

Steve's Report

Perspective



Steve's Report by Steve Scafe

Last month, the Scafe family moved out of the house we were renting on W. Main St. - across from the cemetery - and into our home out in the country. The actual move went very quickly. Every time we made a trip out to the house, we loaded a few boxes into the back of the van. Before we knew it, we were pretty much moved. There were some advantages to living in town. It was nice living only three blocks from work. I will miss my morning walk to work and the friendly waves and smiles from familiar faces that had become part of my daily routine. But I also love being in the country, sitting on my porch in the evening, watching the sun go down, and listening as the birdsong gradually transforms into the rhythmic chorus of the frogs. And even though it's a little too far to walk to work in the morning, I

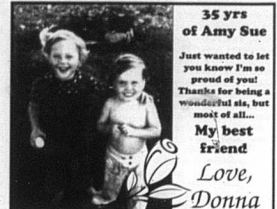
am meeting a whole new group of familiar faces as my drive into town during one recent trip. I narrowly avoided running over a squirrel, a rabbit, two turtles, two wild turkeys, and three deer - not to mention the possum that had been "greeted" by someone else a little earlier that morning. I have also enjoyed watching life return to the countryside as the trees have begun to bud and the familiar faces that had become part of my daily routine. But I also love being in the country, sitting on my porch in the evening, watching the sun go down, and listening as the birdsong gradually transforms into the rhythmic chorus of the frogs. And even though it's a little too far to walk to work in the morning, I

the issue of the locust trees. There are two large locust trees on either side of our driveway. But being locust trees, they seem to enjoy company, their trunks surrounded by smaller offshoots and seedlings. To make a more presentable appearance, I decided to thin out the brush and keep only the large trees. The young locust trees apparently liked it where they were and didn't take too kindly to my efforts to remove them. They put up a pretty good fight. By the time I was finished, my forearms were crisscrossed with angry red scratches from the thorns. And a few days later, I discovered that the saplings had also been concealing some poison ivy (fortunately giving me only a minor rash). As I dragged the branches off to the burn pile, I noticed several other locust seedlings coming up through the grass. I grabbed hold of one and gave it a tug. With the moist soil, it came up easily

enough - that is, all except for one thick tendril that was attached to the roots. I bent over and pulled on that runner hauling nearly six feet of it out of the ground, revealing where it connected to the next locust plant. I pulled out that seedling, only to discover three more tendrils connecting to three more plants. The entire procedure was a little more work of course, but I realized that this year will be a constant battle, trying to keep a pretty good fight. By the time I was finished, my forearms were crisscrossed with angry red scratches from the thorns. And a few days later, I discovered that the saplings had also been concealing some poison ivy (fortunately giving me only a minor rash). As I dragged the branches off to the burn pile, I noticed several other locust seedlings coming up through the grass. I grabbed hold of one and gave it a tug. With the moist soil, it came up easily

to determine the source of the wonderful scent and noticed the clusters of small, white blossoms covering the branches of - could it be - those dreaded locust trees. It occurred to me that much of how we view the world around us depends on our perspective. We can focus on the negative, filling our life with discontent about the thorns and the runners, the traffic on Main St., or the longer drive into town every morning, or we can emphasize the positive aspects, choosing to enjoy the good things in life, instead: taking time to notice the beautiful fragrance of the locust blossoms; being a part of this incredibly friendly community; and surrounding ourselves with the beauty of nature. It's a matter of perspective. And it's a matter of choice. And that's my two cents, Stephen Scafe

35 yrs of Amy Sue Just wanted to let you know I'm so proud of you! Thanks for being a wonderful sis, but most of all... my best friend Love, Donna



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Happy 2nd Birthday Holden Tuff on May 6th Love, Mommy & Daddy

Four little girls... all in a row, now the last one is the big 50 Love, the other 3

Thank You from Mary Evelyn Hammond's Family There are no words to express our gratitude for all of the love that has been shown in this very difficult time. Our friends and family mean so much to us. "Thank you" does not seem sufficient for all of the cards, food, visits, phone calls and prayers that we have received over the past week. It is very obvious to us that Evelyn not only meant the world to us but that she has also influenced so many other lives. From Julian, David and Carol please accept our heart-felt love and thank you for your continued support and prayers as we begin to face our future without the most important woman in our lives.

May 7 Circle of Friends Please join a circle of friends who are grieving the loss of a parent on Thursday evening, 5 weeks beginning May 7th from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown - Scott County Public Library. To register call Martha Call at 859-234-6482 or 800-766-0005.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY to my youngest daughter Buddy Buckler and Michael L. Purvis

Thank You The Family of Esther B. Purvis would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, visits and phone calls. In the death of our loved one, A Special Thank to Rev. Ernie Carmiche and Clark Funeral Home.

It's a short road to better rates. You can drive all over town looking for a great deal. Or just visit us - your direct route to saving on auto insurance. Bill Clark 152 Old Paris Road Carlisle, KY 40311 859-289-2500

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