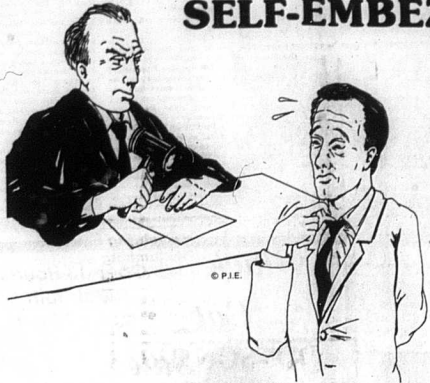


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SCHOOL

Day faces big challenge with annual project

By Heather Mathes
The annually produced yearbook at Nicholas County Elementary School is an attestation to hard work and a great deal of personal effort. Brenda Day, assistant librarian at NCEC, has been producing an annual for ten years.

Each year, Day starts very early to insure the annual is gotten to the printers by dead line. "I start about August right before school begins and attend just about every activity which includes sporting events such as football, basketball and track and other events like plays, student council and club meetings. "I must have the annual completed before January 1 because the printers want to have it so they can get it back before the school year is out," Day has had a background in journalism and enjoyed it

immensely. "I took journalism and lay-out in high school" and took a lot from that which helps in my work now," she said. In compiling information for the annual, Day has found help that not only aids her but teachers who need extra material as well. Through the years I have purchased several graphic books and a collection of clip art which makes my job easier because I do not have to draw all my graphics. Teachers also use the graphic books to plan bulletin boards or visual aids for classroom use," Day said.

School pictures for the annual are taken from black and white proofs provided when school pictures are taken each year. This year has held some surprises for Day. "This is the first year I have designed my own cover which included some of my own drawings," she said. The annual, sporting a royal blue cover, complete with the Bluejacket bee and

block letters among other graphics is sold out for this year. "I find this ongoing and year long project an outlet for my creativity and it is fun," she said.

According to Day, the job is made easier by the people she works with. "Mr. Hammans (principal at NCEC) has really given me full reign never telling me what I can or cannot do and makes my job easier overall," she said.

The only problem with the annual seems to be the retaking of pictures. "I try to make sure we get a picture of every child because I do not like to put pictures not available in a space where a child should be and retakes make that job even harder be-

cause I have to be absolutely sure we have at least one picture of every one," she said. Day has worked for the school system for a total of 16 years with various other diverse jobs in cooperation with the library.

We have audio visual equipment and I tape around 5,000 collections a year, do inventory on those and books, typing and filing, process books and order new materials each year," Day said. She concluded, "This is a great job because I get to use my creativity, interact with many children and work with many people."



Brenda Day, assistant librarian at NCEC, tackles the job of an annual in a year long project. - Heather Mathes Photo

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