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Floor No More

On January 29 RHS played its version of Devil and the Deep Blue Sea as a broken water pipe flooded the RHS gym floor. The floor is the same one that was in place when the current high school opened in 1963. While it holds many memories of many great victories, it cannot be repaired and will be replaced. Many Red Devil girls and boys basketball players and cheerleaders have spent many hours on that floor and have their own special remembrances of the events and the folks they shared the floor with.

Permission has been given to the Russell Education Endowment Foundation to use the wood from the floor as a fundraising project. The Foundation is selling specially made pens and keychains crafted from the maple floor boards.



Mike Shelton reported that Devil artist Mike Prout was a member of the Class of '65 instead of '66 as listed in the last newsletter. Thanks for reading, Mike!

MARC MURPHY JOINS HALL OF FAME DURING HOMECOMING 2011

The Alumni Association participated in the Homecoming activities in its traditional way. The float featured the "Rockers" and has become a popular entry in the parade. The pregame ceremonies were once again led by Alumni, making it a unique and special event. The Hall of Fame honoree this year was Marc Murphy.



Top-Hall of Fame honoree Marc Murphy and wife Dustin **Bottom**- Phyllis McCoy, Greta Casto, and George Hendricks were vocalists for the Homecoming pregame **Left**-Alumni "Rockers" on the Homecoming parade float

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA FROM LAST ISSUE

TRIVIA

1. What RHS graduated has participated in the Olympics? *Sean Shumate. 2004 Paralympics in Athens*
2. What RHS graduate has appeared on Sesame Street? *Bill McCutcheon*
3. What "speedy devil" was one of the state's fastest 100-yd dash runners? *"Coach" Mike Jones*

TRIVIA

1. How many boys' basketball wins did Coach Marv Meredith have?
2. Who has the next highest number of RHS boys' basketball wins?
3. What RHS grads are members of their respective college's Hall of Fame?

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REEF TO SPONSOR WIZARDS GAME MARCH 19

The Russell Education Endowment Foundation will have its major fundraising event on March 19 at 6pm as it sponsors the Wizards basketball game. The Wizards will play a game against local school folks called the Endowment Devils for some fun entertainment. The game will be played at Raceland High School due to the damage to the Russell floor. The Foundation provides grants for Russell teachers to provide materials and equipment for specific projects that enhance the educational program. REEF has also started a mail campaign for donations. For more information about contributing to this worthy cause, visit the website at www.russellfoundation.com or link from the Russell Independent Schools website.

MILESTONES

Deaths

Donna Miller 10/27/11
 Edward Hayes ('62) 10/5/11
 Mary L. Clarke Greene 10/30/11
 Thelma Scott Bradley 11/2/11
 Lester Tackett 11/18/11
 Jennifer Litteral Robinette 1/10/12
 Mildred Stanley Rider 9/9/11
 Ruth Willis Pickett 12/9/11
 David Riffe ('85) 10/31/11
 Margaret Fairchild Perry 2/4/12
 Janice Daniels 1/7/12
 Herbert Daniels 1/7/12
 Jack Layne ('68) 1/9/12
 Robb Yancey ('81) 1/9/12
 David Duke ('56) 1/12/12
 Billy Adams ('54) 1/24/12

Ramona Blanton 1/21/12
 Stacie Belcher Rice ('87) 1/21/12
 William "Buckshot" Clark 1/19/12
 Sharon Dennis Brown ('68) 1/27/12
 Charles Chattin 2/6/12
 Jeff Pennington 2/13/12
 Frances Stokes Layne 2/19/12
 Pam Bailey Crittenden 2/22/12

Weddings

Lauren Rice ('05)/ Charles "Matt" Woods ('01) 11/12/11
 Parker Lee ('03)/ Autumn Harper 6/18/11
 Francine Rocco ('81)/David Bayes ('80) 6/18/11
 Megan Ballash ('06)/Matthew Nickels 7/2/11

Retirements

Chief MSgt Norwood Merritt
 Marissa Kouns

Other

Coach Ivan McGlone and his wife Gloria have illnesses. If you would like to send a card:
 73 Twin View Lane
 Huntington, WV 25704

At Russell High School, Tradition Never Graduates

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Diana Gollihue Williams, RN ('73) is a contributor in the recently published 2nd edition of Scope and Standards of Practice Faith Community Nursing

Jon VanHoose ('07), playing for NKU scored 17 points against Marshall

Kelsey Simpson ('08) has started 13 games for NKU, leads the team in blocked shots, and is averaging 4.0 ppg and 2.6 rebounds

Sharon Cogan Whitt published Mead Memorial United Methodist Church, An Old Fashioned Church for a New Fangled World, available at Amazon, <http://dahmonwhittfamily.com>, or 606.836.7997

