

# BULLDOG SPIRIT



The Book Fair Was Fun!

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## Fall Means Fun

By Caleb Strack, Georgia Dayer and Holly Detten



First grader Christian O'Dwyer finds a pumpkin in the Corn Maze at Lollie near Mayflower on October 6th. His classmates and the Kindergartners had a great time there. The Preschool kids went to the nearby Schaefers-Collins Pumpkin Patch on October 17. (more photos on page 3)

## Girl Demonstrates Cooking Skills



Read about Ruby Jones on page 4.

## Wildlife Studied At State Park

By Joseph Murphy, Zach Martins and Jacob Welter



Fifth grader Christian Stobaugh examines animal furs of Arkansas

Jessica Weakley and Lindsey Thompson's 5th grade classes took a field trip to Woolly Hollow State Park near Greenbrier on October 7. The students hiked part of the Huckleberry Natural Trail, played a game about animal camouflage, and learned about owls native to Arkansas. They also got to handle animal furs.

After a picnic lunch and recess on the campsite playground, the classes were given a tour of the Woolly Cabin. It's a one-room log house first built in 1882. William Riley Woolly and his family moved from Tennessee to homestead in Arkansas in 1851.

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## Saints Remembered



Aidan White was one of many Elementary and Middle School students who dressed as their favorite saint on All Saints Day November 1st. Aidan was St. Boniface (more pictures on page 8)

## As The Elementary Goes So Goes The Nation



It wasn't decided until the wee hours of the morning on November 9 that Donald Trump would be the next President of the United States. The pollsters should have checked with our 2nd and 3rd Graders!

They got it right during early hours on Election Day when they cast their ballots in a mock election. Mr. Trump came out on top with 74% of the votes.

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**Woolly Hollow** (from page 1 )

Little more than 30 years later, Woolly's son, Martin, built a sturdy, one-room cabin on the family's land. It still stands today about 3/4 of a mile from its original location. That area soon became known as Woolly Hollow. Nearby Lake Bennett and the surrounding land became a State Park in 1973.



Hiking the Huckleberry Nature Trail.



Park Interpreter Jaycia Westbrook talks about the camouflage game.



The Woolly Hollow cabin.



Inside the cabin.

**Let's Get Building!** by Gretchen Carden

**Saints Researched**



Abbie Smith and other 2nd graders took part in a Saint Museum. They wrote reports on their chosen saints and memorized lines from them which they presented to the 3rd grade classes and Father Alfhones.

Kindergartener's in Ms. Charlotte Moix's class recently had fun doing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) project using candy pumpkins.

The kids were given the pumpkins and toothpicks to build a tall structure. They then had to figure out how to make a base connecting the pumpkins and use the toothpicks to build upwards.



Cy Davis



Kaitlyn Chandler



Edith Ramirez



Anish Paruchuri



# Fun On The Farm



Scarlet Cavin, Amaya Garay, Noelle Pizzolatto, Adeline Bailey and Ava Moix are all 1st graders who love the feel of pumpkins.



1st grader Lorlei Schluterman plays on some hay bales.



Agricultural Agent Rebecca Thomas from the County Extension Office teaches Kindergartners about sheep.



Kindergartner Gracie Tucker drives the lead car on the Corn Maze Express.



Ava Moix milks a mechanical cow.



Kindergartner Anish Paruchuri peeks through a pumpkin cutout.



Amaya Garay and Ava Moix discover pieces of corn.



Preschooler Isiah Stobaugh



Preschooler Ashley Neal



Preschooler Eva Porcaro

# Ecosystems Explored

By Caleb Strack and Joseph Murphy



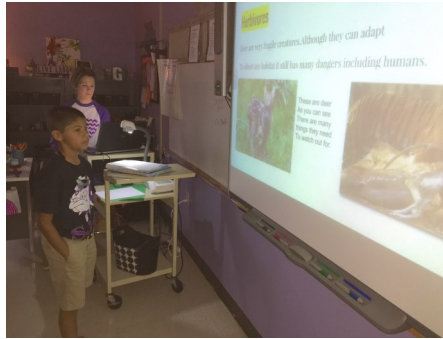
Harley Campbell

Science students in Ms. Nicole Gooch's 4th grade class recently completed a project on nature's food chain and how each living thing gets food and passes on nutrients and energy from creature to creature.

Each student presented a slide show which defined the three food chain categories; producers, consumers and decomposers. Plants are producers because they produce their own food by using sunlight, carbon dioxide from the air and water from the soil to produce their food. Animals are consumers because they can't make their own food so they need to eat other animals or plants. The consumers are broken down into three sub-categories of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

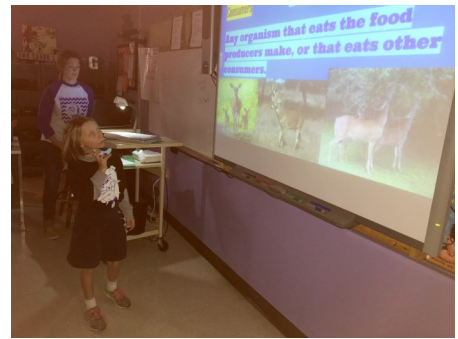
Decomposers are bacteria and fungi that eat decaying matter. Earthworms are decomposers too because they recycle dead plants and animals into chemical nutrients such as carbon and nitrogen that are released back into the soil, air and water.

