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RUSSELL ALUMNI NAMED TO LEADERSHIP ROLES OF RUSSELL SCHOOLS

When Sean Horne, Class of '92, was named the new Superintendent of Russell Schools, the ripple effect has Russell alumni leading the way. Filling the Middle School principal vacancy is Shawn Moore ('91) who was previously a counselor at the high school. Moving from Academic Dean to Assistant Principal at RMS is Stacy Mills Thompson ('95). Anna Campbell Chaffin ('84) has assumed the principal's position at RHS after serving as assistant principal. With Allan Thompson ('77) as assistant principal at RHS and Heather Tackett Aldrich ('88) principal at Russell McDowell and Judy Justice Ledford ('59) as Board Chair, these leaders of the pack are well versed in the Red Devil way.



CLASSES DONATE

Graduating classes are remembering RHS. The Class of 1963 presented a check for \$2000 for new benches at the high school. The Class of 1952 honored deceased classmates Willie Blevins and David Perry by donating to the Alumni Association. Thank you for giving back.

SUPPORT RUSSELL EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Russell Education Endowment Fund continues to support Russell schools with its fundraising activities and annual giving campaign. Please consider helping our schools by contributing to this organization. Donations may be made through the schools or visit the website for more information. Save the Date for the Signature Event—a Mardi Gras party on March 1 at the Ashland Transportation Center (Old Train Station).

CLAY AND SKAGGS NAMED 2013 OUTSTANDING SENIORS



Haley Clay and Kyle Skaggs were honored at this year's graduation ceremonies as the 2013 Outstanding Seniors. Haley, daughter of Robin ('79) and Tom Clay, excels in vocal music while Kyle, son of Steve and Edie Skaggs, is

known for his athletic accomplishments. Also nominated were: Emily Hanson, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Hanson; Emily Stump, daughter of Susan and Don Stump; Lance Evans, son of Lee and Catherine Evans; and Jacob Porter, son of Amy ('86) and Jeff ('85) Porter.

ROCKY LANE, MIKE WILSON, AND JUDGE LYONS ARE THE 2013 HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Two alumni and one community icon will be honored with induction into the Russell High School Hall of Fame during halftime of the Homecoming game on October 4. William "Rocky" Lane, Class of '69, who has been the voice of Red Devil football and basketball games until this year and Mike Wilson, ('76) Greenup County attorney will be recognized along with Hon. James W. Lyon, Sr, retired District and Circuit

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA FROM LAST ISSUE

TRIVIA

1. In what year did RHS win regional tournaments in basketball, baseball, and track? 1972
2. What is the history of the Russell Red Devil banner that hangs in the rafters over the seats in the gymnasium? The parents of RHS girls basketball player Patty Nelson provided the banner and left it after she graduated in 1994
3. Whose record did Kyle Skaggs surpass as RHS leading basketball scorer? Regina Carroll

TRIVIA

1. What RIS staff member played in the first girls district basketball tournament?
2. Who was the first volleyball coach?
3. How many female principals has RHS had?

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MILESTONES

Deaths

Carol Roy Allen ('66) 2/22/13

Richard Kazee ('70) 2/27/13

Ronald "Joe" DeBord 2/25/13

Clyde Blevins ('52) 3/22/13

Freda Ratliff Keeney 3/22/13

Faye Anderson Barker 3/20/13

Edward "Ned" Seaton ('82)
3/13/13

Jack Clay ('66) 4/8/13

Elizabeth Castle Little 4/8/13

Reba Hicks Callihan ('53)
4/18/13

Nancy Beth Bradford 4/28/13

Glenna Cremeans Hensley
5/15/13

Charles Powell Jr ('50) 5/16/13

Ana "Louise" Hatfield Napier

6/12/13

Mark Corbin 6/12/13

Robert Palmer ('89) 6/12/13

Marvin Meredith (7/2/13)

Rebecca Taylor ('79) 7/27/13

Clair Jones Schweitzer 7/15/13

Erin Grant 7/16/13

Shonda McCarty Kearns 7/22/13

Velma Lewis Lane ('42) 7/24/13

William Haines ('58) 7/26/13

Betty McKenzie Lynch 8/2/13

Nora Thompson See 8/4/13

David Perry ('52) 8/7/13

Peggy Withrow 8/28/13

Betty Lou Thomas Varnado ('43)
8/26/13

Jeremy Carlisle ('00) 9/5/13

Gary England ('72) 9/12/13

Ruth Fields ('90) 9/12/13

Weddings

Mike Ridenour ('85)/Priscilla
Thompson 6/8/13

Joey Carol Brown ('04) /Jonathan
Maurice 6/15/13

Michael Gabbard ('03)/Ashley
McCarty 6/1/13

TJ Martin ('00)/Amber McCleese
6/13/13

Mason Darby ('07)/Kristen Hol-
denbaum 6/22/13

Jessica Cremeans/Lucus Darnell
9/7/13

Other

60th Anniversary -Marvin and
Lenore Meredith 11/21/12

50th Anniversary-Linda Meadows
('59) and Mickey Fosson ('59)
6/9/13

Retired- Ramona Lane

Births -Jason and Jill Kendricks
Banks—girl Ellie 2/25/13

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Marty Conley ('92) had picture of Big Sandy Arena published in Billboard Magazine

Kendra Fannin Holmes ('91) coached Ky state champion All Star Softball team recognized by KY General Assembly

Matt Haughton ('96) new book of poetry available on Amazon.com

Kelsey Simpson ('09) named NKU Outstanding Student in Sports Business, also a four year member of girls basketball team'

