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CAROLINE CLAY AND LUKE LEWIS NAMED OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The Alumni Association continues its sponsorship of the Outstanding Senior Awards. Selected by the RHS faculty, this year's recipients were Caroline Clay and Luke Lewis. Caroline, daughter of Robin ('79) and Tom Clay, was known for her friendliness and character that combined talent, personality, and creativity. Luke, the son of Russ and Cindy Lewis, found time among his many leadership and mentoring activities to lead the RHS Academic Team to another state championship. Also nominated were Savannah Tate, daughter of Gene and Janet Tate; Sarah Velasquez, daughter of Percy and Tamara Velasquez; Trenton Fyffe, son of Randy and Gina Fyffe; and Brad Danner, son of Ralph and Brenda Danner. All the nominees well represent the spirit of Russell graduates, displaying excellence in character, academic achievement, leadership, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, and good citizenship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL, FIELD HOUSE RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

The current landscape in the middle school area has a very different look as construction for major improvements to the middle school and field house are under way. If visiting the campus, be advised that traffic patterns have changed and parking is limited.



HALL OF FAME HONORS MARC MURPHY, CLASS OF '77

The Homecoming tradition of inducting the newest members of the RHS Hall of Fame will continue on September 30 as Marc Murphy will receive that honor at the beginning of halftime of the football game. Marc is currently an attorney in Louisville and very active in the community. He also has a unique second profession as he is an editorial cartoonist for the Courier Journal. Marc will be the Grand Marshall at the Homecoming parade on Thursday night and will be in attendance at the spaghetti dinner in the RHS cafeteria prior to the Homecoming game for those who would like to offer congratulations.

Alumni will continue its participation in Homecoming by having a float in the parade and performing the pre-game ceremonies. Greta Casto, George Hendricks, and Phyllis McCoy will be singing the pre-game anthems and John Lynd will deliver the meditation with Rocky Lane the PA Announcer.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA FROM LAST ISSUE

1. Who was the first girls tennis coach? *Maxine Hale and JoAnn Simpson as faculty advisor*
2. What was the name of the televised academic team contest that RHS competed in the early 70's? *WOWK Hi-Q*
3. What Alumni Association officer's mother was a member of the girls basketball team in 1924? *Phyllis Phelps McCoy*

TRIVIA

1. What RHS graduated has participated in the Olympics?
2. What RHS graduate has appeared on Sesame Street?
3. What "speedy devil" was one of the state's fastest 100-yd dash runners?

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MILESTONES

Deaths

Howard Bailey 5/9/11

Opal Frasure Williams ('39)
5/15/11

William Ray Duerk ('41) 5/25/11

Mack Clark Callihan 5/27/11

Jennifer Garda ('69) 6/21/11

Carol Clark Whitt 6/11/11

Janet Bailey Marshall 6/19/11

James Paul Donehoo 6/24/11

Lisa Carter-Wright ('81) 7/2/11

Roy Burgess 7/4/11

Charles "Charlie Bill" Adkins
7/6/11

Joyce Carman Riggs 7/6/11

Phyllis Williams Meadows
7/12/11

Julie Johnson 7/9/11

Howard Douglas 7/16/11

Harold Vanderhoof 7/19/11

Rodney Salyers ('84) 8/6/11

Ralph Gary Brown ('60) 8/6/11

Jeremiah Nunley ('05) 8/8/11

Helm Roberts ('49) 8/26/11

Robert Cline ('70) 8/19/11

Eugene Huddleston ('49)
4/28/11

Juanita May 6/16/11

Carolyn Yates 6/10/11

Bonnie May Gibson ('64) 6/6/11

Weddings

Whitney Gayheart ('09)/Nathan
Corder, Fall, 2011

Samantha Parsons/Aaron
Buckler 9/3/11

Samuel Oliver ('02)/Sarah Mul-
lins 9/10/11

Natalie Dial ('02)/Andrew
Heighton 5/14/11

Erin Simpson ('97)/Craig
Hosking 5/18/11

Kelly Higgins ('04)/George
Allgeier 11/11/11

Other

Lafe and Betty Jo Walter,
60th Anniversary 7/2/11

Retirements

Jean Kersey

William Hamilton

Linda Thompson

Kay Cassity

Regina Abdon

**At Russell High
School, Tradition
Never Graduates**

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chinwe Okoro ('07) earned NCAA All-American honors in the shot put and title in Nigeria which may qualify her to represent Nigeria in the 2012 Olympics

Scott Gill ('07) NAIA All-American at Taylor University for the 3rd time as he placed 4th nationally in the high jump

Aaron Fain ('03) graduated medical school

Mason Darby ('07) graduated from ECU and currently employed with Arlington Golf Course in Richmond

Sidney Darby ('10) is member of ECU Dance Team that will perform at all home football and basketball games and competing in the UDA National Dance Championships at Disneyworld in June, 2012

(Mason and Sydney's parents, Randy ('78) and Lisa are proud and express satisfaction that

