

Steve's Report

Still Not From Around Here



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By Steve Scalf

Cindy and I are legal residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We live in Kentucky, we own property in Kentucky, we have Kentucky driver's licenses and pay Kentucky state taxes. But every so often, something happens that reminds us (and everyone else) that we're still not "from around here."

I think Nicholas County has a secret club with a secret language, and you're not really "from around here" until you learn all the right words. But of course, because Nicholas Countians are so friendly, they will let you in on one or two of these expressions every month or so. That means after about 20 years, we will have eventually learned all the local phrases and will finally be "from around here."

We hadn't been here

laughed and pointed at my head, "No, THAT is a toboggan." I was baffled. It might be something I wear on my head while riding on a toboggan, but that doesn't make it a toboggan.

And then, most recently, I was putting The Mercury together - getting it ready for the printer - when somebody asked, "How many pages do you still like?" "Like" and "like" "Like" I didn't know what to say. I mean, I'm rather proud of the work I do, so I pretty much "liked" all the pages I had put together. And because I was hurrying to meet the deadline, I "liked" the number of pages I already had, and wouldn't have "liked" any more.

They must have figured out I didn't know what they were talking about because they eventually phrased the question differently, asking, "How many pages are still left to be completed?" Then I got it. "Like" means "Like." I imagine because the words are so similar - especially when "Like" is softened by that friendly southern accent - that over time, the two words became one.

Then I got to thinking. I like "Like" when "Like" is not like "Like" and "Like" and "Like" are not alike. Like, I wish they would lack pages do you still like? "Like" and "like" "Like" when "Like" means say, I like it when proud of the work I do, and "Like" is "Like" and don't like "Like" like "Like" or "Like" like "Like", like "Like" and "Like" are alike.

My head hurts... Still, I wouldn't mind it if everybody would speed up my local language lessons. I'd kind of like to be "from around here" before they put me in the ground here.

And that's my two cents, Steve Scalf

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girl talk
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Senior Spotlight



Brittanie Sosby

In the senior spotlight this week is senior Brittanie Sosby. A lot of Brittanie's accolades have come from the basketball court, but along with being a stellar athlete, she is a model student as well. Brittanie is taking my Spanish III class, and without a doubt, carries the class through many translating activities. Brittanie seems to grasp the Spanish language with ease and is a wonderful translator!

Brittanie always has a smile on her face as she comes into 3rd period, ready to work. I appreciate her willingness to do whatever is asked of her, and do it well. Of ten times, it is she who motivates the rest of the class. She is a teacher's dream!

I will miss Brittanie's smile next year, but I also know that the solid foundation that she has received during her high school years will serve her well as she continues on to college.

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Focus



Ashton Williams

The outstanding student is Ashton Williams. Ashton is a junior student in my 1st period Humanities class. Since it is the first class of the day, many students find it hard to get going, but not Ashton! Each day, Ashton is prepared and ready to begin class. Even though I have not had the pleasure of having her for very long in class, I can already tell that she is a dedicated student who works hard to excel in whatever task is at hand. She is prompt in turning in all assignments, and asks important and pertinent questions whenever an assignment is made.

One two examples of Ashton's work are on display in the hallways to showcase her talent. I have chosen a copy of the rough draft of her transactive writing assignment to display here in the Student Showcase. In her "rough draft", Ashton has defended her stance on



Tiffany Johnson

I would like to nominate Tiffany Johnson for this week's Student Focus. It's been a pleasure having Tiffany in my Computer Applications class this year. She is very diligent in her classwork as has been evidenced by the projects she has completed. She is a very independent, confident, and talented young lady. I look forward to seeing other great class assignments she'll turn in this year. I feel Tiffany is very deserving of this spotlight opportunity.

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