

I am Aaliyah

I am from a farm in Gamliel KY

I grow food in the summer.

On the farm I feed my cat and dog, Bow Bow and Sunshine.

I love the farm and the people there.

I am from Bella

She is my Ag doll

And my fire fox

I have a dog my fav.

I have a four-wheeler.

Aaliyah Pedigo

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Addison.
I am from the country.
I like to hunt.
I see horses, cows, and peafowls every day.
My neighbor has a very big farm.
He has ducks, pigs, chickens, and a lot of cows.

I am from Monroe County.
Monroe County has a Dollar Tree and Walmart.
It has a lot of fast food restaurants.
It also has a lot of grocery stores.
I think the Dollar Tree is awesome because everything is a dollar!
I eat at Taco Bell a lot because it is really good!

I am from Tompkinsville.
It is a small town.
I like going to Walmart because it has everything you need!
When I need something really bad I don't have to travel to Glasgow or Bowling Green to get it!
I was born in Glasgow but I live in Tompkinsville now!
Because it is my home!

I like living in Monroe County.
It almost has anything you will ever need!
If you need something special you don't have to travel all over the world to get it!
I love my small town!
My little town is so special to me!

Addison Trivett
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Aidyn.

I am from Monroe County.
Monroe County is amazing I love this town.
It is small but I call it home it is one of my favorite places.
There are farms and houses it's very nice here.

I am from TES.
I go to school at TES.
I love my teachers I really like my classmates I call them friends.
I am a cub and my teachers are always supportive they make learning fun I love to go to school here.

I am from Kentucky.
The weather is nice it's not that cold here.
It's very quiet and peaceful here.
I like the UK Wildcats.
I love the trees here it's a nice place.

I call Tompkinsville home.
Whenever I grow up, I will always come back to Tompkinsville.
It is a special place in my heart

Aidyn Miller
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Alexius.

I am from Tompkinsville.

It is fun living here.

It is fun seeing everything like deer and flowers and playgrounds and seeing the beautiful leaves fall off the trees.

I am from TES.

I love learning here.

And I love all my teachers here.

And love all my old teachers to.

I love playing on the playgrounds.

It is fun playing with all my friends.

Our school colors are white, black and gold.

I am from Town.

I love living here because I am close to the circus and fair.

I love living here because I get to play in my back yard and do gymnastics and cheerleading.

I am from Monroe County.

I love living here because.

I get to meet new people.

Sometimes people are nice.

And sometimes they're not.

And I can't imagine living nowhere else.

Alexius Muse

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

“I Am Amber”

I am from Tompkinsville.

It has a Taco Bell.

It has a Wal-mart.

It has a Dollar Tree.

It has a McDonald's.

It has a school for kids like me.

It has a fair here.

I am from T.E.S.

Fun Friday, the food, the snacks.

My teachers are Mrs. Blythe and Mrs. April.

I have friends.

We are Cubs.

I love the playground.

I am from KY.

We have farms.

I like the nature.

The flowers are my favorite.

I live in the south.

We have sweet tea.

I like our farms.

I love my family

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Amber Bowles

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Aurora.

I am from Tompkinsville.
I like the park in town.
I love the Country Fair.
There are lots of fun things to do.

I am from TES.
TES is a great place.
I love my teachers.
TES cubs are the best.
I love my school so much.

I am from 159 Berea Church road.
Berea Church road is the best.
I love my house so much.
My house is so pretty.
My house is painted black and white.

I love my home town.
It is so nice to be here.
I love my family.
This is the best place ever.

Aurora Kettles
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Axel.
I am from Monroe County.
There are stores and a lot of places.
There are houses to live in.
It's a pretty big place.

I am from Tompkinsville.
I like to play my Xbox One.
I like to go outside and play catch with my grandma.
Sometimes, I go to my cousin's house and play.

I am from the USA.
I live with my grandmas on Monroe Drive.
I was not born in Tompkinsville.
I was born in Glasgow.
I am going to have a little cousin.\

I am from Glasgow.
Now I live in Tompkinsville.
I have been here my whole life.
I love living in Tompkinsville.

Axel Vibbert
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Brady.
I am from Monroe County.
There is MCMS, MCHS, TES, JHC and GES.
Those are our schools.

I am from North Main Street.
I live in a brick house with a black roof.
I know a friend that lives very close to me.
His name is Braxton Hammer.

I go to TES.
I am a student there.
My principal is Mrs. Heather Gerald.
TES has very nice and good teachers.

I am from Kentucky.
Kentucky is in the United States.
Our new President is Donald Trump.
I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Brady Jackson
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Brailynn.
I am from the country.
I grew up on my farm.
I have a lot of horses like 10 of them.
I have lots cows I have 18 fields of them.
I also have 2 dogs named Abby and Bullet and they're so cute.
I love animals they're so awesome.
My farm is so big.
We get to ride on four wheelers.

I am from Tompkinsville.
I have a lot of good friends.
I have a lot of stores.
Tompkinsville is a small town.
We have a Wal-Mart, Dollar Store, Bank, Five Star, School .
It has lots restaurants I love.
I love Tompkinsville it's the best place to live in my opinion.
I love living in Tompkinsville it's awesome.
Tompkinsville is my home.

I am from Monroe County.
Monroe County has a school called T.E.S (Tompkinsville Elementary School).
I go to T.E.S.
I have lots and lots of friends there.
I love them so, so, so much.
They're so awesome.
They're so special to me I love them a lot.

I like living in Tompkinsville because you can go to Wal-Mart and get food, drinks, and, toys, Electronics.
I really like it because it has two parks I get to play on when I want.
It has a Dollar Tree.
It has an eye doctor.
It has a Bobs House that's one of the restaurants.

Brailynn Turner
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I'm Brashonna
I'm from Ruffle Outfits and hair bows also
I'm from Dab world
I'm from Tompkinsville basketball.

I'm from American girl doll world
I love yams also
I love rapping music and
Dancing.

I'm from cooking world
I'm from *Shopkins* world
I'm from riding 4 wheelers
I love wearing make-up

I love the city park here
I like to shop at Wal-Mart
I like jumping on my trampoline
Love to play with my dogs

I love playing on my tablet
I love to go to the nail salon
I love the movie *Trolls*
I love swimming at wellness center

Brashonna Smith
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Braxton .
I am from Monroe County.
I like riding dirt bikes and playing with my football.
Riding dirt bikes is fun to me.

I am from TES.
I like my school it is a good school.
I like to work and I don't like work sometimes.
I like TES.
TES is a big school.

Braxton Hammer
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Brianna.
I am 9 years old.
I am from Tompkinsville.
It is a small town.
Sometimes my mom and John take us for a drive at night.
We see deer in this small town.

It has a lot of stores like Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, and Dollar General.
It has a park and in the summer there is a fair.
I go to TES, it stands for Tompkinsville Elementary School.

I am from Owensboro, Kentucky.
Owensboro is about 2 hours 30 minutes away from Tompkinsville.
Now I am from Tompkinsville, Kentucky.
Owensboro is a big town with a big library.
My school was named Berns Elementary School.
I had 3 friends whom I will always remember, Ailee, Addison, and Lilly.
It had a big park named Tree House Park and it was fun.

My daddy lives in Evansville.
Evansville is about 3 hours and 30 minutes from Tompkinsville.
I've made great memories in all the places I am from and visit.
I couldn't image living anywhere else besides Tompkinsville.

Brianna Dickens
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Brison.

I am from Hidden Hills Country Club.

I live in house ----.

It is a light brick house black roof has a Halloween decoration on the door.

My house looks big on the outside but is not on the inside.

My dad and I feed deer but I cannot shoot them because I live in the city limits.

I live near a lake.

I also live near a ballpark.

I am from Monroe County.

In Monroe County there is a farm behind my house.

I can see my cows and hear them moo.

I can also hear tractors cutting hay.

I am from Tompkinsville

I have a golf hole right in front of my house.

I play golf all the time and that is one reason I love Monroe County.

I also find golf balls in my yard all the time.

I love living in Monroe County.

I have an uncle and an aunt that lives right beside me and Trevor Staples.

To play sports and to go to play baseball at the park and ride down back roads.

I would never want to leave because Monroe County is my home.

Brison Nuckols

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Brody.
I live in Tompkinsville.
Tompkinsville is in Monroe County.
Tompkinsville has many places.
I live in a neighborhood close to my friend.
Sometimes I go to my friend's house and play.
I like my life!

I am from TES.
TES is a good school with a lot of good working students.
I am a good student.
But I'm not the best.
My friends are nice to me and I'm nice to them.
I like my school!

I am from Kentucky.
I like basketball.
My favorite team is Kentucky.
I like Kentucky because it's a big state with a lot of horses and cows.
I love my life!

I like to live here because Kentucky is safe and don't get attacked.
Kentucky is a peaceful place.
It has many places to play and have fun.
I like to play in Kentucky to.
I love my life!!!!!!!!!!!!

Brody Gerald
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Byron and I am from Monroe County
I like the Taco Bell and Sonic
I like the Monroe county fair
I like riding Razors
I like riding horses
I like hunting
My favorite place to eat at is Bob's House.

I am from Tompkinsville Elementary School
I like my teachers
I like my friends
My teachers are very nice
They support me and I will always be a Cub

I am from Kentucky
I like the Kentucky Wildcats
I like the Kentucky outdoors
I like the Kentucky weather
I like when it snows
I like to build a snow man
I would like to move to Florida
Monroe County will always be my home it is where I grew up

Byron Staples
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Caden Gerald

I am from Monroe County on a road called County House.

