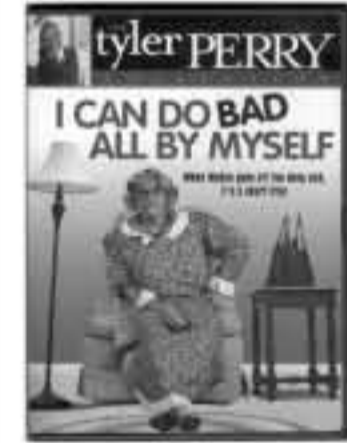
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## Raisin In The Sun

By Shannon Brantley  
Staff Reporter

*Raisin in the Sun* maybe the movie of the century! There are three versions of this movie: 2008, 1989, and 1961—which all are rated PG-13. It is about a family who is very poor. Walter, the dad, wanted to invest his mother's money in a liquor store for \$10,000. Ruth, his wife, is pregnant and doesn't want Walter to know because he might go crazy! So she goes to a hair dresser who is also going to give her an abortion. Until one day Walter's mom tells him he is nothing like his father and should be ashamed of himself for telling Ruth to get the procedure. For the rest of the story, you will have to read on and see what happens or watch the movie. I think it is really amazing, regardless of which movie you see and it will open your hearts.

## Movie Review: I Can Do Bad All By Myself



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## I Can Do Bad All By Myself

By Regiana Fields  
Staff Reporter

On September 23, 2009, Tyler Perry released a

new movie, *I Can Do Bad All By Myself*. In the movie, the actress Taraji Henson portrays a character named April, who becomes the caregiver of her sister's children after her untimely death. To add more tragedy to the family, April's mother dies while riding on the public transit bus. April is also presented with the inconvenient dilemma of dealing with maintenance problems with her house. If you are thinking April already has enough to deal with, she discovers that the man she was romantically involved with was trying to do "bad things" to her niece. How does April handle all life is throwing her way? So, can she do bad all by herself? You will have to watch the movie to see exactly how April gets her life back on line.

## Book Review: Martha Washington

By Lakeisa Tinker  
Staff Reporter

On June 2, 1731, John and Frances Dandridge had a baby girl named Martha. Martha and her family lived on a large plantation along the Pamunkey River in New Kent County, Virginia. Martha married Daniel Parke Cutis on May 15, 1750, and moved to live in what will later be known as the White House. On November 27, 1754, Daniel died. Later she met George Washington at a friend's house and they got married on Janu-



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ary 6, 1759 at the White House. Years passed by and on April 30, 1789, George was inaugurated as the first president of the United States of America. On this very important day, Martha Washington became the First Lady of the United States. For more interesting facts about our first First Lady, please visit your nearest library and check out the biography of *Martha Washington*.

## Book Review: A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Vile Village



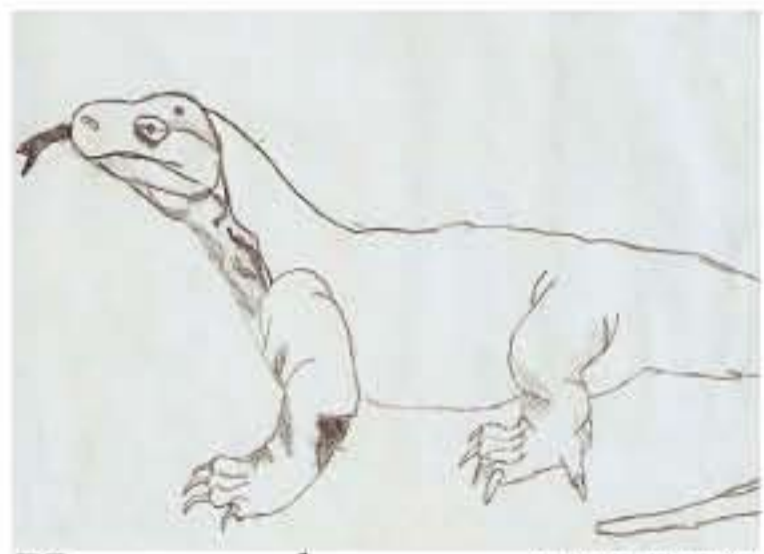
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## Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Vile Village

