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Messy room gets John Greer fifth graders collaborating

Editor's Note: The following is a collaborative effort of Michelle Huller's fifth grade class at John Greer School and was submitted by a parent of a student in the class.

My Messy Room
By: 5H

Would you like to live in the city dump? If you had to sleep in my bedroom, you would know what the dump looks and smells like. I despise my messy bedroom! My parents and I are greatly disappointed in what my bedroom has become. It is gross!

The floor in my bedroom looks like a dumpster threw up all over it. There are piles of trash everywhere. Pizza boxes are stacked up to the ceiling, and they are dripping with grease and cheese. Cockroaches are crawling out of the ancient remains of pudding cups. Goopy, half- full Pepsi cans form a fort around the TV. Crusty cereal bowls, with spoons stuck to the bottom, peek out from under the bed. Grimy, sharp toys are scattered around the floor ready to attack the feet of trespassers. People should enter my room at their own risk.

My closet looks like an atomic bomb went off inside of it. There are clothes and debris everywhere. It looks like a tornado ripped through my closet. Boxes containing shoes that no longer fit me are scattered all over the closet floor. The last time I opened one, I stumbled upon a mouse's restroom. Books with torn covers and yellowed pages are hiding in cobwebs in the deep, dark depths of my closet. Rust metal hangers stick out of the piles of clothes like little spears. I am scared of my own closet.

My room smells awful! The sewage-like stench of my room can be smelled from one thousand miles away. The greasy chicken bones from three Christmases ago smell worse than a skunk's spray. The mag-

got-infested, moldy meatloaf under my bed requires a gas mask to get within ten yards of it. My sweaty socks from basketball practice smell like three year old dirty diapers. The overflowing trash can in the corner of my room is emitting the aroma of a turkey vulture's vomit. Stink bugs are crawling out of my pillow. My room smells worse than the pig farm down the street.

As one can see, my room is straight out of a horror movie. To avoid being reported to the Health Department, I should probably clean my room. This feat might take a lifetime to accomplish. I my need to call in the armies of the United States and Canada for reinforcements. I hope they have extra-heavy-duty gas masks. This chore will be hard work, but my parents will be very proud of me when I finish. If anyone would be willing to risk their lives to help me clean my room, please call 1-800-HELPMEL.

Police News

A representative of Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Avenue, reported at 10:52 a.m. Monday that someone damaged a building window sometime over the weekend.

Winter Open House
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Santa's helpers

Hoopston Community Memorial Nursing Home residents received a visit from some of Santa's helpers who were distributing gifts. Pictured are, front, from left, Aly Zarate, Asa Ray, Addie Wallace, Maddie Goble, Maddie Barnes, Libbie Goble; and back, Janice Ray, Annie Goble, Carlie Strawser, Hailee Swinford, Heidi Goble, Bobbie Redden, Sherry Decker and Kelly Wallace. The group distributed fleece blankets and jewelry, provided by Sherry and Allen Decker, to all the residents.

Briefly

Birthday open house

An open house celebrating Bob Clem's 80th birthday will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Hoopston First Presbyterian Church. No gifts please, but cards would be appreciated. The event is being hosted by Bob's children and grandchildren.

Sweetheart Banquet

Hoopston Area High School Student Council is sponsoring the 21st annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet on Tuesday, Feb. 14, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

in the high school gym. Hoopston Area or Ross-ville senior citizens planning to attend should call 283-6668 and leave their names and number in their party by February 3.

Softball meeting

Hoopston Area Softball Association will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday at Hoopston City Hall.

Coaches sought

Hoopston Area Softball Association is accepting coaching applications for the coming summer sea-

son. Forms are available at leaguelineup.com/hasa. Click on "handouts" or calling Leah, 304-4369. Applications will be taken through January.

Weather

Chance of rain/sleet/snow today and to-night. High 36, low 30. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 42, low 26.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopston

Obituaries

GARRETT - Ernest "Ernie" Garrett, 39, of Milford, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before service Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Milford Fire Department, Milford Ambulance Service, Hoopston Ambulance Service or charity of the donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

New Books at the Library



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