I grew up on a farm.

My house looks big on the outside but it's kind of little when you walk in.

We grow strawberries, corn, peppers, tomatoes, pumpkins, green beans, cabbage, watermelon.

Some house look like mine.

I have deer behind my house.

I got dogs, cats and there cows every day .

I am from the country and I live a mile away from town and friends live near me.

My grandma and grandpa lives right beside me.

I like to hunt and fish.

I like to ride my four- wheeler.

I am glad I can live in the country.

I am from T.E.S

My mom is the Principle.

I have to be to other student.

I like to be a leader.

I like the teacher and subs they are nice and funny and make you feel better.

I love going to school here.

I love living here because everyone is nice and funny.

I love hunting and fishing and riding my four wheeler.

I love going to school.

I love my family and friend.

I couldn't live any were else.

Caden Gerald

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Cali.
I am from Ruffle Outfit's and hair bows also,
I am from Clay County Softball,
I go to school at TES, it is a pretty place.
I am from stylish clothes,
I am from girly girls,
I am from chicken and dumplings I also like pepperoni pizza
I am from Christmas, I love Christmas so much
I am from Gymnastics I am really good at Gymnastics,
I am from pop music,
I am from riding go carts,
I collect TY's Beanie Boo's
I am from shopping at Justice and other places.
My Birthday is DECEMBER the 22nd
My birthday is so close to Christmas ☺

Cali Sparks
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Callyn
I am from Tompkinsville, Tompkinsville is small.
But it is a place I call home.
All my friends live in Monroe County.
We love to play at parks in Monroe County.

I am from Monroe County district.
There are three elementary schools.
But..... there is one I call home T.E.S .where the colors of white, gold, black shine bright.

I am from Monroe County.
The restaurants here are like a five star restraint.
The sandwiches here are one of the most amazing things I like.
I like going to new places but.....I like Monroe Co. the most.

I am from Monroe County.
When I get older I will still live in Monroe county.
My friends and family, and my school is what I call home!

Callyn Washer
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Catie
I am from Tompkinsville.
It is a small town.
I like the fair.
I was born in Middlesboro, TN.
But I live in Tompkinsville.

I am from TES.
Our colors are white and black.
I have a lot of friends.
TES has marker boards.

I am from Monroe County.
We have a park.
We have a good community.
Monroe County is fun.
I like to live in Monroe County.

I am from Kentucky.
We have a lot of farms.
I love my family that lives here.
I would not want to live anywhere else.

Catie Elam
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

“I Am Connor”

I am from Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

In Tompkinsville there are stores, cars, trucks, and schools. There are also hospitals, houses, farms, and Tompkinsville has a low population. I live near apartments, a restaurant, and a hospital. I am close to my two friends, Brody and Rodrigo. Another thing I see are people and animals.

I am from downtown

I am from downtown I see a lot of apartments in Tompkinsville, Kentucky. I see banks. I always see parks. I see banks. I see gas stations. In Tompkinsville there are pharmacies. I smell food in Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

I am from Monroe County

I also played a sport for Monroe County. I think I played another sport. I also see green grass. I also like to look at flowers. Another thing I see is the MCHS and MCMS. There is another gas station in front of MCHS and MCMS.

I am from Pine Street.

In Pine Street I see lots of houses. I also see hospitals. I live near apartments. I also live near tractors. This is why I love living on Pine Street.

Conner Serrano

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Emmy
I am from Tompkinsville.
It has restaurants that have good food.
It has a Wal-Mart a Dollar Tree and local shops.
It has a big fair that comes once a year.
I love Tompkinsville because it is a small town.

I am from T.E.S
In this school I have friends.
We have bathrooms classrooms and books.
We have books to help our grades and classrooms for our education.
I love going to school here because it is so fun.

I am from Monroe County.
I love Monroe County because I do gymnastics here.
I do it at the old high school because it is only five dollars every week.
I can do my back bend kick over my back hand spring and my tuck.
I love this because it is awesome.

I love living here because I love my animals.
I have a dog her name is Sasha she had eight puppies.
I also have a cat her name is Jazzy.
She is just a kitten.
I like to live in the country so you don't haft to listen to the traffic.

Emmy Ballard
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Ethan.
I am from Tompkinsville.
I am living on Monroe Drive.
I am liking living on Monroe Drive because it is quiet.
Sometimes I ride my bike near my house.
It is fun living on Monroe Drive.

I am from TES.
I like the playground outside.
I like the gym inside the school.
I like everyone in the school.

I am from KY.
I like living here because I can shoot some cans with my BB gun.
I like the parks here because they are fun.
I like living here because it is fun.
I like living in the country.
I like riding my bike.
I use to play with my dog Penny.
I would not want to live anywhere else.

Ethan McLearran
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I'm Gradey.

I'm from a farm.

My farm has cows, chickens, horses, pigs, sheep, and we feed them once a week.

We have five farms.

I have two dogs, one is little, one is big, one is inside, one is outside and I like my dogs.

I like living on a farm.

I'm from TES.

It is a big school.

My favorite subject in school is reading.

I love school because it makes me smart.

And that is why I like TES.

I'm from Tompkinsville Kentucky.

I like Tompkinsville

Every year we have a watermelon festival and a parade.

That's why I like Tompkinsville Kentucky.

If I lived in Louisville,

I couldn't do all these fun things

like riding my dirt bike and four wheeler and hunt in my fields

Nor could I feed the animals and I couldn't imagine living somewhere else.

Gradey Starnes

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Hailey.
I from TES.
There's a cafeteria where you eat.
There is a computer lab.
It is a colorful school but little.

I am from the country.
I live on a farm.
There are animals on it.
When I leave I see the animals there.

I am from Tompkinsville.
It is a very pretty town.
There is a boutique store.
There is a fairground.

I am from playing basketball
I have a great Team.
We have great team work.
I love my team.

Hailey Birge
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

“I Am Hayden”

I am Hayden.

I live in Kentucky.

It has a Wal-Mart.

I see churches.

There’s people.

My best friends live in different places, but we go to the same school.

My teacher is Mrs. Blythe, and she is very, very, very nice.

She is my best teacher ever and Mrs. Clarkson.

I go to T.E.S.

And the school is very, very big.

There is horses, farms, and houses.

Hayden Williams

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Holden.
I am from Sulphur Lick Road 343.
I have a farm, we have chickens, cows, dogs, cats and a stream.
All together I have had about 47 chickens total.
I have a neighbor, he is nice, I play with him every day almost.

I was born at TJ Samson.
I like the country.
I am going hunting.
I want an 8 point.

I am from Monroe County.
It's a small town in Kentucky.
I like their La Tias and Taco Bell.
I like that I can shoot my b.b. gun.

I have a boat, tube and a ski.
We just bought a ski rope.
I am from the USA.
I like the USA.

I can't wait to go back to the Dale Hollow Lake.
I enjoy going to the lake.
I want a toy ski boat for Christmas.
I am wanting an iPod, a mountain bike, a game called battlefield 1.

Holden Walden
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Ivy.
I am from TES.
TES is my school.
It is fun.
It is the best school for me.
My friends are the best.

I am from Tompkinsville.
Tompkinsville is fun.
It has 4 schools.
It has 4 gas station.
Tompkinsville is a town.
It is a little town.

I am from a family.
My parents name is Frank & Kendra.
My parents are the best.
Both are great parents.

I am from the country.
The country is fun.
I have a farm
I have 1 pig.
I have fun in the country.

Ivy Blankenship
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Jacksyn.
I live on a farm.
I have cows, chickens and goats.
My farm is in Barren County.
There are cars, stores, restaurants and phone services.
There are fire departments and police officers.
I really love living and working on a farm.

I live in the USA.
It is a big country there are lots of places to go like California, Kentucky, and Tennessee and many more.
I like Louisville because there are farm machinery shows, concerts and many more things to do in Louisville.

I love Barren County.
My family lives in Barren County there are a lot of farms in Barren County.
And a lot of cars, trucks, semi's and farm equipment.
I couldn't imagine living anywhere better.

Jacksyn B. Wood
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am James W.
I am from Kentucky.
I am from the country.
I am from Monroe County.
We have lots of people and places.

James Williams
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Jaylan.
I am from the country.
I have a farm and there are animals on my farm.
My animals are horses, pig, sheep and cow.
I feed them almost every day.

I am from Tompkinsville.
It's not a large town.
I see a lot of wild cats and dogs.
There are a lot of people here.
I like it here because I have a lot of friends and family here.

I am from Kentucky.
I was born in Louisville.
Now I live in Tompkinsville.
Even though I use to live in Glasgow
But before in was born I lived in Tompkinsville but I love it now because it's a
great home for me.
I love living here because it's a great place for me and my family.
I love living in Tompkinsville also all my friends are here.
I couldn't imagine living anywhere else.
I have people that are nice and caring and that's why I love living here in
Tompkinsville.

Love,
Jaylan Smith
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Jazoya.
I am from Burkesville.
It has a large park,
And has a 3 floored elementary school.
It has a bunch of cool kids.
I live on a street with my best friends.
I am so glad we live in such a great community.

TES is my school,
It has a bunch of really fantastic kids.
It also has great teachers.
It has a good, fun, and big playground.
I really hope to make new friends every single day.

