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East Yancey and Heritage team up to help students do some expository writing

East Yancey Middle School's eighth graders are learning expository writing – and they're getting some help from Mountain Heritage.

All East Yancey students have a daily class called "W.I.N." [What I Need]. The brainchild of Margie Stebbeds and Tamara Presnell, WIN class is designed for patching up holes in a kid's foundation (remediation); helping with current classwork; and stretching a student's knowledge and capabilities (enrichment).

The Grade 8 teacher team of Stacey Carver, Dawn Silver, Leslie Hilliard, Wade Shehan, and Chris Brocci created a rotating WIN schedule that provides their kids something that's not required curriculum but very much needed - formal, academic writing.

Over a two-week span, EY's eighth graders first hand-wrote and then typed a 41-sentence, 8-paragraph, 3-section essay on the benefits of wetlands. Along the way, they learned proper punctuation and syntax, paraphrasing, and how to write introductions, topic sentences, transition sentences, section headings and summaries (conclusions).

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As seen in the pictures, students used a writing system created by Brocci, whereby a student either picks from three paraphrased choices from a "menu," or creates their own unique sentences and headings – as long as they abide by certain prescribed rules. The chance of students writing identical essays is essentially non-existent. "This particular EZ-Writer can generate 2.95 billion trillion unique essays - and that's just from ordering off the menu," explains Brocci.

East Yancey's eighth graders also got a lot of writing help from Mountain Heritage's Heather Austin and her Honors English students: They inspected the 41 trios prior to eighth graders using the EZ-writer system. The high school

teacher and her advanced students vetted - and occasionally edited - all 123 menu sentences in Brocci's EZ-Writer. As the middle-school science teacher confessed, "I consider myself a decent writer, but they taught me a thing or two – including that I've mistakenly been omitting Oxford commas all my life."

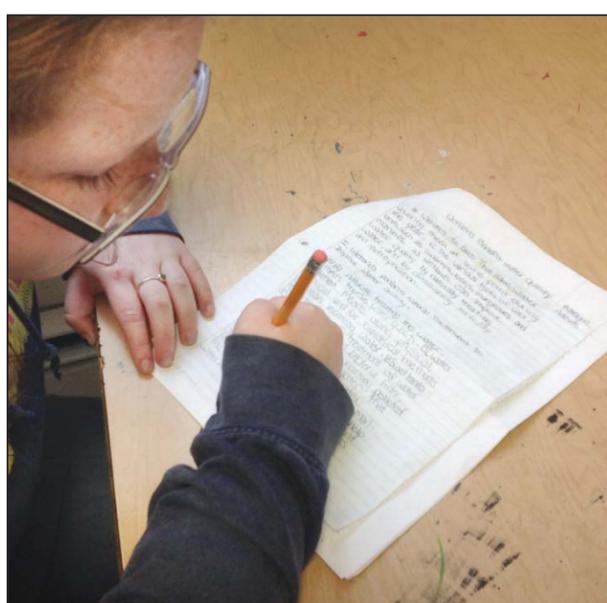
Brocci says he loves this project because it's all about teamwork. Older students are helping younger ones with something that they will need to do in high school and college. And teachers are collaborating for the benefit of students. "But, all this has been made possible because Stebbeds and

Presnell created this handy WIN class, and our eighth grade faculty then scheduled a way to deliver expository writing to our future Freshmen," Brocci emphasizes.

And further writing assistance from Mountain Heritage will be coming soon. This Spring, Austin's Honors English students will be helping East Yancey eighth graders paraphrase a 5-section, referenced research paper on infectious agents and diseases.

Editor's note: Mr. Brocci lost the contact information for the flow-chart gentleman who had called East Yancey school in January, and would like him to call the school again.

Sentence E3		
E3 Hence, agricultural runoff is the greatest source of eutrophication in ponds, lakes, rivers, and oceans.	E3 Consequently, agricultural runoff is the biggest cause of eutrophication in ponds, lakes, rivers, and oceans.	E3 For this reason, agricultural runoff is the largest contributor to eutrophication in ponds, lakes, rivers, and oceans.
<p>Step 83: Each sentence above is a paraphrase of the other two: it delivers the same message, but in a different way. Read each box sentence, then pick the one that is either easiest to understand or sounds like how you'd say it. You can also come up with your own sentence, but it must be teacher-approved!</p>		
<p>Step 84: Write E3 just a wee bit after the period from the preceding sentence.</p>		
<p>Step 85: Just a wee bit after that E3, write either your chosen box sentence or your homemade single sentence.</p>		



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Bill Carson to be honored with award by VisitNC, Economic Development Partnership of NC agency

On Tuesday, March 23, Visit NC and the Economic Development Partnership of NC, a state agency, will award the Esse Quam Videri Award to Bill Carson, co-founder of the Orchard at Altapass.

The awards ceremony/luncheon will take place at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

The mission of Visit NC is to "unify and lead the state in positioning North Carolina as a preferred destination for travelers and film production and in maximizing economic vitality statewide."

The Esse Quam Videri Award recognition program that began in 2019, echoes the state motto—to be, rather than to seem and celebrates a recipient's gift of time, energy and resources to elevate a destination to new heights.

Over the past 25 years, Carson has dedicated all three of

those gifts to the preservation of the lands at Altapass and the deep-rooted culture of its peoples with the agri-tourism at the Orchard at Altapass.

The award will be presented at the Visit NC 365 Conference on Tourism, the largest

gathering of the state's tourism industry leaders.

For more information about Visit NC or the 365 Conference, visit visitnc.com.