By LaShunna Ingram  
Staff Reporter

The Baudelaire orphans, Sunny, Klaus, and Violet, had been through many dreadful things every since their parents died in a horrible fire. Sunny, who was the baby, likes to bite things with her sharp teeth. Klaus, who was the middle Baudelaire, likes

to read heaps of books. Violet, the eldest Baudelaire child, loves to make cool inventions. Usually when Violet does an invention she ties her hair up in ribbons. Sunny, Klaus, and Violet have been trying to get away from this evil man, Count Olaf, from a very long time. The Baudelaire have been sent to place to place, where everywhere they went Count Olaf would always find them. This time they were sent to a village where the motto is "It takes a Village to Raise a Child". This village was known for its crows. During their stay in the village they lived with a man named Hector. One day Hector and the Baudelaire children were walking along the road, when Violet and Klaus were discussing something and Hector pulled out a couplet. The couplet came from the Quagmires, friends of the Baudelaire children. The Quagmires were triplets, but their brother died in a fire along with their parents. The Baudelaire children constantly kept receiving these couplets, but they didn't know that those couplets were clues to where Count Olaf was hiding the Quagmires. When the Baudelaire finally put the clues together, they found out where the Quagmire triplets were hidden. In order to find out how this saga ends, go to your nearest library and check out *Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events: The Vile Village*.



STAFF ART | Phillip Terry

## Komodo Dragons

By Phillip Terry  
Staff Reporter

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! The Komodo dragon sounds through this territory. Komodo dragons are the biggest species of lizards in modern time, but it has an ancestor that makes him look like a gecko in comparison. Komodo dragons live in the Indonesian Islands off the coast of Australia. They

grow up to at least four to five feet long. Komodo dragons are independent from birth. The female lays her eggs that are five inches long. The Komodo dragons are very dangerous because they contain five different kinds of bacteria inside their mouths—one of these bacteria dissolve flesh and kill the animal from inside out. Komodo dragons are great hunters. They eat a variety of animals: fish, water buffalo, deer, and smaller prey.

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## All About Sharks

By Phillip Terry  
Staff Reporter

Sharks can be found all over the ocean. Some people think the Great White Sharks are only native to the Indian Ocean near the coast of Africa. Great White Sharks migrate all around the world. Sharks are covered with rough scales called denticles. If sharks don't swim continuously, they drown because water flows through their gills to give

them oxygen. Sharks have two types of teeth: teeth like daggers and teeth like thorns. Sharks mistake people for seals because the surfers and swimmers wear black suits. There are more than a thousand sharks in the ocean, and I can name only about twenty of them. One shark, the Hammerhead, is very unusual. It can pick up an electrical pulse from an animal's body. Sharks are older than the dinosaurs. Sharks have been around for more than 245 million years whereas the dinosaurs are only 224 million years old.



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## Wats up With Air Jordons

By Derrick Winn

Designed by Peter Moore and released in 1985, the Air Jordan 1 sneakers were considered a breakthrough in basketball shoe design. Air Jordan was known in the college circles by a variety of names: Air Jordons, Jordons, Jays, J's, or MJ's. They were a brand of shoes produced by Nike, which was designed for and endorsed by a profes-

sional basketball player, Michael Jordan. The Air Jordan 11 model was released after Jordan's rookie year in the NBA. These shoes featured high quality Italian leather and its design was inspired from a 19th century Italian women's boot. Tinker Hatfield designed the Air Jordan 11. It was the first Air Jordan to feature a visible air unit on the heel, the new Jumpman logo, and an elephant print trim. These Jordan's were also famous for the humorous ads depicting Spike Lee as Mars Blackmon. Mars Blackmon was the character he played in his film, *She's Gotta Have It*.