I live on a farm.
We have cows, chickens, roosters, and horses.
My roosters protect the chicks and their mothers.
The cows give us milk.
The chickens give us eggs and reproduce by making more chicks.
I love to be on the farm with my animal friends.

I like to live in Kentucky.
The people are kind and worthy.
They care about the communities around them.
I would like to be nowhere else beside in my country and community.

Jazoya Bennett
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am John
I am from TES.
From the cubs and the colors gold, black, and white.
My favorite classroom is Science.
I have a lot of friends.
My best friends are Jackson and Shawn.

I am from Jackson Street with a bunch of neighbors.
I am from a big house with brothers and sisters.
I came from a farm all the way in Alabama.
We had horses, cows, chickens, and pigs, too.
We also had some cats and dogs.

I am from a small town called Tompkinsville, Kentucky.
With dirt roads and large pastures.
With a park called Old Mulkey.
With a Dollar Store and Wal-Mart.

I am from mama's pumpkin pies from the kitchen on Thanksgiving.
From opening presents on Christmas.
From a Sonic, McDonalds, and a Taco Bell too.
We have a lot of fun in this small country town.

I love living here because I have a lot of friends.
I like my school.
There are a lot of things to do.
I like driving by and being able to see all the farm animals.

John Hardin
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Julieta
I am T.E.S
It is a big school.
It is a pretty place.
We are the cubs.
I love going to T.E.S.

I am from Tompkinsville
It is a small place.
It is easy to meet people.
I love to eat our BBQ.
I love living in Tompkinsville.

I am from a loving family.
My mom and dad take care of me.
My siblings and I help each other.
We all do things together.
This is why I love my family.

I am from KY
I like the nature.
I like the farms.
I like the country.
I couldn't imagine to live nowhere else.
And I love doing gymnastics.

Julieta Hernandez
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Kadden.
I am from Monroe County.
I visit Tennessee every 2 weeks to see my dad.
I play my computer all day.
My favorite thing about Monroe County is that it's a friendly town.
We have a Dollar Tree, a county fair, apartments, farms, and houses.

I am from TES.
It is a good school and the kids are nice.
I love TES because we always do fun events.
We have a playground for our hard work.
Our classes help us learn a lot for our lives.

My cousin lives in the country.
Also she feeds the cows a lot in the country.
My cousin likes the country because she likes the animals.
The country is fun because you can pet animals.

I love living in Monroe County.
It's a quiet place.
I have a good teacher and nice friends.
We have a good community.
I couldn't image living anywhere else.

Kadden Smith
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Kaden

I am from Tompkinsville Kentucky.
I love the fair that comes ever year.
It has a train that goes in circles and goes very fast.
Also they have a boat that goes extremely high.
I love that time of that year

I am from TES.
It is my school and it is fun.
I love learning in my class.
It has the best playground ever.
It is the best school ever had.

I am from the country.
I love pruning in the country.
I play with my dog.
I love feeding the horse every day.
I love the country.

I love living hear with my dad.
My dad lets me play the ps4.
I love it to be quiet.
I love playing my tablet every day.
I love living.

Kaden Schmidt
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Kaleigha
I am from a small town called Tompkinsville Kentucky
I like the watermelon festival and the circus that comes here and like the school and the school
playground
I have friends and their names are Brashonna
I like McDonalds because they have good food

I am from TES
I like my friends
I like the playground
I like the cafeteria
Our school has a big playground
Our school colors are gold, black, and white
My favorite subject is science
My favorite part of the day is recess

I am from Celina we moved down here when I was in 1st
I like it down here
And usually I go to Celina to see my nanny
And I was born in Celina
I like living here because it is small and it is cute
I have a lot of friends and family
This place is very quiet and small.

Kaleigha Hamilton
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Kanasha.
I am from the town of Tompkinsville.
I see horses, cows, cats, dogs, and deer.
It's a quiet here.
There's really no one really here.
But I like living in a quiet place.

I am from TJ Sampson hospital.
I lived in Celina, Tennessee, but moved to Tompkinsville.
Even though it's small, I still like it here a lot.
There are a lot of farms here.
I have a lot of friends here and a lot of family.

I am from TES.
My school colors are white, black, and gold.
My best friends are Brashonna and Jaylan.
PE is my favorite class.
We have a little playground for K-2 grades, but now we have a big playground for 3-5 grades.

I like living here because it's quiet.
I like it because my family is here.
I like my school.
I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Kanasha Williams
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Keyshaun.
I am from Monroe County.
It has a Wal-Mart a Dollar Tree and a fair.
There are a lot of farms in Monroe.
I live close to my friend Hayden that makes it more fun!

I am from Tompkinsville.
I like that it's a small place.
I like the fair that comes to town.
It's a fun place to live!

I am from TES.
I like the teachers.
I like the school.
It's a great place to learn.

I like living here because I have a lot of friends here.
I like the restaurants.
I can't imagine living anywhere else.

Keyshaun Kirk
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Kylie Wilson.
I live in Tompkinsville Kentucky.
My family and friend live here.
Tompkinsville is where I call home.
It's where I grew up.
Tompkinsville may be small but it has a big heart.

I am from Tompkinsville KY.
Tompkinsville has many restaurants.
La Tia's is one of my favorites.
Tompkinsville has one of my favorite stores.
Dollar Tree is where you can get everything for a dollar.

I am from Tompkinsville KY.
Kentucky is a beautiful state.
Where Kentucky is famous the first weekend in May.
With the big hats and the horse run for the roses.
Kentucky is my home state.

I really love Monroe County.
We stick together when something happens.
We encourage our football team and stick together through thick and thin.

Kylie Wilson
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4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Lesly.

I am from Tompkinsville.

Tompkinsville is a small town.

Tompkinsville has restaurants.

Tompkinsville has Dollar General and Wal-Mart and Banks also parks.

But I am from Alabama but now I am in Tompkinsville.

I am from TES

TES has beautiful colors.

TES has great teachers.

TES has computers.

TES has bathrooms. I have friends.

TES has marker boards.

TES has books to read

I am from Monroe country

Monroe County has houses.

Monroe County has trees.

Monroe County has cars and stores.

I like to live in Monroe County

Because people are nice.

I like to have fun

I live on 605 Monroe Drive.

I won't go anywhere else

Lesly Serrano

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Lukas.
I am from Monroe County.
I like it here.
I play outside all the time.
I like to play with my friends.
We all live in different places, but we are all friends from Monroe County.

I am from Tompkinsville.
I like that it is a small town.
I like the parks in the town.
I like the people because they are friendly.
I could not imagine living anywhere else.

I am from Kentucky.
I like to watch Kentucky basketball.
I like to go to Bowling Green.
It's a pretty place.
I am glad I live in Kentucky.

I like living here because I have many friends.
I like the restaurants.
I like my family that lives here.
This is my home.
I would not want to live anywhere else.

Lukas McMillian
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Mary.
I am from Tompkinsville.
It is a small town but it can get pretty big.
It has 5 banks and 6 churches.
I like living here.

I am from Monroe County.
I like that it is a small town.
I like that Monroe has two fairs every year for a week.
It has a City Park and Old Mulkey.
They are fun and gives me something to do.

I am from TES.
TES has a big playground.
I like all the teachers and subs.
I like everything that is taught to us.
I always make good grades, especially on the KPREP.

I love everything about where I'm from.
I have a lot of friends.
I like the schools.
I love the stores.
I love the restaurants.
I couldn't image living anywhere else.

Mary
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Mason.
I am from Mt. Hermon.
It is in the country.
There are a lot of places to hunt.
There are lots of places to fish too.
It is 20 minutes away from town.

I am from Kentucky.
It is a very pretty place to live.
There aren't many big skyscrapers.
There is lots of entertainment.

I am from Monroe County.
We have lots of restaurants here.
I also like the school I go to.
It is a very fun place to live.

I really like the place I live.
I couldn't imagine living anywhere else.
Things are not too expensive.

Mason Walker
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Nicholas

I am from a very small community called Summer Shade.

Summer Shade is in Metcalfe County.

There are not many kids.

So, I play with my friends when I can.

I like living in Summer Shade because it's in the country.

I am from the school of Tompkinsville Elementary.

I like T.E.S. because it helps me learn.

It is a peaceful and beautiful place.

My teachers are the bomb at teaching us.

I am from the country.

I like it there because I ride my razor and four-wheeler.

I like riding horses.

I like nature because climbing trees is fun.

I am from the state of Kentucky.

I like it because it is mainly the country.

I don't like Kentucky because a lot of my family lives far away,
but I couldn't image living anywhere else.

Nicholas

4th grade

Tompkinsville Elem. School

Monroe County KY

I am Raelyn.
I am from Monroe County.
We have a Walmart, Dollar Tree, IGA and Dollar General.
Also we have houses and apartments too.
We have auto sales all in town too.
I was born in Glasgow KY but I live in Tompkinsville now and I am glad.
Tompkinsville Elementary is my school I am I 4th grade.
My teacher is Wendy Blythe.
She is our Science teacher she is so kind.
I love this school because we have funny teachers and great friends.
I am so glad this is my school.
In Monroe County we have sports teams and clubs.
My favorite sports team is cheer and soccer.
That is one reason I love Monroe County.
My favorite club is Beta and bible club.
In beta we sing and it is a club to show leadership.
In Monroe County we have farms and I have a farm and I like riding my horse.
My horses name is pepper.
I love Monroe County so much.
I never want to move.
Another reason is because we have dentist and hospitals to help people.
That's all I can say about Monroe County.
Thanks for reading my poem!!!!
Bye.

