



\$1,500 grant

Byrne Wood, on behalf of the Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF), presented a \$1,500 check to the Summer Kids Intervention Program (SKIP) at Simpson Elementary School, Wednesday, May 21. SKIP is a five-week summer program designed to help students maintain grade level skills in math and reading. The program gets underway June 2. Present were: Front row, Rylee Mooney, Autumn Karst, Garrett Ewers, Gavin Ewers, Haley Whittle and Tyler Whittle; back row: Shelley Dougherty, SKIP board member; Kim Stoppel, SKIP instructor and coordinator; Wood; Sherry Homeier, SKIP instructor and coordinator; and David Couch, superintendent of schools and a SKIP board member. The RCACF grant is possible because of the Helen A. Hampl Student Aid Fund and is used to pay salaries because SKIP is not a USD 407-sponsored program.