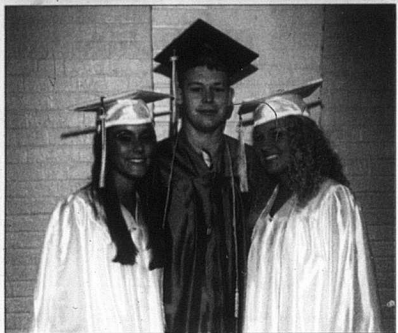


CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2007



Staci Myers - Tyler Duncan - Jordan Lecher

By Tyler Duncan

As I looked for words to express my feelings on the present day for you, my classmates, I decided that I like to think of the present as now, right this moment, not yesterday, not even next month, but today and only today, in this present time.

Now is the extent of you as of the current time of where we are in life. It is the time that we are going through right this minute, so the 2007 graduating class of Nicholas County High School.

It is up to us to go on and move forward from this point to make our lives the best that we possibly can. It is what we do today that determines where we will be tomorrow and the direction of our path in life.

No matter how good things are in your life, there will always be situations that need to be worked on, and no matter how bad things are, there is always something good that you can be thankful for and that is God.

I am thankful for God because he is always there who I need when I need him, and that he loves me so much!

A very special group that we should all be thankful for is our families because they are who we look to when we need anything; they are our comfort and our support through it all, and for that we all should thank them. They are the ones that have strived for us to be the best all around individual.

Now sure our families will always be there for us when we need them, but when it is all said and done, it is time for us to become a part of the so called, "real world."

The present also involves our teachers and the administration which have got us to this point in our path in life. Over the past 13 years, they are the ones who have pushed us to be the best that we can be, and we should also thank them for that.

Now I know at times, you can get frustrated with them but, they are doing it for our own good, to reach our highest potential.

We are here tonight to celebrate our great accomplishments as high school students. Tonight is the beginning of a new phase in our lives as young men and women as we grow into responsible, mature adults, and also an ending to a rough phase of our lives, adapting as teenagers. Now, I challenge you, the Nicholas County High School Class of 2007 to live life to the fullest, to make the present day a present, and to lead yourself in a direction, that you can be proud of in life.



Thank You!

Valedictorian Speeches

By Jordan Lecher

Mr. Reid, board members, faculty, special guests, family, friends and most importantly, classmates, it is an honor and a privilege to speak to you this evening.

I come before you presenting our past, Tyler - present and Staci - Future. Take a moment to contemplate this statement adapted from Mary Webb:

Think about your past; let's do a brief survey: - It all started with you birth - you were so precious! You were completely dependent on your parents and perhaps others for sustenance. You were the apple of your mother's eye.

You graduated into your toddler year, learning to crawl, then to walk. Although still wholly dependent, you had developed quite the personality, some may have characterized you as being headstrong - obstinate.

Shortly thereafter, many of us first met in preschool, then kindergarten. We then graduated kindergarten. Our families beamed with pride.

Before we turned around, we were nervously climbing the stairs to the fifth grade. We played sports together; had birthday parties, sleepovers, boyfriends, girlfriends, first kisses. Together, we saw the Twin Towers fall and the rise of the War on Terrorism.

Then came our first day of high school. We stayed close together, finding comfort in each other. From there, we have shared our sorrows, seeking consolation and our joys seeking approval.

Living our past has molded us into the people we are today. With the guidance of our family, teachers and other special people who have touched our lives, we have developed our own character, goals and a definition of success.

On that note, if you are a parent or substitute parent of a graduating senior of NCHS, please stand and remain standing.

If you are a grandparent or substitute grandparent of a senior please stand. Class, please join me in honoring our families who have been such a vital and loving part of our past. I spoke a moment ago about success. A short poem by Emerson stands the definition that I have adopted:

What is Success? To laugh and often much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition.

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded. In the past, we have been faced with many choices. In making those choices, we have, on occasion, made mistakes. Thus, the past can prove to be a valuable tool - learn from the past! Not only from your mistakes, but also from the experiences of others. As each second ticks away, the past, present and future merge.

Take the past with you, but don't dwell on the negative, for an unknown author once wisely stated, no matter what your past has been, you have a spotless future!

Somewhere in the past, present and future, you will find your own season for Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 tells us: "...everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to weep, and a time to laugh... a time to mourn, and a time to dance... a time for war, and a time for peace. Thank you for being such a special part of this season of my life. I hope your past has brought you love, happiness, education and peace that you may take with you into the present and future.