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Readers' opinions are encouraged in the form of letters to one of the advisors. The Rambler Staff would also like to encourage art work from the Community and High School students. Letters and art may be sent to the newspaper by standard mail, dropped off at the office, or left in Ms. Stewart, Mr. Stewart, or Ms. Adams's box. Letters and art may be edited for style and/or content. All letters should be approximately 300 words or less.

by Anitra Winn & Tanginyka Crews Staff Sales

Hi Everybody  
-Zhamya Foster

I would like to give a shout out to the school and my momma.  
-Roger Anderson

I love you mommy!  
-Jaylin Long

I love you MoM  
-Anyina Winn

I love you daddy!  
-Princeton Cameron

Hi Everybody  
-D'Kendria Young

Hi Mom and Dad  
-Anyina Winn

I love Mom and Dad.  
-Malik Robinson

Thanks for being my Dad.  
-KiErra Bailey

If you miss with the Rams, you get the horns!  
-Kevin Williams

Let's go Rams!!! AHS!!!!  
-Jayla Coleman-Tarvin

Go Akron Rams Girls

Basketball  
-Khadeja Bryant

Go Valencia McCain  
-Matalynn McCain

Go Akron girls' basketball team!  
-Jayla Coleman-Tarvin

GO AKRON Girls!  
-Laronda Pickens

Roll Tide Roll  
-Phillip Terry

Let's GO Auburn!!! War Eagle Baby!!!  
-Jayla Coleman-Tarvin

Good Morning Auburn!  
-Mykhael Teacher

Alabama try Auburn for the World Series!!  
-Christian Hendrix

Auburn Sucks!!-Phillip Terry

Happy Halloween Mommy!  
-Bradley Deddrick

Happy Halloween Family!  
-Jamerson Pasteur

Happy Halloween Everybody!-Donovan Anderson

Happy Halloween Ms.

Adams.  
-Jayla Coleman-Tarvin

Happy Halloween KaDarrius Aaron and Anterria Quarles!  
-Mrs. Quarles

Happy Halloween to the Akron girls' basketball team.  
-Devin Hollie

Happy Halloween Mom  
-Danqarious Parker

Happy Halloween Dequandra Lyles!  
-Bradley Dedrick

Moesha Bell: Happy Halloween. Stay Sweet!  
-love Pam

Sabrina Hunter: Happy Halloween.  
-love Pam

Happy Halloween to Rakeila.  
-from Mrs. Fay

Happy Halloween to Andrew, Antonio, and JaQuavious!  
-from your Mother and Grandmother

Happy Halloween -Faith

Happy Halloween Ms. Stewart!

-Ronnie King

Happy Halloween Mom.  
-Tysheena Thomas

Happy Halloween to Mom and Dad.  
-Erica McCruter

Happy Halloween to Mom and Dad.  
-Tomarius Whitt

Merry Christmas, Mom and Dad.  
-Dyamond Hudson

Merry Christmas Mom.  
-Rayshad Robinson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Auntie.  
-Joshua Brown

Merry Christmas mom and dad.  
-Amber Rollins

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my family and friends.  
-Kelvin Williams

Merry Christmas Chris Brown!!!  
-Laronda Pickens

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to KaDarrius Aaron and Anterria Quarles!  
-Mrs. Quarles

Merry Christmas, Dequandra..  
-Kenzell Woods

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-Mykhael Teacher

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Hillary and Ollis Brown.  
-Love V.

Happy Birthday Peaches!!  
--Shay Shay

Happy Birthday Ronnie King!!!  
--Guess who?

**Tribute to Mrs. Erika Anderson**

Erika you was always my friend and you are sill missed and you wont be forgotton.  
-Jamarius Fields

You will always be missed Erika. I love you!  
-Edward Waller

You will always be remembered but not forgotten!!  
-Jairius Mitcheam

Miss You!!! Love You!!! You are always being thought about!!  
-Matalynn McCain

Erika Anderson was a very sweet person. She had a smile that could light up a room. She will be missed by many.  
-K. Quarles