Raelyn Stinson
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Sadie.
I am from Tompkinsville.
It is a wonderful pretty place.
Tompkinsville has community centers.
It has parks and grocery stores.
It has many houses.
It has a lot of people.
I love living here.

I from Tompkinsville Elementary School.
It helps me learn.
It is a really amazing school.
I have lots of friends there.
It has loving and caring teachers.
The teachers are smart and nice.
The students are leaders and work together.

I was born in Glasgow.
It is a big city.
It has shopping centers.
It has play centers.
It has schools.
It is amazing.

I love Kentucky it has many cities.
It has a zoo it has an aquarium.
I could not imagine myself living anywhere else.

Sadie Hays
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

Where I'm From

I am from rap music,
From long eye lashes and Under Armor clothes.
I am from the pink rose bush,
Coloring in my watercolor book.

I am from a dead end road,
Toy cars under my bed,
4 digit code safe,
And army men in Walmart bag.

I am from Pinecones
along the driveway,
blue eyes, and
What up, Hommie?

I am from cousin, Preston,
And grandparents,
Chlorine water in the pool
And Mud Lick.

Seth Daniels
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Shawn.
I am from the country.
It is not very noisy.
I don't have many neighbors.
There is a lot of space in the country.
I like the country because my family and friends live there.

I am from Monroe country.
Our flag colors are red, white and blue.
I played soccer in Monroe County.
I like Monroe County.
There is a lot to do.

I am from TES.
Our colors are black and white.
There are computers at TES.
We learn a lot here.
I like my teachers.

I live in Kentucky.
We have big fields and horses.
I love my friends and family that live here.
I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Shawn Burkhard
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Tommy
I am from Tompkinsville Kentucky.
It has a McDonalds, Sonic, Taco bell, Walmart and a Dollar Tree.
I like the Watermelon festival and the circus.
I like the wellness center.
It is a great place to live.

I am from the country.
I live on a farm.
I ride ATV's and dirt bikes.
I have pigs, horses and sheep and cows.
I like hunting and fishing.
If I didn't live in the country I couldn't do all this stuff

I am from TES.
It is a big school.
I like the playground.
It is a fun place to learn.
It is the best place to live

Tommy Patterson
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Tucker.
I am from TES, Tompkinsville Elementary School.
My teacher is Mrs. Andrea Starnes.
I am in 4th grade.
I have made a lot of friends at TES.
I love going there to learn every day.
It is very fun each day.

I am from Monroe County.
Monroe County is a very small town.
It has a Dollar Tree and a Wal-Mart.
It is a very good town to live in.

I am from the country.
The country is very fun.
I have a farm with chickens, goats, cows, dogs, and cats.
I have lot of friends here.
This is the best place to live in the world.

This place is special for me to live in
TES is the most awesome school every.
Monroe County is the best town ever
It's the best ever to live in.

Tucker Biggerstaff
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Weston Coe.
I am from Monroe County.
I have a farm with cows, pigs, chickens, goats, and dogs.
I like hunting in a small town.
I hunt deer and turkey.
It's a great place to live.

I am from Turkey Neck Bend Road.
My dad has a white Ford F350 service truck and a White GMC with a diesel tank.
We have 3 loaders and 3 skidders.
It's fun logging with my dad.
I have a dirt bike and my brother has a four wheeler.
It's fun having these things living in Turkey Neck Bend.

I am from Tompkinsville.
I like to ride horses at home.
I like to fight my brother.
I always win the fights.
This is part of being family in Tompkinsville.

I am from the country.
I like it where I live because there are trucks and tractors.
I love my house.
I like the trails there.

Weston Coe
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

I am Yeray.
I am from TES.
At TES you have fun.
You can learn and have fun.
At TES they have a playground.

I am in 4th grade.
My teacher is Mrs. Starnes, she can read funny sometimes.
In 4th grade we do Math, Reading, and Science.
In 4th grade you can have a BFF (best friend forever).

My family is Mexican.
I have a sister named Nancy.
I like where I live.
I want to move to a new house in Tompkinsville.

Yeray Arellano-Lopez
4th grade
Tompkinsville Elem. School
Monroe County KY

Where I'm From

Aaron Riley
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the hills and hollers
From creeks and forests
I am from the farmer's county
(tobacco and corn,
It tasted sweet)
I am from the rocks
The limestone
The oh very yellow limestone

I'm from the go getters and getter dones
From Orville and Dorothy
And Jason
I'm from the I'm doing it right people
From the if it isn't right I'm doing it again
From you can do anything
And you can be amazing
I'm from church every Sunday
And reading the bible

I'm from the old home place
From turkey and deer
From the World War
The work ethic
From the barn in the field
I am from Monroe County

Where I'm From

By: Alayna Collins

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from Bibles,
From God and the truth,
I am from a church,
(little white, brown cross hanging),
It sounds of the bells,
I am from the willow ,
The willow represents love,

I am from the respect of family members and salvation is our light,
From Quick, Collins, and Goad,
I am from the stubborn and the strong heart family,
From God is your light and let God's light shine through you,
I am from a Baptist family , and the saving grace,

I am from Monroe County,
From Kentucky Fried Chicken and the spicy barbecue,
From the opening house for foster children,
The witnessing for many kids,

In a chest was a box,
Overflowing with family pictures,
A family where faces has began to fade,
Began to dream of days before,
I am from those moments the snap of the picture,
Our family tree had a picture at that point.

Where I'm From

By Alex Martin

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from the land of the Falcons
from Monroe County High School and Friday night football
I am from the grand ole high school
(small, caring, it embraces the feeling of love)
I am from the summer nights, the cold ones too

I am from tailgating and bonfires
from stadium and pig skin
I'm from "Go Falcons" and a high standard school
From it is what it is and being proactive
I'm from FCA and praying every Wednesday morning

I'm from the bears and beans, cornbread from the mighty birds
The victory of winning is always great

In the stadium to school
Winning to achieving
I am from the Monroe County High School and Falcon pride

Where I'm From

Allyson Graves
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from hair ties,
from Suave and Snapple.
I am from the Scentsy filled rooms
(Cozy, quaint, It felt small)
I am from the willow tree, the crab apples
which if you regrettably ate were bitter.

I'm from the music making and gun shooting,
from Ray and Clarice and Rose.
I'm from the always running late
and the clumsies,
From go ask your dad and go ask your mom
I'm from Bible believing, born again Christians.

I'm from a small town in Kentucky, chicken and porkchops.
From the bull my grandfather hit on his motorcycle,
the blonde streak in my dad's eyebrow.

Scattered about on the living room wall are old pictures of all our odd adventures.
I am from what i realize are a bunch of weirdos.

Where I Am From

By: Amber Blythe

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from the Kentucky

Old backroads and derbys

I am from the boonies with horseback riding and late night fishing

It sounded like crickets chirping and cars slamming together

I am from the wild flowers blooming to the wild grass waving

I'm from the back porch swinging and freckled faces

From June to Anna and Renell

I'm from the stubborn loving and cancer surviving family

From always clean your plate and respect your elders

I'm from the Jesus praising, Sunday morning worshiping

From the strong willing cancer fighting grandfather

To the father that will never lose my heart.

In my hall closet pictures of me as a youngin' doing little kid things

The memories I will keep through the years to come

Of me and my family doing the things we love.

Where I'm From

By: Anastasia Shirley
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from hills and hollers
From Fourwheelers and dirt bikes
I am from the backwoods and backroads
(wooded areas, smells like nature)
I am from green grass
And honeysuckles
That blows pleasantly through the wind

I'm from the Shirley Tradition and barbeque cookin'
From Mitchell Jr. and Sarah Ann
I'm from the cookin' and huntin'
From being respectful
And always work hard
I'm from Christians and Baptist
The Ten Commandments I can say

I'm from Cumberland and Monroe Counties
From Chicken and Ribs
From Old Football Tales
To Old War Stories

From the old pictures hanging on the wall
O how much I miss the Ole deer calls
From the deer stand to good Ole music
I'm from Hunting season and good music

Where I'm From

BY: Andrea Beltran
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from hills and cows,
From bumps and crows.
I am from the bumpy roads, sad and boring.
It's a lonely town.
I am from the trees, the dying plants,
Frozen ice on cars and windows.

I'm from the Christmas Eve and happy moments,
From mom, dad, and grandparents.
I'm from the celebrating together and sharing together.
From don't touch this and don't eat that.
I'm from Catholic Church, only one God and Son.

I'm from Mexico, Mexican food to BBQ.
From the cooking, cleaning
and working hard generation,
the learning education.

In the living room and walls sits photos.
Awards hanging on bedroom doors.
Parents feeling nice and proud.
I am from a small town called Monroe County.

Where I'm From

By: Austin Belcher

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from country roads,
From BBQ and Dovies.
I am from the farmlands tended for generations.
The corn that looks like gold glistening in the wind,
I am from the cattle, the soybeans
Growing and flourishing in the fields

I am from the going to grandmas after church,
Left handed, from David and Rendy
I'm from the hardworking and determined
From "mind your momma" and to always be respectful
I'm from the Baptist believing, Jesus saved

I am from Mt.Hermon, fried chicken and potato soup
From the generations of farming, the teachers.
In the living room sits photos of both past and present
I am from the close knit town that every American dreams of

Where I'm From

Austin Rhoton
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the town of agriculture, from big hills and deep hollers.
I am from the dirt on hard working hands, (Black, sticky, it tastes like watermelons.)
I am from the magnolia tree that rests elegantly.
The old apple tree that fell in the storm many moons ago, those memories of fresh apples shall never fade

I am from long stories and hard work and the times of my grandpa as a teacher.
I am from the Baptist Church that I call mine, because they welcomed me with outstretched arms.
I am from Monroe County, from cornbread and mashed potatoes after a long church sermon.

