

Letter to the Editor

Young Rivertime Players are an undiscovered treasure in Decatur County

To the Editor,

There is a treasure in Decatur County, Tennessee that you may not have discovered yet. It is the Young Rivertime Players Theatre. You perhaps envision cute little plays that only parents and grandparents and good friends of the family would go to see. You have no idea! They are just as entertaining, sophisticated and well-acted as some professional plays. As a resident of Decatur County or a visitor, you simply must see this treasure for yourself. The plays are conducted at the Municipal Building in Parsons. Considerable appreciation goes to the city board for the use of the building. However, the building is becoming too small to accommodate all the children interested in joining the theatre. It is extremely important for the community to have a place

to go for our kids to be creative and have the opportunity to express their inner self. Studies show that consistent participation in the arts greatly improves academic performance and significantly bumps up standardized test scores in school. Theatre also connects to the importance of reading. In fact, a play has the ability to jump a story off the page and bring it to life. Students who make time for the arts are also more involved in community service, and less likely to drop out of school. Please, if you have any suggestions on a larger building or know of a method to fund for the arts so the children can have a theater here in Parsons, please call Shane Bridges, Elicia Spain or Mark Tubbs.

Thank you,
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