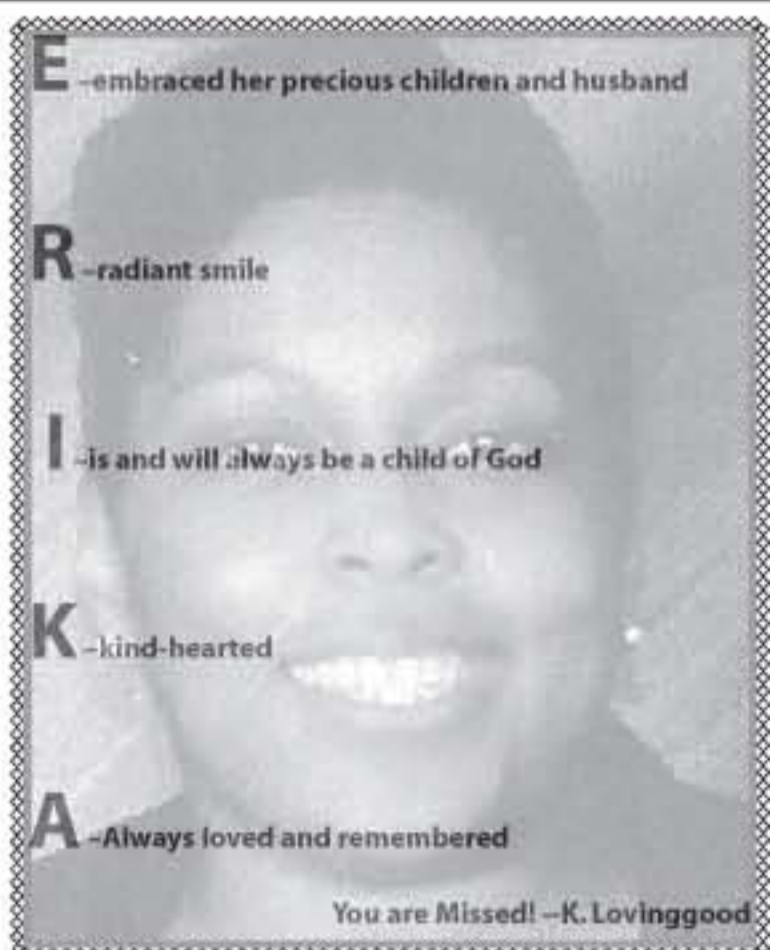
To as strong and powerful woman: Rest in Peace Mrs. E. Anderson. -Mr. R. Stewart