I am from Marilyn and Jimmie, black coffee and biscuits.
From my hard working great grandma, who worked hard for her education
To my grandpa's six sisters, who shaped him into the man he is.

On the lowest shelf of a bookshelf in my mom's room, organized pictures lay full of familiar faces and memories that I forget only to remember.
I am from these moments- and the people that raised me that made me into the person I am today

Where I'm From

By: Autumn Lynn
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from hills and hollers,
from back roads and creeks.
I am from the summer nights
of fireflies and campfires.
It felt like home to me.
I am from the Sunday mornings
with worship and Bible verses.
From John 3:16.

I am from Backyard BBQ and Dovies,
from Swirlies and Bob's House and Best Donuts.
I'm from "Go Roe Go!" and the Falcon band,
from Rollercoaster Yardsales and the Watermelon Festival.
I'm from where everyone knows each other,
living by God's word and loving one another.

I'm from Grandma's house,
bacon and cinnamon toast.
From playing in the December snow storm at the crack of dawn,
to being out in the July heat until sunset.

The memories stay safe in Grandma's antique dresser,
album after album of photos from past days.
I am from a little place in southern Kentucky,
a small town with a long history.

Where I'm From

Bailey Butler
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the backwoods and hollers,
from the old wells and the ramshackled barns.

I am from the house on Ball Hill Rd.

(Beautiful, peaceful,
smelled of crisp apple pie.)

I am from the pure iris
the purple pallida
whose petals so delicate,
butterflies can't resist.

I'm from the sweet iced tea and big blue eyes,
from the Butler's and Comer's,
and generous folk!

I'm from the bull-headed
and the courageous,
from always being myself and having my unique
personality.

I'm from the Gamaliel Church of Christ,
where our favorite bible verse is
"I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me."

I'm from the land in between the Butler and Comer
farm,
barbeque chicken and baked beans.
From the massive explosion my great uncle
perished in World War II,
to my other great great uncle who committed
suicide.

Beneath the coffee table
was a red floral box,
filled with unremarkable photographed memories,
tucked away with dust and appreciation.

I am from the unexpected third daughter,
In a series of four girls.
A pleasant surprise to my older parents.
I shall cherish for eternity!

“Where I’m From”

By: Bethany Hagan
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from Music
From Singing and Guitar pickin.
I am from the Hill tops and Crooked roads.
(hill on every path and roads at every turn)
It is looked over, but it has its own beauty to those who look deep enough.
I am from woods that surround the creek,
The hills that goes for miles and miles
Covered in plants of all kinds.
Colors that seem new and begin to fade as time goes away.

I’m from the hard works and thinkers,
From my dad, my mom, and my Grandmother who always knows the answers to my
questions.

I’m from the noisy and hard headed
From “If you make a bet you should keep to it”,
And “It’s all fun in games until you put an eye out”
I’m from religious beliefs,
From believing there is only church for someone.

I’m from the Hagens and the Turners,
with coffee and Cherry pie.
From the mischief and the troubled
The tall and brave.
With my childhood trapped in picture books where they will forever be looked at.
I Am From a place that will always be home in my heart.

Where I'm From

Braden Murphy
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the top of the hill
from a deer stand and the top of the tree
I am from Hestand
(wide open and beautiful)
It's very peaceful
I am from the trunk of the tree
the oak tree
tall with lots of leaves

I'm from the getting up early and going with family
from dad and my brother
and my cousins
I'm from outdoor enjoying and wildlife watching
from hearing "Don't move" and "be still"
I'm from the Church of Christ
and praying after I kill an animal

I'm from the house on the hill
tenderloins and ham's
From the stories of my dad hunting in the woods
the time my uncle was crossing a fence with a gun
Family pictures took in Hestand

I am from the tall hills and long bottoms on the edge of Kentucky

Where I'm From

By: Brandon Walker

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from creaky floorboards
from sweet tea and country cookin'
I am from the rocking chair
Squeaky, advisedly rocking
It sounds loud in the quiet old house.

I am from the Honeysuckle
The plants and the trees
The smells all flowing in the breeze

I'm from the flute players and scholars
From the Kings and the Walkers
And now I'm part of the Hutchersons.
I'm from the celebrators and the lawnmower pullers.
From "Don't do that," and "Wash your hands."
I'm from God, all things holy.

I'm from Glasgow and Monroe County
The chicken and baked beans
From the doctors appointments,
The visiting and tears.

Where did they all come from?
Pictures all over the hallway walls.
In the family room, in the kitchen.
I am from the winding roads, and long, stretching meadows.
From the Earth to Heaven up above.

Where I'm From
Brooklyn Gordon
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from "the middle of nowhere",
From 4- wheelers and Diesel trucks,
I am from the cattle in every field,
Grazing, lying down, looking very peaceful.
I am from Chestnut oak trees,
The rocky trails,
That are sometimes left and forgotten.

I am from hunting and home cooking,
From Margie and Doug,
I'm from the narrow minded and the religious,
From "what's y'all's hurry?" and "bless your heart"
I'm from churches on every corner,
Knowing every hymn by heart and waking up early to
go to Sunday
school.

I'm from Gordon and Cleary's branch,
From fried potatoes and turnip greens,
I'm from my dad logging every day,
Then coming in to work in the fields

In a chest in my grandparents room,
Where all the memories are hidden,
Times I don't remember,
But will never forget.
I am forever thankful for those moments,
They transformed me into who i am today.
Without them everything would be lost.

This is me

By Caitlyn Spurlock

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from pigtails and overalls,
Dirty hands and messy curls after hard days at play.
I am from barns and calves,
Late nights sitting in the barn and bottle feeding them.
I am from four wheelers and horses,
Covered in mud from head to toe after riding either.

I am from cornbread and potatoes,
Butter beans, and tomatoes.
Sticky fingers and baths every hour.
I am from listen to your sister,
She's in charge!

I am from back roads and creeks,
Killing snakes with shovels,
And swimming in the creeks.
I am from caves and rock hunting,
Finding arrowheads and indian money.

In a large chest just under the window,
Memories printed into pictures fill the space.
From good times, to bad.
I am from those memories,
That i am so grateful to have

Where I'm from

By Cameron Garmon
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the creek
From tadpoles and frogs
I am from the bridge, the old rickety bridge
I am from the skipping rocks
The tiny lily pads
The slim slick rocks tossed through the air

I'm from the sweet Christmas get togethers and the real wavy hair
From Garmon and Bryant
I'm from the chatty groups and the have to know all's
From stand up straight and you better behave
I'm from the little o' church on top of the hill
From the ten commandments and the amens

I'm from Angela and Randy
From potato soup and catfish
From the stories of my grandpa's lost finger
Which may or may not be true
And all the memories of the last generation's happier days

Up in the closets or down in the totes
Lay those old photo albums which need to be seen
I am from those rolling hills
Filled with those dreams that we once meant to achieve

Where I'm From

By: Cassie Strong

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from a close knit community
from hills and hollers
I am from the tobacco fields that run next to dirt roads
row after row, field after field
It welcomes everyone that drives past
I am from creeks flowing,
the City Lake sitting
glistening, rippling, and reflecting

I'm from the county fair and demolition derbies
from the many stories about Daniel and Sarah Boone
and the Old Mulkey Meetinghouse
I'm from Watermelon Festivals and
bluegrass picking in the park
From Greasy Dovie burgers and
BBQ on Sunday's

I'm from Baptist Churches,
with a desire to go
I'm from praises on every corner,
you've got to be born again and salvation is key.
From Cricket Strong and Timmy Eaton preaching
and Loretta Lyons' sweet testimony.

Oh how much I cherish it,
memories stored in every nook and cranny
I am from little Monroe County
where everybody knows your name

Where I'm from

By Christian A. Payton
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from hills and hollers, from tobacco and corn
I am from the large backyard, with many fond memories
It looked boring at first, but quickly changed to fun
I am from the creeks with rocks for skipping

I'm from the rednecks that use an umbrella to BBQ in the rain
I'm from living in the middle of nowhere to living in the middle of town
From "save your money" and "don't do that, you'll be shot"

I'm from the Christian rednecks that drink on a Sunday
I'm from chicken and deer jerky
From the fishing trips with the "huge" fish that weren't that big

I am from Monroe County where a lot could be done
But in the end it is rather boring
Unless you have a few friends that will get off their butt
And have some fun

Where I'm From

by Emily Burks

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from needles with thread
 from Downy and T-fal
I am from the banjo in its case downstairs
 (Loud, distinctive,
 it sounded like a southern dream.)
I am from the orange and pink sunsets,
 the sky full of stars
 who blanket the night.

I'm from eating at the dinner table and hearty laughs
 from the Burks and the Strode.
I'm from serving others
 and eating last,
from please and thank you
 and bless your heart.
I'm from the Twenty-Third Psalm,
 faith as strong as tea
 prayer as deep as our roots.

I'm from a dot on the map,
 chocolate gravy and cowboy coffee.
From the grease stains on my father's clothes,
the arthritis in my grandmother's hands.