Ms. Gooch's class also went into an in depth study of earthworms and how valuable they are to nature. "They're the engineers of the ecosystem," she said. Each child made an ecosystem model filled with soil and sand. Fishbait worms were then placed in the models. Over the next few days, the students observed what the worms did. Most of their time was spent digging around in the dirt and eating leaf bits and other decaying material. Their eating actions served to turn the soil



Ayden Garay

while the tunnels they produced as they moved through the soil helped aerate it. The worms' castings or waste products then provided recycled nutrients to nourish the soil. All these actions made it more fertile.



Carrie Barnard

## Student Competes On TV

By Natalie Hambuchen

Sixth grader Ruby Jones learned to cook several years ago. She also likes to watch cooking shows on television. On November 15, she'll appear on one of her favorites competing with three other confident young cooks to make a Thanksgiving meal for the show's judges.

"Chopped Junior" is seen on the Food Network, and it challenges aspiring chefs to come up with ideas for dishes using mystery-basket ingredients that don't seem to go together. The episode Ruby appears on is called "Thanks Kidding."

"I was very excited to be on the show," Ruby said. She'd seen something on TV about being a contestant and asked her mom to complete the online application. After that, photos and videos had to be submitted along with phone and Skype interviews. Ruby was notified in April she'd been selected, and she and her family went to New York in May to record the program. It took three days to finish.

The show puts the contestants through a few rounds which include preparing an appetizer, an entrée, and ending with a dessert. One contestant is eliminated by judges after each round. The winning cook can earn a \$10,000 prize.

Ruby had to keep the show's results secret. "If we told about it, our family would have been fined," she said. If she wins, the money goes into a bank account which she can access at age 16.



Ms. Gooch, Ann Harvey and Jake Rappold.



Aimsley Davis

## Sweet Treats Teach Geology

By Daniel Emerick



Third graders Owen Rush and Eva Martin with their edible rocks.

This edible rock is a metamorphic one.

Third grade teacher Morgan Bacon recently taught her students about different types of rocks. The ones in question were metamorphic, igneous, and sedimentary.

Metamorphic rocks have been changed over time by extreme pressure and heat. Some examples are quartzite, marble, and slate. Igneous rocks are formed when magma cools and solidifies. There are over 700 kinds of igneous rocks. These include granite, pumice, and obsidian. Sedimentary rocks are formed by sediment that is deposited over time, usually as layers at the bottom of lakes and oceans. Examples of this type of rock are limestone, sandstone, chalk, and coal.

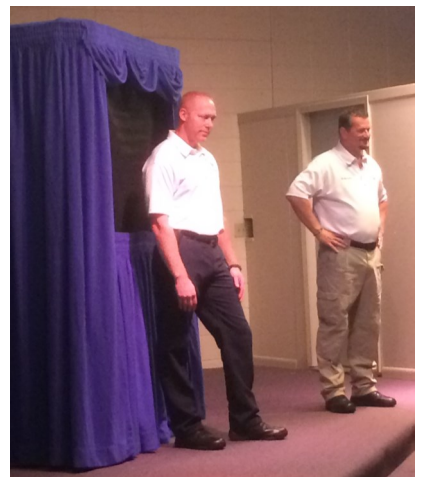
As a way of helping the children remember the process rocks go through, Ms. Bacon had her students make edible ones using different food items such as marshmallows, M&Ms, chocolate, ice cream, and crackers. They wrote down their thoughts as they worked through their experiments.

Xavier Stobaugh made a sedimentary rock using Starbursts. "My rock was formed under heat and pressure," Xavier said "We smooshed it in tin-foil." Ava Martin's favorite rock was a metamorphic rock. "They have to have heat and pressure to form in nature," she said. Her rock was made with s'mores. Trevor Jackson also liked the metamorphic rock. "It was fun to make. I liked the stuff we used to make it," he said. "We used

graham crackers, M&Ms, marshmallows and chocolate bars. We put them in the microwave, took them out, and smooshed them together."



Enjoying a fire safety puppet show.



Capt. John Skinner & Engr. Mark McEntire



Kindergartners huddle in the smokehouse



Asst Chief Kenny Wiedower briefs kids.

## Fire Safety Promoted

A group of Conway firefighters came to the Elementary School on October 14 in observance of Fire Prevention Month.

The children were given fire safety tips through a variety of ways. The kids saw a puppet show that emphasized not playing with matches or candles, getting low in smoke while crawling to the nearest exit, making a family fire safety plan, and learning how to call for help.