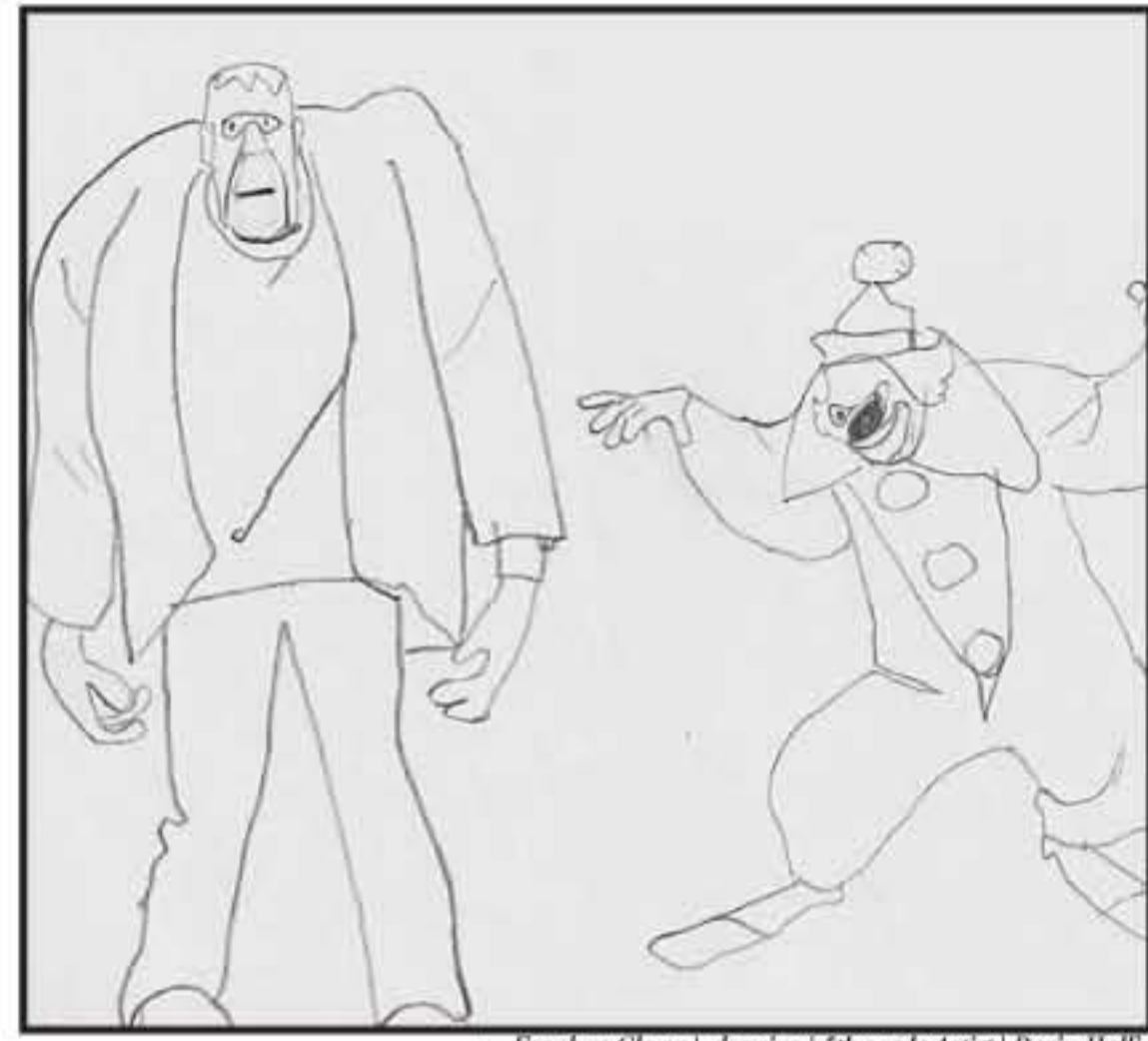


To my student, Regianna Fields and Family:

Just Call On Me  
I can't comprehend just how

sad you must feel For the loss of someone you love. This sorrowful time must still feel unreal And you're looking for strength from above. I hope, from my heart, that your pain will decrease, That your spirit will gain strength again, And I pray that your faith will send blessings—Amen. Till then, if you need me to lighten your load, I'm waiting to come to your aid. Just call on me, and I'll walk down that road, Until the dark times start to fade. Deep condolences, Ms. Holley 6th grade teacher