Memory boxes and photo albums
 full of captured memories,
 family members I will never meet
 until I am reconciled with them at the Throne.
I am from those pieces-
 though many of them are imperfect and broken,
 they make a beautiful mosaic called home.

Where I'm From

Emily Hammer

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from wood
from a tree like oak
I am from the stovetop and oven
(Colorful cakes,
sweet and savory)
I am from the wildflowers
the wild side
everywhere and on its own.

I'm from the lumberjacks and pharmacist,
from Hammer's and Heilman's
I'm from the hard headed ones
to the stubborn ones
From Be Tough! and You're Okay!
from "Always Smile" to "Oh you know who their parents are"
Psalm 91:11
The place that always heals me.

I'm from the back roads of Center Point
Chicken & dumplings, fried chicken
From Granddaddy's farming stories
to Ma's high school days.

In the chest in the living room
filled with throwback photos
and younger days
I am from loud and crazy people
That I call my family.

Where I'm From

By: Emma Proffitt

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I'm from back roads,
From Cabela's fishing poles and Berkeley Bait.
I'm from the hay bailin', deer huntin', hymn singin' small town.
Clear starry nights,
(It looked like lightning bugs, felt like summer.)
I'm from the stalks of corn,
The cat tails of a pond,
which looked like they could reach the sky.

I'm from Christmas movies and blue eyes.
From James and Stone,
I'm from the dealing of cards and stamps of passports.
From being kind to everyone and
being able to achieve anything I set my mind to.
I'm from listening to daddy on the pulpit every Sunday,
From saying a prayer every night.

I'm from a big city hospital and generations of veterans.
Fried chicken and corn-on-the-cob,
From the pitch great great uncle Erie used
to strike out Babe Ruth,
The cancer that took uncle David.

In my living room is a box,
Overflowing with forgotten memories,
Pictures of fading faces,
To tears staining the paper.
I am from these memories-
Grown up without realizing it-
A caterpillar transformed into a butterfly.

Where I'm From

By: Gabriel Colon
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the sunshine state
From Theme parks and Zoo's
I am from fun side of the country
(Exciting, Adrenaline rushing, Feelings of excitement rushing before you even land on the ground.)
I am from the Orange city,
The orange blossoms, the fragrant flower of the citrus sinensis

But everything's not what you see on the brochure,
I'm really from the city of tears and lost
From lost friends and families
I'm really from the Guns and the Funerals
From the scared straight programs and the "Never roam the streets alone" City
I'm from the home of Pulse
The place where homo-sexuality was targeted

I'm from the real definition of "A living nightmare"
Innocent kids Shot and Vehicular manslaughtered
From the Innocent kids gunned down in front of their houses
The kids lives being taken before they can even reach high school

I am from every parent's and children's worst nightmare,
Tears shed for innocent lives,
Kids not able to enjoy their life because they chose to take anothers,
Tobacco distributed to kids as young as 10
I am from the city that was once actually quite beautiful to live in.

Where I'm From

Grace Turner

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from painted chicken cookie jar
From Crock pot and tumblewear
I am from the fire pit in the backyard, warm, cozy
It smells like s'mores
I am from the sunflower seeds the tomatoes plants
Growin` beside the barn
I`m from the basketball playin` and blue eyes
From Turner and Walden and Elizabeth
I`m from the fudge making and sports playing
From go practice basketball and always give it your all.
I`m from thank God for all my blessings
I`m from Gamaliel, Alfred

Where I'm From

**By: Gunnar Hagan
Sophomore**

**Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY**

I am from the land of Monroe County
From cattle and deer
I am from the shed in the backyard (old, dirty, It felt like old wood)
I am from the tobacco plants, the marigolds that are as yellow and bright as the sunshine
As if they blinded my eyes with beautiness

I'm from the Thanksgiving dinners and butter noses on birthdays
From Hagans and Wallers and Ballards
I'm from the hunters and the cooks
From Good Morning! to Good Night!
I'm from Thy God will save us with a prayer every night with the Holy Bible beside my bed

I'm from the city near the country and the state of Kentucky and beans and cornbread
From the time when the great uncle killed two turkeys with one bullet
The great grandfather with his giant cantaloupe

In the basement of the house old pictures came along
With lots of familiar faces that brought up so many memories
I am from these old pictures from a small seedling to a grown plant
With small sprouts to grown leaves

Where I'm From

By: Haley Elam
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from hills and hollers
From wrangler jeans and Justin boots
I am from Friday Night lights
(energetic and spontaneous)
Its BBQ smell and sunset glows
I am from corn and tobacco
Corn
Sweet and salted

I'm from watermelon festival
Hot and sunny
From John and Carolyn
I'm from the wish bone breakin'
And corn shuckin'
From use the golden rule to don't let the bedbugs bite
I'm from Baptist
Hymns are sung and were always eatin'

I'm from Monroe County
BBQ shoulder to Dovie burgers
From the little indians running around outside
and going to the old drive in

On top of my dresser is a cedar box
With my memories of my life are flowing out
Laughter and love front porch swinging
Hand holding

Where I'm From

Hannah Poore

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from the Falcon's Nest,
from Monroe County Schools
I am from Tompkinsville
(small town, with a big heart, and football Friday nights)
It feels like warm summer nights, and chilly fall evenings
I am from the dogwood tree
the tree that grew in my front yard
beautifully blooming in early spring

I am from Christmas united as a family, and gifts under the tree for everyone
from Nanny and Pawpaw
and aunts as well as uncles
I am from reading the bible before we open presents
and praying before every meal
from eating together as a family
I am from believing in God
worshiping him before all

I am from a trailer up on a farm
pinto beans and cornbread after a full day of work
From the stories from my mother's childhood
the times that they stayed out until dusk
down in the holler in which they lived

I am from this small town that I call home
from football friday nights
bonfires
from hanging with a group of friends

Where I'm From

Hunter Strode

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from leather balls and Friday nights
From Tylenol and Band-aids
I am from the Falcon country
Football, baseball
It looked like we were crazy
I am from the grass on the football field
The field goal that stood high
On the place where I played

I am from hunting and curly heads
From Peggy and Eddie
I am from the cussing and the prayers
From the settle down! To the foods done!
I'm from the god fearing and always obey your parents

I am from John Deere lovin' and hard workin' farmers
From beans and corn bread
From the grandfather that served in war,
to the things I got that my father worked for

A box in the basement full of pictures and memories,
I am from the football playing, hunting,
A God loving Christian, the hard working, farming,
The fighting for what you believe,
And working hard to get what you want.

Where I'm From

By: Ivy Damron
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from a small town, from back roads and creeks,
I am from the hills and the hollar, big open fields, lightning bugs all night
It looked so beautiful in the night sky.
I am from the Goldenrod state, the Tulip Poplar Tree, tallest eastern hardwood all around.

I'm from the cookers and the bakers, along with the blue eyed folk too
From Hazel and Mary and Tabitha
I'm from the growing up too fast and leaving to soon
From respect your elders and always do your best
I'm from Christian roots and Baptist beliefs as well.

I'm from Damron's and Carr's from way out far,
Fried chicken and green beans to homemade cooking from pies to cakes
From the working on pigs farms just to make a livin' back in the good ole' days,
Grandfather and Grandmother working those long days and hard nights,
From memories on the wall dragging down the hall,
Each picture speaking a specific memory, with each good times and bad

I am from the hills and the hollars all around,
In this small, small town, where people know who you are,
And where you're from, sunup to sundown,
Not that many people around or places to go,
I guess that what makes this home.

Where I'm From

Jacob Hagan
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from chips,
from Doritos and Pretzels.
I am from the cookies cooling in the pan.
(Warm, loving,
it tasted like chocolate.)
I am from the grass
the sod
clean and green.

I'm from the hard working and griping,
from the Hammers, Hagans, and Johns.
I'm from the cooking,
and the eating,
from do as I say not as I do and
blue jays.
I'm from back row Baptist,
and John 3:16

I'm from the hollers and hills of Fountain Run,
cornbread and fried apples.
From the pig my father lost to a gun,
the tree my aunt was tied to in a storm.

On the shelf by the door,
holding memories forever,
faces long forgotten.
I am from the lake holiday campouts
a young fire among many.

Where I'm From

By: Jenna Bowe

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from VHS tapes from Disney and Pixar

I am from rivers and creeks flowing, soft (tasting sour and feeling cool)

I am from honeysuckles and the hedge bushes they grow on being sweet
and pretty

I am from frog catching and chalk drawing

from nanny, papa and brothers

I am from the suppers at the table and the lighting bug collecting

From the Toothfairy to Santa Claus

I am from church house and ladies singing

I am from Tompkinsville full of corn and taters

From the dress up with my cousin and the corn planting with my dad

Childhood photos on shelves, under beds, and on walls

I am from chicken houses and loud laughing

Where I'm From

Kaleb Allen
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from dust from under the fridge from Sears, and Save- a-lot.
I am from the place where memories are made where our family was strengthened.
It felt warm yet looked rugged.
I am a tree, the grape vine growing around the wooden ladder my brother made.

I am from church party and cattlemen
From Charles and Alma and Carrie and Keith and Kevin.
I am from the tendency of thinking I am always right and from being bullheaded
From you need to know when to open and close the gate and be kind to everyone you meet

I am from Corinth Church of Christ where I found my lord and savior,
turkey and steak
From the story about my great great grandfather the one was about 7ft tall

While going down my hallway of memories with family that's here and gone when i go to rest my
head upon the memories of my family
I am from bullheaded caring and loud and the defender of my family.