Sean Horne ('92) RMS Principal graduated from the Leadership Institute for School Principals and named 2012 KSCA Principal of the Year

'72 Regional Champion Boys Basketball Team was honored at halftime of the Russell/

Ashland game on Feb. 17, on the 40th anniversary of the upset of #1 Ashland

Amanda ('02) and **Brianna** ('00) **Wilcox** of Kimber Rising signed a recording contract with Nashville's Save the City Records

Dave Ridenour ('86), popular jazz musician in the Greater Cincinnati area, has a new record soon to be released

Jack Barber (68) inducted into PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame twice

Darrell Adkins ('74) named 2011 16th Region Volleyball Coach of the Year

SENIOR DISCOUNT

Anyone age 65 or older can enjoy a lifetime membership in the alumni association for only \$25

DISTINGUISHED DEVILS

The Grid Devils had another winning season and advanced past the first round of the play-offs. Michael Pennington has signed to play next year with KCU. Justin Davidson has signed to play with the University of Charleston.

Coach Ivan McGlone won his 300th game as RHS coach and 327th overall.

The Boys Soccer Team defeated Ashland for the Regional Championship for the second consecutive year. Chase Bates-Meek was named Honorable Mention All-

State and has signed to play at Berea. Girls soccer had another great season before losing in the regional final. Ashley Huffine was Second Team All-State.

Volleyball was 30-7 and District Champion. Kylie Rice was named First Team All-State. Girls Golf was regional champion, Gabrielle Cassity was medalist. Bobby Thomas was a boys state qualifier.

Kelsey Marshall signed with Lindsey Wilson for swimming.

Dance Team -Regional Champion and eyeing 8th straight national title Mar 23-24 in Fort Worth, TX.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual Election of Officers will be held Wednesday, April 25, at 4:30 at RHS. Anyone interested in being nominated for an office should contact any of the current officers.

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

Several old Revilonian yearbooks from the years '87, '88, '89, and '99 are available through the Alumni for \$10 each. Contact Anna Fosson in the RHS office or Liz Cremeans in the RIS Curriculum office

IN THEIR FOOTPRINTS.....

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRES MARY ROBINSON
 V-P HARRIET JONES
 SEC BILL VALLANCE
 TREAS BETTY VALLANCE
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 NINETTE AMIS, LIZ CREMEANS, CAROLYN FANNIN, ROCKY LANE, PHYLLIS MCCOY, ANNA CHAFFIN, JACK FANNIN
 NON-ALUMNI REP JOHN JONES

The flowers weren't the only things that bloomed at RHS in the spring. Theater talent came alive with the annual play directed by Jim Shope with artistic and musical support from his wife Pat. The plays were all expertly done and gave many a Broadway Devil the opportunity to experience how a project comes to life. The plays were a community experience that were well attended and a source of pride for parents and all involved. Beyond the play, there was

always another storyline. All the students involved developed a sense of family and teamwork that was fostered by Mr. Shope. His sense of weaving humanity into the humanities left a footprint that will not be forgotten by the students and staff.



This feature highlights Russell teachers and staff that have special places in our memories. Short written essays can be submitted by mail or e-mail for this feature. Please consider remembering those special educators from our past.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT—WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Sean Shumate, Class of 1989, has overcome a tragic car accident that left him paralyzed to become one of the nation's premier wheelchair fencers as well as a fencing coach. Sean was one of only five men selected to represent the United States in the 2004 ParaOlympics in Greece. He currently is a fencing coach in Louisville. In 2010 Sean was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans, an annual

Junior chamber project that honors ten Americans that exemplify the best attributes of the nation's young people. In addition to his fencing success, he was recognized for making major strides in turning around some of the most neglected elderly nursing facilities around the country.



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ONCE A DEVIL, ALWAYS A DEVIL

Annual Meeting with Election of Officers will be held on Wednesday, April 25, at 4:30 at Russell High School. Anyone interested in being nominated for an office should contact any officer.

RIS 2012 IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 10-12	State Governors Cup
Mar 19	REEF-sponsored Wizards game at Raceland gym
Apr 2-6	Spring Break\
May 18	Last Day for Students if no make-up days
May 4-12	Regional Tennis Tournaments
May 7-12	Regional Track Meets
May 17-19	State Track—Louisville
May 17-19	State Tennis—Lexington
May 21-26	District Softball and Baseball
May 28-June 2	Regional Softball and Baseball
June 4-9	State Baseball-Lexington
June 7-9	State Softball—Owensboro
June 25-July 9	KHSAA state dead period

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of '92 will meet on Aug. 31 5:30-7:30pm followed by the Russell/Ironton football game. Contact Erin Slone Pope at 606.834.1337 or 836.4605

Class of '72 will meet July 6 in the RHS Student Union. Contact Linda Wyant at 606.836.6569