Frank vs Clown | drawing | 5th grade Artist | Devin Hollie



Snow Pool Bear | drawing | Community Artist | Torres Blackmon



Skull | drawing | 5th grade Artist | Jamarius Fields



Spooky Tree | drawing | 5th grade Artist | Jayla Coleman



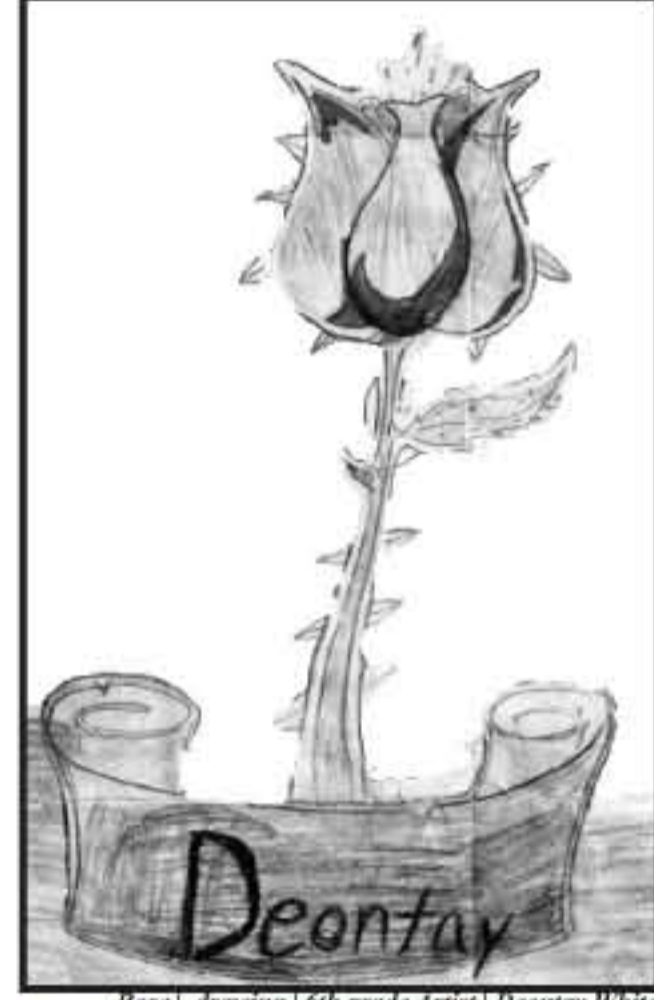
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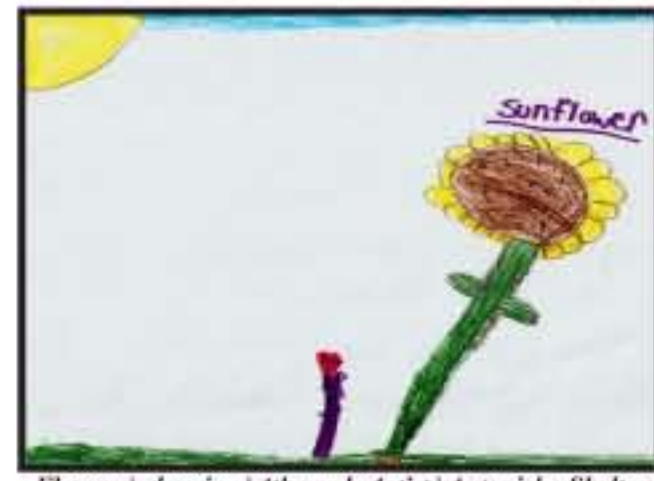
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Sheriff Droopy | drawing | Community Artist | Sharon Brantley



Swirlies | drawing | 7th grade Artist | Derrick Winn

### Let it snow!

*By Taiyshauna McCalpine*  
 What is your favorite time of the year? Some people say their favorite is the fall season—the leaves turn orange, red, and yellow. There are also other beautiful features, such as the leaves start to fall off the trees. My favorite season is winter because of the pretty white snow that falls from the heavens. I have a lot of fun making snowmen, snow angels, and snow balls—for snow war! Once back inside my toasty warm house, I drink hot coco with marshmallows... YUMmm!

### My Snow Day

*By Sabrina Hunter*  
 As I woke up out of my bed that morning, I gazed at the ground. I saw SNOW! I dashed outside and picked up all that my hands could hold. The snow was white and felt cold and wet. The snow was so cold that my hand felt ice and very numb. Quickly, I gathered so much snow and then build a snow fort, which was kind of a round blob—but it will serve its purpose of protecting me for a snowball fight I am about to initiate...

### Not Just Another Day

*By James Walker*  
*Staff Reporter*  
 BR-I-N-G-Br-I-n-G... sounded my alarm clock on that bizarre morning. Little did I know what I was about to see. I slowly got up and pulled the back of the blinds on the window. Suddenly, I saw pure white EVERYTHING! The snow was so white it reminded me of Santa Clause's beard. I darted down the stairs to tell my mom that I am sure there would be no school today, but she wasn't there. So I hastily put on my polar bear coat and galloped out the door to play in the spectacular snow. CrUnCh-CrUnCH... went the sound of the snow as I walked across. There was already a snow fort made. I wonder if this could be Sabrina's fort. As I sauntered to the fort, I came across an incredible surprise. A massive number of people were throwing snowballs at me! I fell to the ground in shame at being tricked by my family. It was then that my brother suddenly rushed to me with this tremendous snowball. It appeared to be larger than the moon! As the day ended the snow melted... but today was the best snow day EVER!

