Library News

By Geraldine Robbins

I want in the next four months to recognize the employees of the library. They are a great asset to the library and a necessary and vital part to the library service.

In March, Pearlie Alcorn will be recognized as the employee of the month. Pearlie is married to Ray Alcorn and she has two sons, Jason and Derrick. They currently reside in Mt. Vernon, but are planning on moving to Brodhead soon.

Pearlie is the library assistant and in this capacity she does many different jobs here in the library. You will usually find her at the checkout desk, but in her spare time she is the person responsible for the video and audio maintenance. When she has assistance at the check out desk then she is responsible for many other tasks such as being in charge of the patron cards, checking to see if all patrons have library cards and if they are up-to-date. She has had training on the computers and internet use and assists new patrons to learn how to use the computers. She does inter-library loans for patrons with requests. Pearlie is a very willing and able staff person. When I have a special job that needs to be done and I ask for help, many times she has already completed the job if she has learned about it earlier.

When you come in the library in March, let Pearlie know how much she is appreciated for the service she gives to the patrons. Good comments helps us all to do our work better.

I came across a little article in the Kentucky Public Library Newsletter that I would like to share with you.

What Are Library Directors Made Of?

Not sugar and spice, nor snakes and snails, according to the April 1999 issue of American Libraries, which has a letter from Nancy Cummins of Washoe County Library in Reno, Nevada. She quotes a letter received from a library colleague a few years ago.

"I have always maintained that to be a successful library director, the person must be made up of 1% librarian with the remaining 99% spread equally between psychologist, politician, accountant, mother superior, and street fighter. Perhaps you will be able to add a few adjectives to my list." Shortly thereafter, Nancy writes that she did add two more-attorney and janitor.

This in part is right and I could add a few adjectives of my own. There is a lot more to being a director than just having knowledge of library work. To me one of the most important things is enjoying your work, trying to complete each task successfully and always being willing to learn and try new ideas. Faithfulness to the job is also necessary. This will all probably apply to any of the library staff.

Some new books now available for checkout are:

The New Oprah Winfrey's Book Club Selection, *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende...Orphaned at birth, Eliza Sommers is raised in the British colony of Valparaiso, Chile, by the well intentioned Victorian spinster, Miss Rose and her more rigid brother, Jeremy. Just as she meets and falls in love with the wildly inappropriate Joaquin Andieta, a lowly clerk who works for Jeremy, gold is discovered in the hills of northern California. By 1949, Chileans of every stripe have fallen prey to feverish dreams of wealth.

Joaquin takes off for San Francisco to seek his fortune, and Eliza, pregnant with his child, decides to follow him so begins Isabel Allende's enchanting new novel, *Daughter of Fortune*... This is a sweeping portrait of an era, a story rich in character, history, violence, and compassion.

Ghost Moon by Karen Robards...Olivia Morrison is raised on a lavish estate in Louisiana and has always enjoyed a life of privilege until she runs off with a cowboy and leaves the wealthy Archers behind. Years later, with her eight-year-old daughter, Sara, in tow, Olivia returns to that long-ago estate a prodigal daughter returning home, unsure of what she'll find there.

She must come face-to-face with her old demons and have the courage to rebuild a life for herself and her daughter. Will she be able to do just that?

Also, *The Brethren* by John Grisham, another outstanding novel from one of the best.

The Sacred Shore by Janette Oak and T. Davis Bunn. A great Christian fiction novel.

Visit us at the library soon and for all our readers that live in other counties and other states visit your local library. If you are not a regular library patron, you will be surprised at the many services available at all libraries.

Amish Friendship Bread

By: Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent for
Family and Consumer Science

Traditionally, Amish Friendship Bread begins with a starter that must be fermented for 8 days. We recommend that the starter be placed in the refrigerator to ferment. Fermentation time may be one to two days longer.

Here is an even safer recipe since it doesn't require a fermented starter.

AMISH FRIENDSHIP BREAD
Adapted from "Great Good Food" by Julee Rosso, 1993
Yield 4 Loaves

2 1/2 cups milk
1/4 cup buttermilk
5 cups all-purpose flour
3 cusp plus 1 teaspoon sugar
1 package of active dry yeast
2/3 cup oil
1 1/4 tsp. baking powder
3 eggs
1/4 cup ground cinnamon
2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp baking soda
2 cups walnuts or pecans
1 cup raisins

Mix 3/4 cup milk, buttermilk, 3/4 cup of flour, 1 tsp sugar and the yeast. Set aside for 10 minutes or until it bubbles. (If mixture does not bubble, heat mixture to 110 degrees). In a separate bowl, place the remaining ingredients, except the nuts and raisins, and mix well. Fold in nuts and raisins.

