



(left to right): Hannah Lundsford, Travis Hodgin and Myranda Tuck.

Roxboro Community School holds Holiday Extravaganza

BY ANDERSON CLAYTON

On Saturday, Nov. 5, Roxboro Community School (RCS) held its annual Holiday Extravaganza fundraiser. Christmas music filled the atmosphere and gave you a fresh feeling that the holiday season was near. Booths filled with all sorts of decorations and trinkets that would make perfect gifts for Christmas lined every hall of the school. An RCS science teacher, Mike Czysz, said, "This is a great activity. It brings everybody out in the community to help and support our school."

When you were exhausted from your shopping experience, you could stop outside where Chick-fil-A sandwiches were being sold. For dessert you could stop by the RCS cheerleaders' booth where they had homemade funnel cakes and delicious apple cider that would warm you from head to toe.

After a hearty lunch, if you decided to do a little more shopping before heading home; the silent auction was the way to go. Each class or club had donated a basket that was themed to go along with the class. For example, Future Business Leaders of

America (FBLA) made a business basket filled with pencils, pens, paper, notepads, and, for a special touch, a teddy bear in the middle. The science classes made a "bird basket" filled with a birdhouse and bird food.

After all the shopping, the last stop of the day, before heading home with gifts, was the cafeteria, where they sold the best Brunswick stew for miles around to take home for a warm dinner. The Holiday Extravaganza was most definitely one of a kind, filled with good food, lots of shopping, and tons of fun.

RCS hosts annual Red and Black basketball game

BY NATE SHARPE

The Red and Black game, this is the title of RCS's annual fundraiser basketball game that usually takes place the week after practice starts. This is the second Red and Black game that RCS has had, and this year's results were nearly the same as last year, except for one game. Three games take place at the Red and Black event, the first being a high school boys junior varsity versus middle school boys game, and unlike last year it was won by the high school JV boys team.

The second game that takes place is the middle school girls versus the high school girls game, which was won by the high school girls team for the second year in a row. The final game is the boys high school varsity scrimmage, which is the high school varsity team broken up into two teams, red and white. This is ironic because it is the "Red and Black" game.

Last year the middle school boys upset the high school boys JV with a couple of last-minute buckets, sending home a shocked JV team. This year the results were different, as the boys JV dominated the entire game, beating the middle school by a whopping 44 points. The JV team seemed to do everything right against a rather undersized middle school team. One of the middle school big men,

Dylan Harris, seemed to be a potential star during the season, if he can come up with the big plays and rebounds like he did against the JV team.

The next game, middle school girls versus high school girls, turned out as everyone expected, a repeat of last year. The middle school girls' team, despite the strong competition they were playing, seemed as if they couldn't miss from beyond the arc, and at one point made two deep threes with the high school girls' defense guard-



Carlee Garrett of the RCS middle school girls basketball team makes her shot

A brief history of Thanksgiving

BY KAYLA BAKER

Thanksgiving is an annual U.S. holiday held on the fourth Thursday in November, commemorating a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. This year Thanksgiving falls on Nov. 24, when families will get together and give thanks for the year's blessings. In many homes, a big dinner of turkey and dressing will be served.

How did all this start? A small ship called the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England, on Sept. 16, 1620. The passengers spent 66 days on the ship that arrived on Nov. 21. Most of those on the ship were Puritans who had been persecuted for their religious beliefs in England. About a month later, on Dec. 16, the weary passengers set foot on land and started to create a colony. The Pilgrims, as they are now known, had intended to start a settlement in the Virginia Colony; however, during the lengthy journey, storms blew their crowded ship off course causing the Pilgrims to settle in Plymouth, now known as Provincetown on Cape Cod.

The colony of Plymouth was founded in December of 1620. When they arrived, they began the arduous process of building shelter and trying to survive their first harsh New England winter. During this time, 46 passengers passed away, nearly half the original number. The next spring the Native American tribe Wampanoag assisted the



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"Thanksgiving Day comes by statute once a year; but to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."

- Edward Sandford Martin

settlers in planting indigenous crops, such as corn and squash, and in the autumn, the first crop was harvested.

Although modern historians may question this, popular be-

lief holds that these Pilgrims gave a huge feast, where the Wampanoag Chief and 90 of his people attended. Thus, the first American Thanksgiving was celebrated by these Pilgrim settlers. This tradition of recognizing a special harvest Thanksgiving Day spread throughout other colonies. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the initial national Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November, and this was changed to the fourth Thursday in November by Congress in 1941.



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