

THE SOUTH SUN

Fourth grade student surprised by step-dad returning from service



Thanks to fourth grade South Livingston Elementary School teacher Traci Goss and Cathy Wilder, Angie Grower had a tearful day at school after being surprised with a visit from her step-father, Sgt. Ben Oblisk, who returned

home from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan recently. "Angie is such an amazing young lady with a very good heart. She has a beautiful little smile that can melt your heart," said Goss. "I felt very sad for her lately because she has really missed her step-dad. She would bring a picture of him to show to the whole class."

Grower was expecting her step-dad to return later in June, but thanks to a village effort by the school administration as well as Grower's

peers, the 10-year-old received more than just a certificate of accomplishment at what was, at least as far as Grower knew, an awards ceremony.

The first accolade of the afternoon went to Grower for writing. As she was coming down the bleachers and made her way across the gymnasium floor, she noticed it was not SLES principal Jennifer Cosby holding her certificate but instead her step-father. "When she ran into his arms, it was one the best sites I have ever seen. Love is what it is all about in life. I feel blessed to have had her in class and to have seen her surprised, happy face buried in his shoulder," Goss continued.

The certificate disappeared from Grower's mind as she saw Sgt. Oblisk and embraced him as tears filled her eyes as well as the eyes of many onlookers.

Sgt. Oblisk was welcomed with a student-made banner and a standing ovation for her military service.

Grower's step-dad will be home until May 5, after which he will be stationed in Alaska.

Mark your calendar

Mon., April 30—

Fri., May 4

K-PREP

Sun., April 31

Testing

Sun., May 13

Happy Mother's Day

Thru., May 10

Fourth grade Frankfort trip

Fri., May 11

AR fieldtrip to Sports Plex

Mon., May 14

Field Day / Wet an' Wild / Volunteer Luncheon

Tues., May 15

Last day of classes; graduation / Awards' Day

Wed., May 16

Closing Day

Pants on the ground . . . Not anymore!

By Cameron King

If you are like me, then it gets on your nerves when you see people out and about whose pants are sagging past their rear ends! Well, a judge in Alabama has clearly had enough, also.

Twenty-year-old LaMarcus D. Ramsey went to circuit court to plea on a charge of receiving stolen property. The circuit judge, John Bush, told Ramsey that his pants were sagging way too low. Because of this Ramsey earned himself a three-day sentence in the county jail.

Later on, Bush said, "To me it's not any different than if someone stood up in court and started cussing everybody out. It's disrespectful conduct and I think as judges we're expected to at least have some degree of control and respect for the courtroom the people have given us charge of."

South students soothed by song

By Sedra Wendel

On Friday, April 13, the fifth- and sixth-grade classes traveled to Livingston Central High School to listen to jazz music that was performed by the Murray State University jazz ensemble. Students listened to songs for about an hour and a half. The group was lead by MSU Professor of Music, Dr. Todd Hill.



Students enjoyed the performance and appreciated the MSU group visiting Livingston County Schools.

The ensemble had a Livingston County connection in LCHS alumnus Brett Chittenden who accompanied on piano.

In Dr. Hill's parting words, he stressed that students in Livingston County Schools who have found a passion for music need to hold onto that passion as they continue their education, even to the college level.

Happy Birthday!

Jonathon Ainley 4/23	Aaliyah Mize 4/27
Savannah Elder 4/23	Lillian lamb 4/27
Sarah Haight 4/23	Dylan White 4/27
Preston Hammons 4/23	Calista Jennings 4/28
Alexander Warren 4/23	Anna Shelton 4/28
Jesse Harris 4/24	Hunter Doom 4/29
Zachary Leigh 4/24	Krystal Lain 4/30
Christopher Ford 4/25	Luke Vinson 4/30
Jaysa Shelton 4/25	Aiden Wyatt 4/30



Relay For Life

Friday, May 4th
 South Livingston Elementary South
 5:00PM-?

Come support the American Cancer Society
 Food, games, and great entertainment

"We hope to see you there as we walk to find a cure for cancer."

-Janet McGregor

Congratulations 2012-2013 Cheer Squad!



We have a great group of girls
 and can't wait to get started!

-Coach Laken and Coach Kinsee

The South Sun Mailbox

*Alexandra Martin is the
 winner of this issue's
 Mustang Bucks!*



"Let the Games Begin!"

SLES MRA Summer Program June 4th-June 29th

- For kids entering 1st-6th grade
- Field trips/Summer Celebration Day Camp-Livingston Co. Extension Office
- Olympic themed activities
- Enhancement & Enrichment opportunities in Reading, Math, Technology and Fine Arts
- Breakfast and lunch provided daily
- Registration Cost: \$50 (Financial Aid available for those who qualify)
- Transportation provided to and from local drop-off points.

Slots are limited and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. So cut out and send this ad back to SLES ASAP!!

Child's Name: _____ /Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Check one option: Financial aid: _____ or Payment included: _____

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