



Times Remembered
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Some were worn terribly, but Mom would not dare throw them away . . . she always said, "We could use that for something; don't throw those away."

The handkerchief that had 'Mother' written on it was used more. Sadly, she used them at funerals. But sad occasions weren't the only times she used her hankies. She cried tears of happiness at weddings, births and baptisms. These handkerchiefs held so many memories for the ladies of those days.

I remember one permanent stain on one of her handkerchiefs. The night I pulled my loose tooth eating a "Sugar Daddy," sucker at the ball game. Mom wrapped it up in her handkerchief to save for the tooth fairy. The tooth bled a little and stained the handkerchief. Mom could never completely remove the stain.

Children of the 50s and 60s could probably tell the same story I've just talked about. I could go on and on, but I'm sure you get the picture of what this small piece of cloth means to me. This tattered, torn and stained piece of memory must carry on until there isn't a shred of material left. It means too much to me to give it up.

Handkerchiefs

While changing out my summer clothes and putting away the winter ones I found some old handkerchiefs that once belonged to my Mom. These handkerchiefs held so many memories. There were floral ones, lacy ones and embroidered ones. But my favorite was the one with 'Mother' embroidered on it.

Three from Estill selected for Rogers programs

The Center for Rural Development has selected three Estill County students to participate in its summer leadership programs.

Rogers Scholars

Ethan Martin, a sophomore at Estill County High School, was selected to join high school students from across Southern and Eastern Kentucky this summer for the 24th annual Rogers Scholars youth leadership program. He is the son of BJ Chaney and Jason Martin, of Irvine.

Rogers Scholars, The Center's flagship youth program, was established through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) that "no young person should have to leave home to find his or her future."

The intensive one-week summer program provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for high school students in 45 Kentucky counties to build their skills as the region's next generation of business and

entrepreneurial leaders.

"Rogers Scholars is an amazing program designed to give our youth a leg up in expanding their leadership skills while exposing them to new and creative ideas for our region of Southern and Eastern Kentucky," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development.

Each graduate of the Rogers Scholars program earns potential access to exclusive scholarship opportunities from some of the state's top-ranked colleges and universities. To be eligible, students have to complete a community service project in their hometown.

The 2021 Rogers Scholars program will take place on June 6-11 on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, KY and July 18-23 on the campus of Morehead State University in Morehead, KY. There is no tuition charge to attend the program and lodging and meals are provided at no cost to participants.

Rogers Explorers

Two Estill County Middle School students were selected to participate in the 16th annual Rogers Explorers program - Elizabeth Raider and Ella Seale.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Mary and Aaron Raider, of Irvine. Ella is the daughter of Gene and Deanna Seale, of Irvine.

Rogers Explorers is open to eighth-grade students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky who have a strong interest in developing their skills in leadership, team building, community service, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields of study.

Rogers Explorers is a three-day and two-night program on a leading Kentucky college campus where experts will guide them through hands-on assignments. The program is provided at no cost to eligible students within The Center's 45-county primary service area.

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