If mixture is a bit dry, add a little more milk. Pour into well greased and sugared (mix cinnamon and sugar) loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour and 10 minutes or until done.

Nutritional Analysis based on 16 slices per loaf: 134 calories, 2.8 grams protein, 20 grams carbohydrates, 5 grams fat, 14 mg cholesterol, 46 md. Sodium

Mt. Vernon Personals

By Marie McKinney

Last Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney were their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins and grandsons, Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Samarah Jaclyn of Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and great grandson, Dalton, also their niece, Jessie Vanhook of Eubank.

Sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. Last Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Brown were their son, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and grandson, Michael.

C.S. and Marie McKinney visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Dee McKinney awhile Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary last Sunday, February 20th. We wish them many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirby visited his mother, Mrs. Bessie Kirby on Sunday morning.

Peggie Murphy visited her mother, Mrs. Pansy Nicely on Saturday.

Willailla News

By Carol Martin

Ray and Irene Willis of Poplar Grove are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born at Pattie A. Clay Hospital on February 14, 2000. Dylan Michael weighed 10 lbs. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Christy and Michael Gross of Brodhead. Paternal grandparents are Earl and Pat Gross.

Cecil, Joyce and Lisa Robbins of Indianapolis, Indiana, spent the weekend here visiting Joyce's father, Ing Kirby at Sowder Nursing Home.

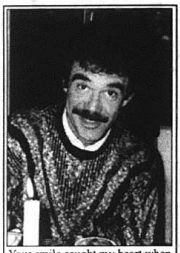
Mr. and Mrs. Marion (Bro) Smith of Ohio visited here over the weekend with Mrs. Thelma Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson.

Mrs. Marie Goff hosted a baby shower on Saturday afternoon in honor of Anna and Greg Goff.

Noel Taylor is improving some, but still is undergoing treatments daily.

Josh Martin of Campbellsville University spent the weekend here with his parents, Richard and Jill Cash.

It looks as though this gal just turned the big 30!



Your smile caught my heart when you were 16 and it still does when you're 40!
Happy Birthday - Love, Kay

Sandy Johnson, Birthday Gal

Sandy, Sandy
At school we think she's a dandy,
She used to be a parent volunteer
And in her time she's led a cheer.

She is the local Girl Scout Leader
She always smiles whenever you meet her,
Her hair is beautiful gray like a fox
But what I want to know is does it come out of a box?

She has two children
Named Stinker and P.J.,
They fill her life with joy
Each and every day.

Energetic she is
Lazy she's not,
But at her age
All the "flashes" are hot.

She knew this payback had to be comin'
For Sandy is shrewd, even for an OLD woman,
On February 24, she'll be forty-eight and nifty
But in just two short years she will be fifty.

Happy Birthday, Sandy Johnson!!!!

Tiffany Lynn Renee King celebrated her first birthday February 20th. She is the daughter of Joni and Tim King of Calloway and the granddaughter of Doug and Loretta Mink of Calloway and Patsy King, Pine Hill and Ray King of Berea.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC Election

The Rockcastle County FSA Committee election will be held this year on March 6, 2000 for LAA #3 (Community C). This is the Northeast and Southeast sections of Rockcastle County bonded by Garrard, Madison, Jackson, and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Little Hurricane Rd., I-75 and Hwy. 25. All farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program. Eligible voters have the right to vote for one (1) candidate by casting their vote on the FSA ballot which will be mailed from the county office on February 24th. Remember: The county community is your voice in USDA programs. Get involved today and make a difference - vote on March 6, 2000.

Oilseed Program

On October 22, 1999, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Appropriations Act 2000, authorized the Secretary to use $475,000,000 of funds of CCC to make payments to producers who planted an eligible oilseed in 1999. In order to be eligible, a producer must have planted or shared in the production of an eligible oilseed in 1999. Prevented planted oilseed acreage cannot be used to determine 1999 OP eligibility nor can it be used for history or actual yield purposes. 1999 OP payments may be available to producers who planted or shared in the production of the following oilseeds in 1999: soybeans, canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, saflower seed, sunflower seed (oil and confectionery).

OP applications shall be submitted to the county that controls payment limitation for the producer. KCMO determined the "control" county for each producer in December 1999. The deadline for late reporting oilseed acreage for 1999 OP purposes is February 18, 2000. Sign up for the 1999 OP is February 28th through March 31st.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, included a total of $1.386 billion for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). CDP assistance is for farmers who suffered losses to 1999 crops due to natural disasters. Farmers are eligible for compensation for 1999 crop losses directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions.