As I close this evening, I leave each of you with this challenge: No matter what life's goals may be, pursue them vigorously and as each second ticks into the past, follow the example of Lord Alfred Tennyson who, in his poem Ulysses, spoke: "That which we are, we are; one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will; to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. Congratulations Class of 2007! Thank you.

By Staci Myers The future lies before you, like paths of pure white snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every step will show. Merriam Webster defines the future as a time that is to come. However I feel the future is what you make it be. Everyone's future is different but I hope you make it the best and show what you can be.

We have had some great times together, as a class and as friends. However times are as we know it now are coming to an end. Our high school careers are over and it is time to look ahead to the future and pick your first path. The path you choose will be different from the person sitting beside you.

However, I have confidence that each one of us will choose the path that suits us the best. Whether it's going to college or starting a career in the work field. How we act and what we do will effect future generations. Your actions will affect your kids just as your parent's actions have affected you. Set good examples and hold your head high even at your lowest points in life. We are all strong individuals and can make it through anything. You have proven your strength by making it this far.

I would like to take a moment to thank my parents, family, and my friends for always pushing me to do my best and always being there for me. Also I would like to thank all of the staff and administration here at Nicholas County High School, if it weren't for you we would not be sitting before you today as graduates.

Again thanks for all you have done. To the graduating class of 2007 good luck and prosper in all you decide to do. I would like to close my speech with a poem titled Always Remember to Forget:

Always remember to forget - The things that made you sad But never forget to remember - The things that made you glad Always remember to forget - The friends that proved untrue But don't forget to remember - Those that have stuck by you Always remember to forget - The troubles that have passed away But never forget to remember - The blessings that come each day. Thank you.

Photos By Walker Mattox

GENERAL NEWS

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"I could tell from the evidence that one of the individuals was shocked pretty badly," Sheriff Garrett said of his ongoing investigation. Employees of EKP contacted Garrett on May 25 regarding evidence they had

discovered of a recent break-in.

A new electrical substation has been built across the road from the old substation, according to Garrett, and he believes that thieves were attempting to remove some of the valuable copper items from the older substation when one of the

thieves was electrocuted.

"They must have thought all the power had been turned off," Garrett said. "I could tell from the burn marks where one of them was standing when he was shocked. We recovered good physical evidence from the crime scene and were able to acquire some very good sets

of fingerprints from items left at the scene."

Garrett said from his analysis of the crime scene, two individuals cut through a security fence and gained access to the facility. One of the two was attempting to disconnect a service line when he apparently received a severe shock.

"I found the tools, a pack of cigarettes and some of his clothing right there, along with other items," Garrett said. "I found tracks leading to the hole cut in the fence where it looked like one man had dragged another back through the fence after the shock."

Garrett said he and Buckler had questioned several individuals about the incident and he said his primary suspect remains hospitalized.

"We haven't had any arrests yet," Garrett said. "But

we are confident we know who committed the crime."

Garrett explained that he would be patient when concluding his investigation before making an arrest.

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OBITUARIES

Rella Elizabeth Burton 1917-2007

Rella Elizabeth Burton, age 89, Mt. Olivet, died Mon., May 28, 2007, at Meadowview Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Robertson County, Nov. 5, 1917, to the late Jesse and Otie Wallace White. She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Baptist Church in Robertson County.

Survivors include two sons, Jesse Gladys Burton, Bracken County and Ronnie "Pete" Burton, Robertson County; three daughters, Ruth (Frank) Curtis, Germantown, Mary (Vick) Abramson, Bracken County and Gladys (Larry) Abrams, Scott; Carolyn, two sisters, Mattie Jett, Mt. Olivet and Florence Faulkner, Fort Mitchell; 16 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Burton, and her son, Elmer Burton.

Funeral services were conducted Thurs., May 31, 2007 at the Christian Baptist Church by Bro. Roger Conley and Bro. Danny Howard. Burial followed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Baptist Church, Robertson County Funeral

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Susie Snapp 1945-2007

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Survivors include two brothers, Billy Snapp, Carlisle and M.C. Snapp, Lewis County and a sister, Dorothy Botham, Mayville.

Services were conducted Tues., June 5, 2007 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Joe Carrico. Burial followed in Barterville Cemetery.

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