

Bedford Bulletin

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

All decked out!



Photo by Tom Wilmoth

Students in Cindy Meyer's class at Montvale Elementary display the sweaters, hats and scarves they picked out on Friday.

Adele's Legacy continues work Moneta woman started in '03

By TOM WILMOTH
Editor
news@bedfordbulletin.com

Carole Rogers of Bedford knits all year.

A lot. Enough, in fact, to provide 75 sweaters and 125 hats and scarves to a program that gives one of each to students at a Bedford or Franklin County school each year.

That program, Adele's Legacy, focused its efforts on Montvale Elementary this school year. On Friday

the students got to wear the results of those efforts; and some of those who helped knit and crochet the clothing got to experience the joy of seeing their handmade efforts be appreciated by the students.

"This is what I do all day long," Rogers said of her love of making the clothing for the students. "It fills my heart full of joy (to see the items passed out). It's so good to see their happiness."

Several hundred sweaters, hats and scarves were neatly placed on tables at Montvale's gymnasium Friday and class

by class students filtered in to pick out their new clothing. The clothing came in all different colors and all different sizes. More than 250 students received the gifts.

"To see something you have made on a child is so uplifting," Rogers said.

Adele's Legacy was the brainchild of the late Adele Frischman of Moneta, who, in 2003 began to coordinate the giving of sweaters, hats and scarves to local school children.

At first the sweaters were given only to students at Hurt Park Elementary in

See LEGACY 4A

Legacy: Still going strong after more than a decade

From Page 1

Roanoke and Body Camp Elementary in Bedford County. In 2011, she, with the hundreds of other knitters she had recruited over the years, began handing out knitted items to students in Franklin County as well.

Adele passed away in 2012 at the age of 84, but her work

has been carried on by knitters from all over the country, some 300 in all.

Adele's Legacy was created in memory of Frischman and includes knitters and crocheters from as far away as Florida and Wisconsin.

This year has been the second year of the project without Adele's leadership. "We hope it

will continue a long time," stated Dorothea Pierce. "We gave it a name and put up a website (www.adeleslegacy.com)."

Pierce said the yarn is donated for the program and those helping are free to knit what they choose.

Additional hats are also passed out at two schools in one of the counties each year.



Members of Adele's Legacy were on hand to help students try on the sweaters and to choose colors. The group paused for a photo in between the class visits. More than 250 students received a sweater, hat and scarf.

(Above) Anne Zick of Montvale helped lay out the sweaters while (right) Blake French, a 5th grader at Montvale Elementary, tried to decide on which hat to choose.



Photos by Tom Wilmoth

