

Steve's Report

"When I think about the 'olden days,' I generally picture a time before the industrial revolution—a time before homes had electricity and running water and a time before planes, trains, and automobiles. According to my children, however, 'B.C.' apparently stands for 'before computers' and the 'olden days' refers to anything that predates the internet.

With that in mind, once upon a time, back in the 'olden days' when I was just an infant of a boy, we did things a little differently than we do them today. In 1968, for example, we didn't go to school on Feb. 12, because Indiana celebrated Lincoln's birthday as an official holiday. We came back to school on Tuesday and decorated boxes so classmates could put valentines in them the next day. The following week, we attended Monday through Wednesday and then stayed home on Thursday, right in the middle of the week, to celebrate Washington's Birthday. And then we went back to school on Friday.

You see, back then, holidays were celebrated on the



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actual date the events took place and not just on Monday. In fact, we didn't start moving holidays to Monday until 1971, after Congress passed the "Uniform Monday Holiday Act" as a way to increase the number of three-day weekends for federal employees.

Even though I was still in grade school at that time, I remember the heated discussions about changing around the holidays. I could understand the argument that it would be nice to have three days in a row without work or school and how that made it easier for families to take trips together. But still, it didn't seem right. From my perspective as a child, holidays were like birthdays, but let's all of us stop what we're doing and take a moment to remember the greatness of those who went before us and the sacrifices they made. It's like we're being encouraged to remember that the government made the change primarily to allow employees to get away for

a long weekend—to fill the holiday with all sorts of activities that have nothing to do with the reason for the holiday.

The older I get, the more I suspect my childhood instincts were right on the mark. It truly has become easier to forget why we celebrate our holidays. If I didn't know better, I might get the impression that Memorial Day is a holiday to commemorate past winners of the Indianapolis 500.

Don't get me wrong—I'm a big supporter of three-day weekends. I just think celebrating Memorial Day on Monday would help us remember the true purpose of the holiday.

On the other hand, as I pass by the local storefronts filled with beautiful flower arrangements to decorate the graves of loved ones who have passed on, I have to scold myself for being so pessimistic about holidays being celebrated on Monday. At least in this part of the country, it's obvious that many still take the time to remember. And that's my two cents, Steve Scalf

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Photo Submitted
Front left to right: Mona Kimes, Sarah Watkins, Darlene Hunt, and Melissa Martin. Back left to right: Kenny Earlywine, and Philip Hunt.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 22**
NC Fish & Game Club
Nicholas Co. Fish and Game Club will have a fish fry on May 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring deermeats, music if weather permits. Seating will be limited. Please bring chairs.
- May 23**
Blue Licks State Park Memorial Day Blood Drive
Sat. May 23 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the KBC Bloodmobile at 10299 Maysville Road in Carlisle.
- May 24**
Rose Hill United Methodist Church
The Rose Hill United Methodist Church will have a retirement lunch for Rev. Howard Livingood on Sunday May 24th after the morning services. Everyone is welcome.
- May 31**
Gospel Travelers
Gospel Travelers will perform at Millersburg United Methodist Church. The Gospel Travelers group will be featured as the Fifth Sunday Night hymn Program, May 31st at 6:00 p.m.
- Rev. Ray Hanke, Pastor and the congregation invite everyone to this inspirational program.**
- Project Graduation to meet on Mondays**
Project Graduation will be having a meeting every Monday at the High School Library at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Paula Hunter at 859-289-3702.
- Old Jailers Home Luncheons Held the Second Thursday of each Month**
Reservation necessary. Call Gladys Shroat 289-5174 or 749-7986 or Martha Taylor 289-5592 or 749-1948. Sponsored by Tourism Inc.
- Dogs available for adoption**
Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption. 473-2714 or www.ncaws.org.
- Dougherty Lodge #495 F.A.M.**
Dougherty Lodge #495 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mather's Gaunce Funeral Home. All masters master are welcomed to attend.
- Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.A.M. to hold meeting**
The Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.A.M. meets the Last Saturday of each Month at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.
- Orient Lodge #500 to hold meeting**
The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are welcomed.
- N.C. Adult Learning Center News**
The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instruction to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and on their own schedule. Interested persons may stop by anytime. AA meetings held between the hours 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- Diabetes self-management classes**
The WEDCO District Health Department will be hosting Diabetes Self-Management education classes, each month. They will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center, Dr. Robert Sparks Community Room. For more information and can fax it to 859-289-4000.
- Crissy Culberson, 866-75WEDCO, or 859-298-4899.**
- Kiwanis Club to meet**
Kiwanis Club will meet the third Thursday of every month at the Carnio County Club. For more information call Mike Warner at 859-749-4680.
- AA meetings held every Tuesday**
AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., except the third Tuesday of the month is at 7 p.m. in the Sparks Room of the Nicholas County Health Department.

Thank You

Cheryl, Mike and Joshua Rawlings would like to thank everyone who supported us during Josh's time at V.K. Children's Hospital. We are deeply grateful for the visits, cards, gifts, good wishes, phone calls and prayers we received from friends and neighbors in the community. The support we received kept us going during this difficult period and we are deeply touched by everyone's concern. Many, many thanks!

Cheryl, Mike & Josh Rawlings

The East Union Twins turn the Big 60 on May 23rd

Happy Birthday

Love your family

Isn't she purdy

Our mommy is 30!

Terah, Ethan & Calissa

Thank You for your prayers, food, cards, calls, and visits during my cardiac arrest on Monday, May 4, 2009, and surgery of recovery since then. Special thanks to Game Man, Stacy Garrett, and Alice Hughes for performing CPR on me at Garrett's Restaurant, and the Modern EMS team for bringing me back to life including Nelson Swaff, Scott Alford, Adam Tubbs, Allison Stalder, Shawna Bassell, and Greg Wiegand. Dr. Ann Reynolds and her staff and the V.K. Trauma Center Indianapolis Hospital for their quick professional response. In addition, Dr. Richard Blake, and Dr. Tom Shover, quickly cared for me when I arrived at St. Joseph's Hospital by air, and now I have an electronic unit to support my weak heart from Penn. Also, the 2nd of 2nd Dispatch Dispatchers for their loving touch and "Spurs" care, and Tammy Olfertman for his special hugs for Momma Jane.

Praises Be to God, the Father, Jesus, the Son, and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for making the seemingly miracle possible with everything and ever, yesterday.

Happy 16th Birthday

Michelle

The family of Jewell Bussell can't begin to express what your donations meant to all of us. The money is most definitely helpful and will go to extremely good use. There's no doubt about that. But more than the monetary value, we so greatly appreciate the thought behind the donations. Bless is a burden but your actions have really lightened the load. We would like to thank all the people involved in helping with the benefit, whether it was giving donations, helping with cooking & serving the food or just being there for the support. For that, especially, we thank you.

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