Producers who suffered greater than a 35% loss on insured/noninsured crops such as tobacco and corn and the non insurable crops such as hay, soybeans and vegetables for commercial use are eligible to receive payment. Payments to farmers will be prorated after all applications are reviewed in order to stay with the program's requirements and budget.

As a condition of receiving benefits under CDP, any producer who elected not to purchase crop insurance on the 1999 crop for which CDP benefits are requested MUST insure that crop for the 2000 and 2001 crop years.

For further information concerning this program, contact the FSA office prior to the deadline of February 25, 2000.

Aid To Dairy Farmers

Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman, has announced that USDA is providing $125 million in direct cash payments to assist dairy farmers who have been hurt by low prices. An additional $200 million in aid was distributed last summer.

This assistance is sorely needed to help keep man small- and medium-size dairy producers in business until prices stabilize.

To distribute limited resources equitably among all dairy producers, The Dairy Market Loss Assistance program provides payments based on an operation's milk production in 1997 or 1998, up to the first 26,000 hundredweight of production. All dairy farmers who produced milk during the last quarter of the calendar year 1998 are eligible for the program.

Eligible dairy farmers who did not participate in the program last summer must sign up at their local FSA office from January 24-February 28, 2000. Farmers who participated in last summer's program will automatically receive payments and do not need to reapply for assistance. The dollar amount of payments will be calculated after sign-up is complete.

Tobacco Leasing

Leasing for the crop year 2000 will be March 27th through July 1st. This includes cross county leasing. This does not allow sale or purchase of tobacco across county lines.

Legislative Update

From State Representative Danny Ford

Friday marked the 31st day of our sixty-day legislative session and much of our attention is on the Governor's budget and tax increase proposal.

Under current tax laws, the state's general fund taxes that pay for education, health care programs, prisons and other programs that are expected to grow by over 200 million dollars in each of the next two years. The Governor has asked the legislature to approve a package of tax increases that will raise another 144 million dollars annually.

The proposed taxes include a change in the income tax that will raise rates for some taxpayers while lowering them for others, adding the sales tax to the cost of many repair services, scraping our current taxes on communications service in favor of a flat 6% rate on phone service, long distance calls, cable and satellite TV service, and repealing the state's portion of the property tax on cars.

As you can see, this proposal has tax cuts as well as tax increases, but the net impact for most every Kentuckian will be that a larger share of their incomes will go to fund government. The biggest increase in the Governor's proposed tax bill comes from the sales tax on repair services. This proposal is of particular concern to me because it will hit heavily on the poor as they work to maintain and repair older automobiles and appliances.

In addition to higher general fund taxes, the Governor has also asked for new road fund taxes that will raise about 160 million by 2002, and increase with inflation in future years. To my knowledge, this is the first time a Governor has ever proposed a tax that the bureaucrats in Frankfort could increase without a vote of the legislature by calculating what they deem to be the increase in inflation bigger picture of how much of money citizens are already sending to government and what we are getting in return. One only needs to look at the recent news stories of a Department of Education employee accused of embezzling over a million dollars from the state to wonder how wisely and efficiently our taxes are being spent. No one even noticed the embezzled money was missing until an audit indicated questionable practices in the employee's office. I am always looking for ways to improve our state and I know it takes money for good schools and roads but we need to look closely at the funds we are already raising for these programs before asking for more from the taxpayers.

In addition to the budget, many other bills and concerns continue to come before the General Assembly. Legislation passed the House last week that will take a close look at the needs of our senior citizens. With seniors living longer and more productive lives the legislature has commissioned a study to make sure we are providing for the education and other needs of seniors to keep them productive in the workforce. As this and other bills make their way through the legislative process it is important that I hear from you on concerns and ideas you have for the future of our state. Please call anytime on the toll free message line: 1-800-372-7181.

every year.

The Governor has stated that his gas tax increases are needed to bring our roads, and especially our rural gravel roads, up to modern standards. This comes at a time, however, when the federal government is turning record amounts of new money for roads back to the states, and when gas prices are at record highs.

The Governor is making a major push for his tax hikes, but after all the explanation and rationale he gives for his program one has to look at the

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LAUREL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
On. Hwy. 229, Near Levi Jackson State Park, London
Consignments accepted Wednesday February 23rd, Thursday, February 24th, & Friday, February 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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