Russell schools gave them a great start to success)

Justin Gaines ('07) appeared on the cover of the May Chemical Engineers Journal

Dana Dooley Goodwin ('80) and husband Dr. Michael Goodwin received the 2011 ACTC Distinguished Service Award

Karol Morrison ('02) was the presenter on the "TV Land Awards 2011" and presented Regis Philbin his award for Long Time Talk Show Host 4/15/11

Donna Sue Adkins ('61) Ramey-Estep teacher who was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the KY Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children in June

Nancy Carter Mussetter ('99) U of L graduate in Pediatric Dentistry and practicing with Dr. Glenn Spradlin in Ashland

Jane Wells author of Run, Jane, Run published by New Horizon Press

SPRING DEVILS

Another successful spring sports season was highlighted by the girls tennis team going to the final four state team tournament. The girls won their 11th consecutive regional team title and the sectional championship in the new team format. Kelsey Hensley and Andrea Wise advanced to the quarterfinals in the state meet. Andrea signed to play at Nova Southeastern University and Kelsey at the University of Charleston. The boys team were also regional champions. Named to the All-Area team were Hensley, Wise,

Mallory Powell, Austin Christie, Matthew Eastham, Paul Spradlin, Miles Mussetter, and Evan White. The softball team won another district title while the baseball team was runner-up. All-Area were Molly Baldrige, Arden Gross, Hannah Carter, Brandon Boyd and Kyle Scaggs. Brandon has signed to play at Shawnee State and was Honorable Mention All-State. The track teams performed very well. Grant McKenzie was 3rd at the state meet in the 110 hurdles and area Track Athlete of the Year.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Alumni Association wishes to thank the Class of '52 and the Numia Lee Fouts Scholarship Fund for their generous contributions to the Alumni.

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

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SENIOR DISCOUNT

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

IN THEIR FOOTPRINTS.....

As the country remembered the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, the RHS Air Force Junior ROTC program is in our thoughts as we reflect on the positive contribution the program has made to the school and community. The program's first leaders, Col. John Burgess and Sgt. Larry Vance, instilled pride and integrity from the onset. After the passing of Sgt. Vance, MSGT Norwood Merritt joined the staff and furthered the cause. While Col. Burgess has retired from the post

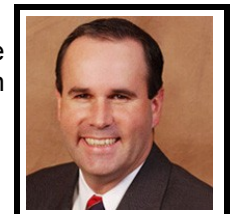
three times, he has always set the tone of confident, professional achievement. He was briefly replaced by Lt. Col Larry Burke and Major Harvey Rice. Col. Terrence Maggard is the current chief officer after Colonel's last retirement, currently leading the troops with Chief Merritt. The thread woven by all these fine gentlemen has been love of country and respect for citizenship. Through their cadets, they have made an immeasurable impact on the community with values we all cherish. To the men of AFJROTC, we salute you

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

Marc Murphy, Class of 1977, is currently a highly respected trial attorney in Louisville. His journey to being one of the state's best began at RHS, graduating with honors and distinguishing himself as a leader and outstanding tennis player. He then graduated cum laude from Notre Dame in 1981 Phi Beta Kappa. The next step was J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1984 where he was the Law Review Editor. As a US Army Captain from 1984-88, he served on the Judge Advocate staff in Germany, El Salvador, and Panama, earning the Meritorious Service Medal. 1995, he was appointed by the Gov-

ernor to serve as Jefferson Co/Louisville Commonwealth Attorney and has been a felony prosecutor and Judge Pro-Tem in Indiana. He is listed in several publications as one of the best lawyers in Kentucky and the nation. He is an advocate of underprivileged youth and is a volunteer head basketball coach at Nativity Academy. His talent and diversity are further displayed as featured editorial cartoonist for the Louisville Courier Journal. Marc is married to Dustin Meek, an outstanding tennis player from Ashland, and has three sons.



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ONCE A DEVIL, ALWAYS A DEVIL

RIS 2011 IMPORTANT DATES

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| 9/26, 27 Regional Golf Tournaments | 11/8 Election Day, No School |
| 10/3-5 Boys State Golf at Bowling Green | 11/11 Veteran's Day Program |
| 10/6-8 Girls State Golf at Bowling Green | 11/11 Football Playoffs |
| 10/7-10 Fall Break | 11/12 State Cross Country Meet |
| 10/15 RHS Band Festival | 11/18 Football Playoffs |
| 10/10-15 District Soccer, Volleyball Tournaments | 11/19 Band Arts and Crafts Show |
| 10/17-22 Regional Soccer, Volleyball Tourn. | 11/25 Football Playoffs |
| 10/22 Kiwanis Bowl | 12/2-3 State Football Finals |
| 10/24-27 Soccer | |
| 10/28-29 State Volleyball at Bellarmine | |
| 11/2-3 Soccer Sectionals | |
| 11/4 Football Playoffs | |
| 11/5 Regional Cross Country Meet at Boyd Co,
State Soccer Finals | |