Julie Reeves ('93) hosting radio show on 93.7FM 6-9am Monday-Friday

Emily Adams (8th Grade) artwork selected for KY Horse Park bookmark

Michael Gabbard ('03) graduated from Pikeville College of Osteopathy with Dr of Osteopathy degree and residency at Grandview Medical Center in Dayton

Kay Johnson Thompson ('58) named Gussler Family endowed Chair in Science and Mathematics at ACTC graduation ceremony on May 11

Dwayne Yates ('09) won \$100,000 on TNT Survival show

Patti Wilson Lane ('76), **Ross Lane** ('13), and **Ross Turner** competed in Ironman Triathlon

Sarah Diamond Burroway ('82) ACTC Director of Grants and Contracts received KCTCS Award of Excellence and has received ACTC Meritorious Service and Staff Excellence awards

Jennifer Smith ('72) won the women's division and qualified for the International Crossfit Games in California in July (ranked 10th in world)

Ger Sasser is ranked 25th in the world of Fitness on Earth in Crossfit Regionals (also ranked 10th)

Jane Hanner Allen now in Nashville has been recognized for leadership in founding Counsel on Call which was chosen by WalMart to be one face of its global campaign to empower women

Jim Cantrell ('70) and **Lynn Ferne Couchot** ('83) received Cornerstone Awards for outstanding service to Safe Harbor

DARE TO BE GOOD DEVILS

Basketball was good at RHS the past season as the boys and girls were district champions. Hope Parsley joined the 1000 point club and Kyle Skaggs broke the career scoring record. Named to the regional All-Tournament teams were Arden Gross, Shelby Huddleston, Ross Lane, and Kyle Skaggs who was area Player of the Year. The girls tennis team was regional champion and the doubles team of Maci Ferguson and Kierstin Hensley made it to the semi-finals of the state tournament while earning all-state honors. The first year Archery team was regional champion. The softball team was district champ and regional runner-up. The Dance Team won its ninth national title. The middle school won its ninth state Science Olympiad title going on to finish 34th in the international meet with a first place in Mousetrap Vehicles. The Academic Teams for both schools earned impressive third place finishes in the State Governors Cup. The Quick Recall Team was fourth in the NMQT National Quiz Bowl Tournament. Morgan Casto was selected for the Governors School for the Arts and the area's Distinguished Young Woman. At the National Beta Convention, Haley Clay was second in Talent and Sarah Pennington was third in Creative Writing. Wow...any day is a good day to be a Devil.



Representing the first five generations of RHS graduates, the Vallance family are pictured above: William H. ('46), William A. ('67), Scott ('90), and Laekin ('13). This line of Devils began with Margaret Williams Vallance who was a member of the first graduating class in 1918.

At Russell High School, Tradition Never Graduates

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

IN THEIR FOOTPRINTS.....

The local communities and beyond are more capable of speaking and writing correct English as well as correctly doing everyday math calculations due to the influence of Ninette Amis. Although officially retired from teaching, she is working on her fourth generation of Russell students to give them mastery of the basic skills they will need. An honor graduate herself from RHS in 1951, she taught for 38 years before retiring in 1993. Since then she has been very active in tutoring, the Alumni

Association, and community activities. She is the face of the ticket office for RHS athletics. It would be staggering to know the percent of the community who had Mrs. Amis in class or other activities. If you are one of those, raise your hand to salute one of our best, most influential teachers.



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

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

The Rev. Ed Nemeth was recently named vice-president for faith foundation at St. Pius High School in Festus, Missouri. The 2000 RHS graduate was ordained a priest in 2008 after earning a degree in philosophy from St. Louis University in 2004. Rev. Nemeth always distinguished himself as a caring, nurturing leader during his time at RHS and was named the Outstanding Senior, the first year the

award was given. Before his appointment he served as teacher, coach, and activities sponsor as well as Dean of Student Affairs at the school. He has also served three area parishes. Fr. Nemeth has always provided service and leadership, both in his current position and while a student at RHS.



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ONCE A DEVIL, ALWAYS A DEVIL

Homecoming is Oct. 4. Alumni are pleased to participate in the parade on Thursday, Oct. 3, and the pregame ceremonies on Friday. Join us in honoring the newest members of the RHS Hall of Fame at halftime of the game.

**RIS 2013-14 IMPORTANT
DATES**

Sept 2 No School-Labor Day
Oct 10 First Grading Period Ends
Oct 11,14 Fall Break
Oct 18 First Grading Period Report Cards
Oct 23 Early Release Day
Nov 27 No School-Professional Day
Nov 28-29 No School-Thanksgiving
Dec 4 Early Release Day
Dec 19 Second Grading Period Ends
Dec 20 No School-Professional Day
Dec 23-Jan 3 Christmas Holiday
Jan 6 Classes Resume
Jan 10 Second Grading Period Report Cards
Jan 20 No School-MLK Jr Day

FIFTH ANNUAL RUSSELL PALOOZA will be held Oct. 4 beginning at 5:30pm in the RHS parking lot as a reunion for the classes of the 60's and 70's and all teachers. Other events include a motorcycle ride, golf tournament, and dinner on Sat, Oct. 5. For more information, contact Lisa Crooks Bryant at thebryantfamily@aol.com

Mar 14 Third Grading Period Ends
Mar 21 Third Grading Period Report Cards
Mar 26 Early Release Day
Mar 31-Apr 4 Spring Break
May 1 Early Release Day
May 19 No School-Professional Day
May 20 No School-Election Day
May 22 Last Day for Students
May 23 closing Day for Teachers
May 24-June 19 Scheduled Make-Up Days (All Missed Days will be made up)