For more information about the Orchard at Altapass, go to altapassorchard.org.



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Mayland Remembers:

A look back at 50 years of education

This is the second in a series of historic articles written about Mayland Community College from the 1970s

Meeting held to boost MAY Technical Institute

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An open meeting was held last Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Harris High School, Spruce Pine, at which Dr. O.M. Blake spoke to those assembled on "A Perspective of Technical Institutes and Adult Education."

The meeting was for those interested in the North Carolina Community College System, and particularly for those interested in the new Mayland Technical Institute in Spruce Pine.

According to Dr. Blake, there are three essential parts of a technical institute. One is counseling – helping the student find the educational program that is best for him. The second is a broad curriculum that offers many different types and levels of educational programs. The third is high quality instruction that has as its objective the highest possible educational development of the individual student.

"A technical institute," said Dr. Blake, "is an educational institution that offers adult education courses in many areas, one-year vocational programs and two-year technical programs."

The term "Adult Education" is being replaced rapidly by the term "Continuing Education," according to Dr. Blake. "Frankly, I like continuing education better," he stated. "The present notion

that formal education is something one gets in his passage from kindergarten through college and which is supposed to stand him in good stead the rest of his life has been made obsolete by the stupendous increase in knowledge and its application. There is no stopping place if one is to remain aware of what is taking place. Education at the adult level is the most important phase of education for which all the rest is merely preparation."

"It may have been true once upon a time, but it simply is not true today, that we can make our way through life subsisting on what we stored in our minds during our school days. We have to add new facts and to rethink old thoughts," he added.

According to this well-known educator, every adult is responsible for his own education. Learning and knowledge are perpetual.

"Too seldom do we find the individual who sees it as the normal and natural continuation of the educative process that begins with the child, a process that is as necessary at 40 as it is as 14. This is the true meaning of adult education," Blake emphasized.

In closing, Dr. Blake declared, "We have a tremendous job to do in the counties of Avery, Mitchell and Yancey. Without cooperation and resources, it can't be done; with cooperation and resources, nothing can stop us."

O.V. Talley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mayland Technical Institute, introduced the trustees and discussed briefly the responsibilities of the trustees at the meeting, which was well attended.



While the cat's away (being nice), stuff happens

There's an old saying that no good deed goes unpunished. Thank goodness, it's an absolute statement and therefore not always true; however, sometimes it's truer than we would like. Case in point.

Hubby and I spent most of December and all of January visiting and housesitting for a dear friend in Tampa.

Consequently, two good deeds resulted: our sweet friend gave us the opportunity to warm our heels, so to speak, during sunshine-filled days and temps requiring air conditioning while enjoying her spacious house and flower-filled neighborhood.

In return, we looked after everything during her month's absence. All went well except for an upper respiratory thing which kept us down for our first three weeks; otherwise, we had a fabulous visit, the house wasn't burgled, and we managed to keep it intact.

Then we came home. We got in at midnight, after driving straight through, thankfully with no mishaps.

Leaving everything in the car, we unlocked the house, found no obvious issues, and couldn't wait to get to our own comfortable bed upstairs. Spare jammies came out, teeth got brushed, we fell into our long-awaited bed, and sleep came before our heads hit pillows.

In the kitchen next morning, I pulled a silverware drawer open for cereal spoons and discovered that Minnie Mousey had come visiting and left her calling cards while we were gone. Yuck.

When the weather first turns colder, I usually scatter peppermint sachets and other natural rodent repellants all over the house, but I had forgotten to do so this year. Miss Minnie came in, decided all was well and made herself at home.

I was afraid to open any more kitchen drawers and cabinets, but once I find mouse sign, I'm certain little feet and noses have been on every inch of kitchen surface and in every

Guardian ad Litem seeking volunteers as child advocates

The NC Guardian ad Litem Program is seeking volunteer advocates to represent abused and neglected children in Yancey, Mitchell and Madison.

Training sessions are held periodically for those who would like to volunteer to advocate for local children.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the local Guardian ad Litem program, please call Erica Edwards at 828-682-4754 or visit volunteerforgal.org.

possible space.

As I began to Clorox and Lysol e-v-e r-y-t-h-i-n-g, I noticed that someone who shall remain nameless had left a huge, plastic bag of birdseed—sunflower seeds/mixed dried fruit: mouse caviar—on a kitchen counter.

Then, I was certain Miss Minnie had probably invited her large family and close friends to the party.

Not to bore you with the cleaning details, everything got ripped out of the kitchen and

all was cleaned from stem to stern; this took three days, not to mention my thorough investigation of the entire house to make certain the party was contained to one room.

Exhausted, I finally flopped into my den chair one evening, looked over at Sam, who was blithely watching TV, and said several sentences not printable.

My restful vacation was over and days later, I'm still not convinced my "punishment" was justified.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 2020E20 EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of Priscilla B. Maren of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before 15 May, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 28th day of January, 2020.

Samuel A. Maren, Executor

6154 State Highway 80S Burnsville, NC 28714
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of David Michael Thomas of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of May, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of February, 2020.

Rebecca Thomas Lollar
1054 Dillingham Road
Barnardsville, NC 28709
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LEGAL NOTICE CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Reed Wilson, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Executor, in care of B.J. Kilgore, Esq., Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, P.A., Attorneys-at-Law, 11 North Market Street, Asheville, NC 28801, on or before the 12th day of May, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Nancy Carolyn Wilson, Executor

Estate of Reed Wilson
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Troy Lee Hardie of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of February, 2020.

Alma Jean Wheeler
266 Parson Branch Road
Green Mountain, NC 28740

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