About the Haldeman Community Center
The center is located on the historic site of the Haldeman School in Rowan County, Kentucky. The gym can accommodate several hundred people, with a small stage located at one end, and is the area used for the after school program.

About the Haldeman After School Program
“A safe, child-centered, nurturing enrichment program for elementary students.”

Fall Session
Goal: establish a steady pulse.
- Transportation provided from Rodburn Elementary School by the Rowan County school system.
- Monday through Thursday during the months of March, April, September, and October at the Haldeman Community Center.
- Physical activities, nutritious snack, planned learning activity, and time for homework and tutoring.
- Planned learning activities: Art, Music, Theater, Gardening, and Health.
- Each fall and spring, a public “Celebration” is held for the children to show what they have learned.

Connecting Past with Present Through Children’s Music
Overview
Throughout history, children have grown up listening to and performing music, from folk songs on the front porch to radio and live performances. Everyone has songs they remember from their youth.
- MSU student instructors experiment with a variety of instruments and music education strategies to build foundational skills and expand the children’s musical experiences.
- MSU student instructors are collecting and sharing oral histories, teaching songs popular in the past, and having the children perform with senior musicians. In this way they are exposing Haldeman’s youth to the community’s rich heritage of music.

Fall Session
MSU student instructors conducted oral history interviews with senior members of the Haldeman community. These interviews will soon be available on the Haldeman Community Center’s website (www.haldemancommunitycenter.org). The interviews revealed that everyone was connected to music in some way.
- Listening to the Grand Ole Opry on battery-operated radios in their homes.
- Singing "lined out" hymns in church.
- Family members playing guitars, banjos, harmonicas, mouth harps.
- Listening to neighbor’s work songs.
- Following favorite performers such as Hank Williams and enjoys the rise of Rock and Roll.

Community Musical Experiences
Interviews
Senior community of the Haldeman After School Program.

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