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CLASS OF '92 HOLDS 20TH REUNION



Class of 1992 celebrates the 20th reunion at Bellefonte CC

SUPPORT EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Russell Education Endowment Fund continues to support Russell schools with its fundraising activities. A Mardi Gras type gala party was held February 23 and the annual giving campaign is ongoing. If you have received a letter seeking your support, please consider contributing. If you have not received a letter, donations may be made through the schools or visit the website for more information.



Top. Alumni float at the Homecoming Parade.

Right. Alumni Phyllis McCoy, John Lynd, and Greta Casto performed the Homecoming Pre-Game



TIM HANNER NEWEST HALL OF FAME MEMBER

Almost four months later, the Russell High School community was able to bestow the Hall of Fame honor on Tim Hanner at halftime of the RHS/Rowan County basketball game. Ill health had prevented Tim from attending the Homecoming ceremony, but he was able to join us in January to receive his honor. Tim, a 1978 graduate, retired as superintendent of Kenton County schools after a highly distinguished career in Kentucky public education. Tim has received many professional and civic and was the deputy education commissioner for the state of Ken-



Tim Hanner accepts Hall of Fame award from Board President Judy Ledford and RHS Principal Allan Thompson.

FIRST FIFTH GENERATION RHS GRADUATE IN CLASS OF 2013

When Laekin Vallance receives her diploma at this year's graduation, it will be the fifth generation of her family that have done so. Her great grandfather, William H. Vallance was a member of the 1946 graduating class, and her grandfather, William A., graduated in 1967 (her grandmother Betty was also a '67 graduate). Their children, Scott ('90) and Michelle ('93) are alumni. Laekin is Scott's daughter. All this began with Margaret Williams Vallance, who was a member of the first RHS graduating class in 1918. Congratulations to the Vallance family on this unique achievement.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA FROM LAST ISSUE

TRIVIA

1. How many boys' basketball wins did Coach Marv Meredith have? 677
2. Who has the next highest number of RHS boys' basketball wins? *Lloyd Patterson, 131*
3. What RHS grads are members of their respective college's Hall of Fame? *Julie Ditty (Vandy), Sandra Helton (UK), Frances Miller (Morehead)...if there are others please let us know.*

TRIVIA

1. In what year did RHS win regional tournaments in basketball, baseball, and track?
2. What is the history of the Russell Red Devil banner that hangs in the rafters over the seats in the gymnasium?
3. Whose record did Kyle Skaggs surpass as RHS leading basketball scorer?

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MILESTONES

Deaths

Claude Adkins ('68) 9/3/12
 DC Chambers 8/26/12
 Patricia Duncan Sammons ('62) 8/23/12
 Barbara Barndollar McIntyre ('53) 8/21/12
 Jane Brown ('35)
 Donald Hamm ('57)
 Robert Heaberlin ('74)
 Tony Bailey ('74) 9/10/12
 James H. Melvin ('36) 10/2/12
 Leslie Alan Carver ('86) 10/7/12
 Faye Boggs McKenzie 10/18/12
 Charles Sloas 10/28/12
 John Gilpin Jr ('47) 10/31/12
 Maxine Rice Cox 11/12/12
 Jesse Allen Clarke 11/14/12
 Dr. David Wheeler ('77) 11/26/12

Judy Ann Duty-Scott 11/29/12
 Brice Thornberry 11/19/12
 Steve Matthew Smith ('82) 11/23/12
 Frank Bloom 11/24/12
 Lisa Ann Holmes Conley 12/27/12
 George Hendricks ('35) 11/7/12
 Emily Clark 1/6/13
 Betty Walker Vallance (former cook) 1/9/13
 Juanita Brown Compton (Dr. Compton's mother) 1/24/13
 Kenneth H. Douglas ('70) 1/28/13
 Mary Nolan Spears ('60) 2/9/13
 Billy Joe Callihan ('54) 2/9/13
Weddings
 Ashley Henry ('09)/Micah Bowling ('08) engaged
 Dustin Thacker ('06)/Heather Sanders 10/27/12
 Matt Pridemore ('08)/Whitli Conley 12/12/12
 Lauren Stuart ('10)/Juan Quiros 6/22/13

Other

Nick and Ashley Sinnett Lewis have a baby boy, Isaac Nicholas
 Alyson Sparks has a baby girl, Lainey Grace
 Stacy (Hatcher) and Jason Doss have a baby boy Caleb 10/17/12
 Tonia Johnson ('95) baby girl Nora 10/17/12
 Scott and Allison Frasure had a baby boy Michael Scott 7/8/12

Note: *Billy Joe Callihan was the last of the original founders of the JFL and George Hendricks was our oldest alumni and special Homecoming participant.*

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

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Alan Rush ('96) had a role as an extra in the TV show *Nashville*

Willis Potter, who spent 50 years on Greenup Health Board was honored with naming of new Greenup Health Education Center for him

Patty Wilson Lane ('76) and son **Ross** ('13) competed in Half Ironman Triathlon in South Carolina. Ross won his age group

Jaclyn Philips ('96) named Assistant District Attorney

Chinwe Okoro ('07) named 2012 KY-USATF Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year. She earned All-American honors in 2011 and won Nigeria shot put title, nearly representing Nigeria in 2012 Olympics

Nate McPeck ('00) led Fairview football team to state Class A championship game

Coaches at other schools included **Jeff Frasure** ('95) (Boyd County) and **T.J. Maynard** ('88) (Raceland).