A portable fire department smokehouse was used to demonstrate what to do if your home catches fire. Groups of students gathered in the room and practiced crawling out the door when a cloud of harmless, odorless smoke poured into it. They were encouraged not to panic in a smoke-filled environment and were shown how to stay low to avoid inhalation. When they got outside, the kids pretended to call 911.



## Middle School Profiles

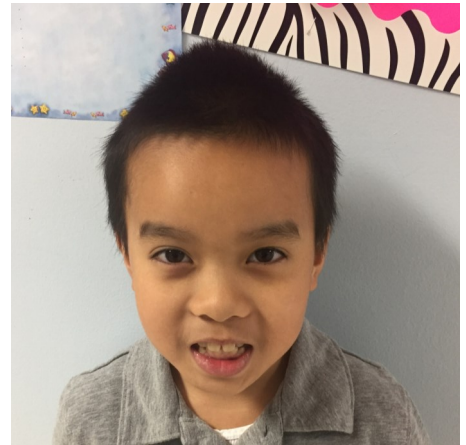
By Emily Hambuchen & Lizzie Whitley



**Bailey Pope**

**Bailey ~**

- 1. A devil**
- 2. Kit Kat**
- 3. I think so.**
- 4. Yes!**



**Vincent Pham**

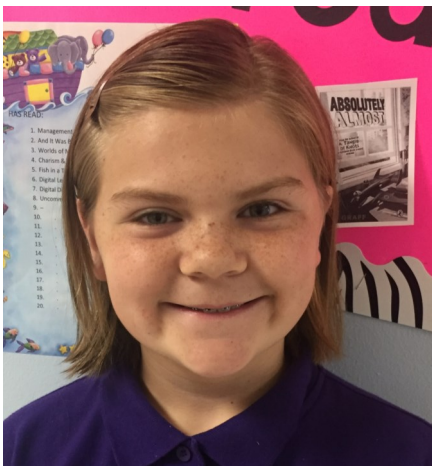
**Karly ~**

- 1. Pikachu**
- 2. Kit Kats**
- 3. Yes**
- 4. Yes, because it's my first year of playing.**

- 1. What are you dressing up as for Halloween?**
- 2. What is your favorite Halloween candy?**
- 3. Are you dressing up for All Saints Day?**
- 4. Are you excited for the basketball season starting up?**

**Vincent Pham ~**

- 1. A fireman**
- 2. M & M's**
- 3. No**
- 4. Yes!**



**Karly Lieblong**

**Jackson Tucker ~**

- 1. A zombie**
- 2. M & M's**
- 3. No**
- 4. Yes, because I'm playing this year!**



**Jackson Tucker**



# Elementary School Profiles

By Emily Hambuchen & Lizzie Whitley



**Ellie Hiegel**

**Ellie~**

1. A cat
2. Smarties
3. No
4. Yes, because I'm a Little Dribbler.



**Anna Doan**

**Sally~**

1. A good witch. My sister was too.
2. Hershey kisses
3. No
4. Yes, because I'm a Little Dribbler.

1. What are you dressing up as for Halloween?
2. What is your favorite Halloween candy?
3. Are you dressing up for All Saints Day?
4. Are you excited for the basketball season starting up?

**Anna ~**

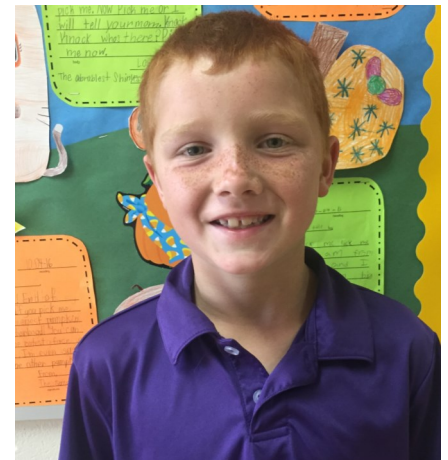
1. A Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle
2. Nerds
3. No
4. Yes!



**Sally Flanagin**

**Owen~**

1. A skeleton
2. Candy corn
3. Yes
4. Yes!



**Owen Coney**

# The Saints Go Marching In

by: Will Zinno



Deacon Papini and Father Alfhones lead the parade of saints at Mass.



Kindergartners join the parade.



4th and 2nd graders march too.



Richard Rappold as St. Richard, The King, Bailey Pope as St. Kateri Karatitewicki, and Anne-Marie Welter as St. Mary



Cici Hiegel as Our Lady of Guadalupe



Zach Simon as Pope John Paul XXIII, Christian Stobaugh as St. Junipero Serra, and Cooper Berger as St. Juan Diego



Adrian Kaufman as St. Nicholas



Carrie Barnard as St. Agnes and Aimsley Davis as St. Mary



Lucia Molina as St. Lucia