Where I Am From

By: Kali Moore
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from dirt roads and endless nights
From hunting and fishing
I am from the starry nights so clear and perfect I felt so at peace
I am from the creek beds that flowed with peace
To corn fields that blocked the view for miles and miles

I am from the late night barbeques and midnight bonfires
From Moores and Turners to even the Burnettes
I am from the party goes to the wanna bes
From the “you can do anything if you try hard enough” and “keep your grades up”
from a family of Christians to going to church every Sunday

I am from a small town with baked beans and cornbread
To wanting to fix cars with my grandpa and dad and listening to old stories
I am from making memories from late night ride arounds to playing in muddy holes

I am from Monroe County a small town that I call home

Where I'm From

By: Kendra Muse

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

**I am from pumpkin pie scented candles
from Yankee and Colonial
I am from the old, white house
(Squeaky, clean
It sounded like it was falling part)
I am from the roses
the lilacs
that looked as beautiful as my mother
I'm from the passing down of dessert recipes, and brown hair
from Janice and Harold
and Heather
I'm from the yelling over nothing and
burping contests**

**From shut up and
calm down
I'm from going to church
and worshipping God every sunday
I'm from Kentucky
soup and coffee all day long
From the scar on my little brother's forehead from falling
the scars on my arms and legs from bites and scratches
In my closet was a pink box
Filled with faces from long ago
and faces of today
all of which seemed happy
I am from big dreams, and even bigger hopes
smiles on the street from the giving
whose dreams already shattered like mine will be**

Where I'm From

Kensley Williams
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from family gatherings after church
From dumplings and pie
I am from the front porch swing of a white house
(squeeking, loving, it sounded as if family was all there was)
I am from the big oak tree out in the front yard
The garden that set beside the house
Corn, green beans, and tomatoes

I am from the docks of Dale Hollow and Williams eyes
from Jean and Carolyn and Kacey
I am from the farms and sewing
From being thrown in the dawg gone river,
and little Kenslee wants to play
I am from church on Sunday morning, Mt. Gilead

I am from Monroe County,
hamburger casserole,
and chicken and dumplings
From the running away of I
The gash in my father's neck that took him

I am from the memories that have stayed,
The things the people that cannot be forgotten
I am from old photographs
And sweet stories
From going from place to place on an old dirt road

Where I'm From

Kyle Copas
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the dirt my dad plowed
From an old pickup truck and a half full tank of gas
I am from the woods where I roamed when I was young
Tall, beautiful
It felt like heaven as the spring gust blew through the hallow

I am from the hills
The lush green pastures
Soft as silk
I am from the ground we workup and the hard headedness of my past generations
From Roy from Patricia
From my great uncle Peabody
From the hard working gotta get it done'ers
Forgiving
From "Stay away from trouble makers"
"Always do your best"
I'm from church
I'm from Tompkinsville and Ireland and the Cherokee
Chicken and potatoes

I am from I am from the dirt my dad plowed
From and old pickup truck and a half full tank of gas

Where I'm From

Mackenzie Graves

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from cattle fields

from pelletized feed and rolls of hay

I am from the down in the hollers and in the middle of nowhere

the old and lonely hollers, it looked like a lovely place

I am from the corn stalks, the sweet tobacco growing smell

(the tall growing grain that produces yellow kernels on hairy stalks)

I am from the huge get together

And the ginormous family

I am from Granny Rayna and Pa Loy and Memmy Louise

I am from the stubborn and the never give it ups

From always try your best and never stop trying

I am from the always going to church on Sundays at the Church of Christ

I am from Milam's and the Stinsons, the corn on the cob and the green beans

From the deer my grandpa and I shot and the turkey we also shot

Totes pouring out photos in the attic, and photo albums in the living room pouring out photos

showing us our wonderful memories together

I am from the growing up together and the always staying together

from the I will always have your back

Where I'm From

Mercedes Proffitt

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from trailers from old honey barn and Ale 8,
I am from the double wide
(creaky, small, hot in the summer days)
I am from the hens and chicks,
the dirt, green, purple, and tough,

I am from the feast makers, and the crazies
from Proffitts', from Hagans, from Hammers,
I'm from the hope seekers and creativity
From lord is our savior, and good grades get you places
I'm from the foot washers in the sticks,
And same old timey religion

I'm from the natives, and travelers,
fry bread, and boxty
From the state trooper at post 15,
the cumberland deputy that turned into a farmer

in grandma's old wedding pictures
of black and white faded to a
Vintage yellow
I am from cheerful spirit, creativity,
different, and the odd colorful leaf on the family
Tree compared to the green leaves.

Monroe County

By: Michaela Whitehead
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the beginning of the end
Where foxes hunt the hounds
From card games to porch swings
I am from the hills and hollers
Licks and ridges all around
It looks as if it has just been found
I am from the field of wild flowers
The red birds above
It's all a beauty we love

I'm from the eating sour flowers and hunting bucks
From Independent women and military built men
I'm from the drama queens and pregnant teens
From "learn how to count cards" and
"Know how to use a gun"
I'm from the gambling Saturday night to
wake up for church on Sunday morning

I'm from deep down in Kentucky
With Dovie burgers and moonshine
With the deep memories twined
From the protection we give over the ones we love
With the military times and missing love

Each memory shown across the wall
I am from the long summer nights
The football Friday lights
From the small town in the south
With the cottonmouths
This is where the story ends
But where it all begins

Where I am From

By: Noble Steenbergen

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from the back porch sittin, Sunday morning praising

From bibles to guns

I am from the red white and blue

It felt like home

I am from the maple trees

The ones that gave me syrup

I am from the hard working teachers and the homegrown farmers

From grandma to grandpa I'll always love and great grandpa who wrote poems that you'd just love

I'm from the front pew sitting and Jesus worshiping

From always be thankful and never be ungrateful

I'm from Baptist churches , singing , and praising

I'm from a small town

Bbq and coke is well known

From the old folks stories to the young folks glories

The 50 stars and 13 stripes I'll always serve

I'm from backroad lovin, country music sangin

Sunday morning praising to always doing what's right

The memories, they add up in a small town like mine.

WHERE I'M FROM

Olivia Rouse

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from quilts,
from Massey Ferguson and Burkmann
I am from the red clay
(it felt like chalk between our fingers)
I am from the Easter lilies
the dandelions

I'm from the Sunday evening dinners
from Hurt and Rouse
I'm from the forgetful,
and the onry
from dry it up! and because I said so
I'm from god is my shepherd

I'm from the south
sweet tea and fried chicken
From the bruises on my grandfather due to years of hard labor
The arm my mother broke while working in the fields

The barn I grew up playing in overflowing with old memories and all the pictures captured there
I am from old fashioned down home beliefs, I am from Monroe County

Where I'm From

By Payton York
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from the ridge
 From milk and cows
I am from the milk barn
 (black and white, and there's moo's all over)
I am from the bales
 That were rolled
 Tight in circles, so big and tall

I'm from Christmas candy and coffee
 From Bell and Mose
I'm from the stubborn ones
 And the pass-it-ons
From funny times and sad times
I'm from He strengthened me
 With the cross on that day
 And the singing we do on every Sunday

I'm from Wilson and Walker tree,
 Pinto beans and cornbread
And the times I can never receive
With grandchildren to come

At my house it overflows
With old pictures of what use to be
But my grandchildren I will never see
I am from the moments
I hope my grandchildren will remember me

Where I'm From

By Raven Tipton
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from Gamaliel
From hills and hollers
I am from the back woods
Quiet, and peaceful
It looks as if it is always fall
I am from the Taylor Hole
The creek bank
The place where the family comes together

I'm from the 4th of July celebrating and adventure seeking
Mitchell Taylor and Philip Taylor
And Bobbie Tipton
I'm from the know every place and know everyone
From family is always first and always respect your elders
I'm from I can do anything through Christ,
Cleansed in the blood of the lamb

I'm from the Taylor's and Tipton's
Coffee and watermelon
From the smacking of hands,
the playing cards on Tuesday nights.

In the attic sat a tote filled with pictures
along with picture albums,
faces that were a blur
and faces that I recognized.
I am from country roots,
And cowgirl boots.
You can take the girl out of the country,
but you can't take the country out of the girl.

Where I'm From

Sawyer Cherry

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from the Rooster Ridge
From Happy Springs and the Ramblers
I am from the white brick home
warm, full of noise
It sounded jolly
I am from the Hickory,
The Oak tough as can be

I'm from the Cash music and the brown eyed bunch
From Garnett and Ruth Cherry
And Thomas Cherry
I'm from the Buck Slayers and
Dark Haired
From the food is done and
I'm proud of you
I'm from the mouth singers,
Partaking every Sunday.

I'm from Union Hill and Crabtree Creek
Biscuits and Gravy
From the I killed a big one this one time over the hill.
That Poppa shot around 40 years ago.

Hung on a big Cabin Wall
I am from Hermitage Springs with an old last name.

Where I'm From

By: Tanner Smith
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from Monroe County
From Dovie Burgers and Falcons
I am from the trees in our front and back yard
Green, bright
It felt rough but the leaves were smooth
I am from the fields of grass
the rocky hills
where it looked like someone cut
through the hills with a chainsaw
I'm from the scary movies on Halloween
And dark hair
From the Smiths and the Turners
I'm from the persistence and

From always being nice
And never judging people for who they are
I'm from god is real
Jesus is real and died for us
I'm from Kentucky and the United States of America

I am from Kentucky where the trees and grass are green and my family watches movies on
Halloween

Where I'm From

By: Taylor Staples

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from pom poms and short skirts
From long practices and praising Jesus on Sunday.
I am from the front porch sittin' with family
(listening to old stories, learning right from wrong.)
I am from the oak tree in the backyard
The pine cones that fell I remember throwing at my brother.