Lyndsey Thacker ('05) led Greenup county to the District Volleyball Championship

Beth Gardner Patrick ('79) named CFO for Morehead State University

Tracy Edwards ('76) was named outstanding regional tennis coach and a finalist for the national tennis coach of the year

Ivan McGlone also a finalist for national football coach of the year

Katie Horton ('03) departed for South Africa on Jan. 23 to serve in the Peace Corps



Class of '92 Football Players reconnect with Coach McGlone

DEVIL “DO-GOODS”

Boys Golf was runner-up in the region as Bobby Thomas finished second.. He was joined on the all-Area team by Johnny McGuire and Sam McGuire, who has signed to play golf at University of Pikeville.

Ashley Huffine, who has signed to play for Morehead State, was named 1st team All-State for Soccer with Heather Hencye named Honorable Mention. Both played in East/West All-Star Games. Joining them on the All-Area Team were Taylor Hall, Patrick Soucy, and Joey Fischer.

Boys Cross Country won the regional meet and finished 11th in the state meet. All Area were Jacob Heyerly (Runner of the Year), Ross Lane, Josh Riley, Chris Cooper, Seth Adkins and, for the girls, Peyton Cantrell. Crystal and Chuck Cantrell were Area Coaches of the Year.

The Volleyball team was Regional champion and advanced to state. Darrell Adkins was area coach of the

year and Arden Gross, Madison Cole, and Sidney Watkins earned All-Area.

The Freshman football team won the Kiwanis Bowl 41-16. Football All-Area members were Googie Hayes, Tyler Bevis, Patrick Soucy, Jacob Adkins, Gage Stevens, and Troy Huffine.

The Dance Team won the 2013 regional tournament and goes for another national title.

The boys’ basketball team has had an outstanding season, winning the All A Regional Tournament and the first round game in the State Tournament. Kyle Scaggs has become RHS all-time leading scorer with over 2500 points. Both boys and girls teams advanced to the regional tournament. Arden Gross reached the 1000 career point mark for the girls team

The Academic Teams continue to dominate the area as both Middle School and High School teams won District and Regional Tournaments. The State Governors Cup competition is in Louisville March.

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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.....

One of the most important positions in any organization, especially in athletics, is the assistant. Russell High School was the beneficiary of one of the finest assistant coaches, Grady Walter.

Even though he preceded him at RHS, Grady is probably best known as legendary coach Ivan McGlone’s football coaching partner—like the Lone Ranger and Tonto—but he also contributed in other sports as well. Like



many assistant coaches, he had more than one position. He was an assistant basketball coach for many years and his 1990 golf team finished 2nd in the region and 10th in the state. A man for all seasons,

Grady was one of the most liked teachers and coaches at RHS, noted for his easy smile and quick wit. So here’s to Grady Walter and all the other assistant coaches who have so ably served RHS and our teams and students!

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

A 1990 RHS graduate, Galen Combs was best known for his comedy. His witty impersonations, especially of faculty members like Coach McGlone and Jerry Blanchard, brought a smile and laugh to everyone, including the targets of his good-natured comedy. After graduation Galen attended Berea College and earned a BA degree in elementary education in 1993 and a MA from Cumberland College in 2000. His teaching career was at Red Bird Mission School from 1995-2003. He pursued pastoral minis-

try and in 2004 he became the pastor of the Barren Ridge Church of the Brethren in Staunton, VA. By his own description, because of his own gifting he is drawn to children’s ministry. Galen’s gifts were evident as a student at RHS, when his ability to entertain and connect with an audience without offense was a highlight of the school experience and not easily forgotten by his classmates.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The Annual Election of Officers will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 4:30 at RHS. Anyone interested in being nominated for an office should contact any of the current officers.

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ONCE A DEVIL, ALWAYS A DEVIL

RIS 2013 IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 6-10 Boys State Basketball Tournament
Rupp Arena, Lexington

Mar 13-16 Girls State Basketball Tournament
WKU, Bowling Green

Mar 22-23 RHS play "On the Verge" 7pm

Apr 1-5 Spring Break

Apr 13 KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet (Julie Ditty)

Apr 25-27 State Bass Fishing Tournament

May 3 RHS Prom 8pm

May 3-10 Regional Tennis Tournaments

May 6-11 Regional Track Meets

May 11 Sectional Tennis Meets

May 16-18 State Tennis Meets (Lexington)

May 17-18 State Track Meets (Louisville)

May 20-25 District Softball and Baseball Tournaments

May 27-Jun 1 Regional Softball and Baseball Tournaments

Jun 3-8 State Baseball Tournament Lexington

Jun 6-8 State Softball tournaments Owensboro

June 25-July 9 KHSAA Dead Period