### The Life Is Good

*By Roy'Neshia*  
 The Life is good for me  
 And for you by I love my life  
 Because it special to me and good  
 My life is sweet my life is good  
 But I love you  
 And I hope you love me too.

### The Other Side of Me

*By Roy'Neshia*  
 There is another side of me,  
 That you will want to see.  
 I was bad in the beginning,  
 Now I'm good at the end.  
 My heart was empty,  
 But now it's full.  
 With love and kindness,  
 And a heart that 's made of gold.

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# First Graders Create Halloween Art

By Tanginya Crews  
Staff Reporter

Mrs. Thomas' first grade class was very excited about Halloween. On October 23rd, Miss Dana Washburn and Miss Shelby Smith, students from the University of Montevallo, hung out with the first graders. Miss Washburn inquired each student to tell the class about their favorite Halloween costume, past

or present. Many responded saying they have dressed as cheerleaders, football players, pirates as well as creepy zombies, Freddy and a few witches! Miss Washburn asked the class to create their favorite things about Halloween before passing out paper and pencils. Miss Smith followed by giving each student their choice of color pencils.



STAFF PHOTO | Regiana Fields

## Quilts and Murals

By DeQuan Bryant, Regiana Fields, LaShunna Ingram, Lakeisa Tinker, and Anitra Winn  
Staff Reporters

Did you know that art isn't only about drawing and painting? Students meet with Miss Dana Washburn, University of Montevallo student, to learn journalism, photography, and art. Miss Washburn divided the students into two groups: one group designed a quilt, the other group created a mural.

With Miss Washburn, the first group learned quilting is art as well as learning about the ladies of Gee's Bend. Not long ago, very few people could actually say they knew of a place called Gee's Bend. Gee's Bend is in fact a block of land enclosed on three sides by an enormous turn in the Alabama River. A few of the African-American women from this community decided to form a social quilting group. Some of the first ladies of this group were: Leola Pettway, Pearlie Kennedy, Mary Elizabeth Pettway, and China Pettway. Little did anyone know, when the group first started, that these women would make some of the most beautiful quilts—which are now in major art museums like the Museum of Modern

Art, or MoMA. A few of their most famous quilts are: "Courthouse Steps", "Bars" and "Housetops".

The quilting group included: Jayla Coleman, Regiana Fields, LaShunna Ingram, Phillip Terry, LaKeisa Tinker, Anitra Winn, and RaKeila Anderson. The quilt is made of paper, but the designs are

original quilt designs used by those women who actually make

quilts from cloth. Students were given quilt designs to choose from, and each person could select the design that they enjoyed most. Some of the students chose the following designs: the American Flag, a Diamond design, and a design with a boat. Other designs that could have been selected included old time favorites like the Log Cabin, Ring around the World, and the Cathedral. Students could even select the Underground Railroad quilt design. Making a quilt, the group learned, was a slow process. Each piece must be cut precisely in order for it to fit into the design. Even though the group did not sew each piece, they had to glue each piece neatly into

place.

Making a quilt brings history into the art class and gives a minute understanding of what life in the colonial times must have been like: a time when women had to make quilts to keep their families warm. The quilt group also realized that while quilts are useful, they are also stunning



STAFF PHOTO | Regiana Fields

works of art. The designs are absolutely spectacular!

The mural group included: Torres Blackmon, DeQuan Bryant, Damion

Robinson, Ronnie King, Brad Dedrick, Decorrien Agnew, and James Walker. These students designed and created an education themed mural. The mural consisted of three large drawings which pertained to the students' educational experience at Akron Community School West. Each member of the group submitted a sketch of their personal experience before the group voted on the top three based upon various criteria: diverse scenarios to simply sketches that were "done well". After deciding the three sketches, the group members taped numerous types of drawing paper together before tacking the paper to wall. The group used graphite, charcoal and pastel chalks to draw and color the mural, which is now located on the upstairs wall of Akron Community School West.



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