I'm from cheer shoes and grills
From tumbling and spatulas
I'm from the Betty Crocker wannabes
And the cheer screaming parents,
From light the grill! And hit that toe touch!
I'm from John Cougar, John Deere, John 3:16
With a bible in my hand
And a family I can praise with by my side.

I'm from country music and Jesus lovin'
From my old Kentucky home to hallelujah.
From the rights I got from a war my great uncle fought,
To the work my mother and father done to teach me what's right.

Under my bed a memory box sets
Full of old pictures,
A box full of cards
To keep near my heart.
I am from those times where-
Family and God always comes first-
And traditions I hope to keep

Where I'm From

By: Trent Murphy
Sophomore
Monroe County High School
Monroe County KY

I am from Monroe County from T-ville and Hestand
I am from the hills and roads rolling, crooked
It tasted like spring water
I am from the pumpkins, the watermelons who have their own spectacular taste

I'm from the playing cards and sarcasm from Beverly and Cam and Linda
I am from the thanksgivings dinner and family reunions
From the golden rule and the particular kindness
I'm from the Lord and his omnipotent greatness

I'm from Vernon mashed potatoes and cheesy chicken
From the grandmothers cooking at the stove the young ones setting the table
The pictures on the wall that we all took in front of the old barn
I am from my family and town inspiring me to become something great

Where I'm From

By: Tyler Ethridge

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from a small town,
From country roads and woods,
I am from the farmlands,
the hills, and the hollers,
it looked like heaven,
I am from the backwoods,
The trees you sit in while hunting,
Long,tall.branchy,strong,

I'm from the Sunday dinners and good times,
From Barry and Sally Ethridge,
I'm from the times spent on Sunday
And watching football together,
From showing others respect,
And never taking nothing for granted,
I'm from the Methodist church,
Where God comes first,

I'm from Monroe County,
Where bbq and Dovies is love,
From the uncle falling in the lake,
And the sarcasm of my brothers,
The family that hangs pictures on the wall,

I am from Monroe County just a 16 year old boy from a small town

Where I'm From

By: Tyler Hall

Sophomore

Monroe County High School

Monroe County KY

I am from southern life in the country,
From country cooking with cast iron skillets
I am from country ham every morning, salty, tangy, it tasted
I am from honeysuckles and hills and hollers, lurking behind every corner

I am from turkey every other Saturday evening to the receding hairline
From Halls to Gearlds and even Claywells
I'm from decorating for every holiday and celebrating with all of my family

From boogeymen to coyotes in the dark,
I'm from logical understanding of religions
Born in Bowling Green with country ham and scrambled eggs every morning
From the war stories of WWII and Vietnam my great grandpappy told me

Family visits and family events I'm proud to be with
And generations of family pictures in the basement
I am from Monroe County born and raised country

WHERE HE'S FROM

Earl Lyon

He's from being born December 15, 1922, the fourth child of Hade and Jewell Wax Lyon and having seven brothers and three sisters—Orby, Nelda, Ivan, James, Rondell, Inez, Jennie, Hade, Cecil and John.

He's from helping neighbors who paid him a nickel or a dime to kill their hogs with his .22 rifle which he bought for six dollars after he had sold enough May apple roots;

He's from quitting school after the eighth grade in order to help his family on the small farm in the Sand Lick community in Monroe County;

He's from serving his country in World War II, being stationed in the South Pacific, and receiving the rank of sergeant;

He's from walking with a limp from a broken left leg that he received in a car accident when a drunken driver hit him in 1957;

He's from being an artist who for forty years molded and sculptured God's earth with his International, Allis-Chalmer, Caterpillar, and Komatsu dozers;

He's from beginning a farm partnership with his brother Orby to continuing with his nephew Larry and expanding this partnership to include farming, bulldozing, and a bulk fertilizer operation;

He's from helping both daughters with their math by doing it in his head and not needing paper and pencil;

He's from helping the Tooth Fairy when he would say, "Just let me look at it," and then push the tooth right out;

He's from setting his goal that both Nancy and Becky get a college education (which they did);

He's from being Santa by placing little white envelopes on the tree (which are still placed there by Santa's helper);

He's from shedding tears of joy at the birth of his first grandson, Robert; beaming with pride when two more, Richard and Alan, were born; and cherishing the only granddaughter, Michelle;

He's from shaking all over with laughter after he had told Robert to get him "a little sip of water," and Robert had done just that;

He's from taking Sally with him to open gates to check and salt cattle in the "little truck" which Richard got last year;

He's from sitting in the yard swing, lawn chair, or at the fertilizer place with his whittle stick and one of his many Case knives;

He's from wearing Key low-back overalls with his Mammoth Cave chew, wallet, and glasses in the bib and favoring his shoes from the second hand store because they were already broken in;

He's from showing his understanding of a rainy day when he said, "Now, boys, this rain will make us more money than it costs us";

He's from helping Sally plant their garden of corn, beans, and tomatoes, but tending to the watermelons all by himself;

He's from showing his involvement in elections and politics by serving as Monroe County Republican Campaign Chairman;

And he's from after an injury with an overturned dozer, being laid to rest on a rainy Thursday in the summer of 1995 in Monroe County Memorial Lawn with a flag draped coffin and a twenty-one gun salute.

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WHERE'S SHE'S FROM

Sally Laverne Bartley Lyon

She's from being born April 3, 1925, the fourth child of Henry Floyd and Maude Martin Bartley and having two brothers and one sister—Royce Lester (December 20, 1917-October 17, 1996), Morris Lynn (September 5, 1920-November 30, 1992), and Ruby Lorayne (January 6, 1923-December 26, 2010);

She's from being named Sally Laverne after her paternal great-grandmother Sallie Bowles Headrick, her maternal grandmother Sally Littrell Martin, and her maternal great-aunt Verne Martin;

She's from living in the Sulphur Lick community and walking to the Bray one-room school for grades one through eight;

She's from dating Earl Lyon going with him to a wiener roast at Miller Cave and to Sand Lick School, where Orby taught, to a pie supper where Earl had to outbid Sally's brother Morris to get her pie;

She's from attending Tompkinsville High School graduating in 1944 while boarding with Orby and Lorayne and during her senior year with her grandparents, James and Myrtie Martin, because they lived in town;

She's from marrying Earl on March 23, 1944, when he was home on a World War II two-week furlough then not seeing him again for two very long years;

She's from moving to Louisville to live with Orby and Lorayne while Earl was in the army and to work at Curtiss-Wright (a secured defense plant that made parts for the C46 airplane) and working the late shift to earn 90 cents an hour rather than the 80 cents an hour for day wage;

She's from forming a Louisville friendship that has spanned 65 years with Freda Pennell Green who always enjoyed the "country" cooking of Sally's Monroe County family;

She's from moving to Ebenezer where Earl and Orby bought land from Herman D. Smith to start their farming operation in 1946 after WW II;

She's from giving birth to two daughters Nancy Sue (1947) and Rebecca Lou (1949), always giving them free reign in the kitchen, supplying them with materials for their many projects, and encouraging them to attend college;

She's from making clothes for Nancy and Becky and often sewing for her niece Barbara in exchange for haircuts and perms from her sister-in-law Iris;

She's from moving with her family to Gamaliel in 1960 so that when Larry married, he could have the Ebenezer house and continue in the farming operation, and since Earl would be closer to town, he could have company as he recuperated from the second operation for a broken leg that he received in a 1957 car accident;

She's from driving her vintage black early 1950's Buick to work at the Hayes Manufacturing Co. and often giving a ride to her neighbor Larry M. Comer who worked before and after school each day at the Gamaliel Rexall Drugstore;

She's from loving her four grandchildren—spending the night at the Monroe County War Memorial Hospital when Robert (1974) was born, getting snowbound in Campbellsville when Richard (1980) arrived, and making the trips to Glasgow when Alan (1982) and Michelle (1986) were born;

She's from being widowed in 1995 when Earl was killed tragically in a bulldozer accident;

She's from always showing pictures of the great-grandchildren—Landon (2005), Kobe (2005), Lee (2006), Les (2009), and Karmon (2010)—to anyone who would look at them;

She's from going on many trips with Minta Baskett, the Homemakers, or anyone else who asked her, and then years later in a conversation always adding, "I've been there";

She's from passing many hours at the Gamaliel restaurants sharing news, sometimes jelly or tomatoes, stories, often fried apple pies, and always gossip;

She's from knitting a mountain of dishrags which she thought she would sell but usually giving them to family and friends;

She's from spending many hours planning, designing, and piecing quilt tops using patterns such as the Log Cabin, Irish Chain, Dresden Plate, or her favorite—the Double Wedding Ring;

She's from finally relenting to a house refurbishing which started as a simple paint job but evolved into major repairs such as a new roof, correcting water drainage, and ridding bathroom mold;

And she's from surviving the turmoil of the makeover even though it meant no shower, dishes in the bedroom, not being able to find anything, and not always understanding how the term "stuff" related to the terms "dumpster," "Goodwill," and "yard sale" yet wishing "the girls" had asked her about new kitchen cabinets.

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