

Library News

By Geraldine Robbins



During the month of April we will be recognizing Lynda Mullins as an employee of the month. Lynda has been employed at the library since September 1998 as Children's Service's Librarian. Lynda is married to Robert Mullins and has one son, Zachary, and she is expecting a new baby in May. They reside in Broadhead. Lynda has worked very diligently to promote children's services in the library and those of you that bring your preschoolers in to story hours know how well that Lynda works with the children. She has fantastic ideas for crafts, games, stories, etc., that are fun for the children as well as a learning experience for them. She is already making plans for the summer reading program and this will be for all children and not just the preschoolers. Lynda will be on maternity leave in the latter part of May and most of June, but she is making preparations so that her substitute will be able to do a good job with the children.

I'm hoping when our patrons come into the library, they will thank Lynda for the fine job she does and let her know how deeply she is appreciated for her efforts.

National Library Week is being observed all over the United States April 9th through the 15th.

There will be an exhibit of art work by Troy Hanel on display during this period. Troy does superb work and we want to share his paintings with our patrons. Other activities are planned for this week. For those people that have never visited the library, this would be an excellent time to come in and browse around and see the many services we have to offer.

Also during National Library Week, we will not be charging any overdue fines on books. This will give some patrons an excellent opportunity to return those books that have been stashed away or misplaced for a while. We really would like to get all books, audio tapes and videos returned to the library. I'm afraid people just don't realize the importance of returning materials. The library has the expense of purchasing the books to begin with and they are for all people to enjoy, and not to add to a personal library. All of our materials that are checked out are free to the public, but just for the amount of time allowed to each patron. When they are kept out for a longer period, that is when we have to add an overdue fee. Books are renewed by phone if it is necessary to keep them a little longer but some patrons just don't take the time to do this.

I would like to share with you the Top 10 Excuses given to the staff at Unique Management Service, Inc. when they attempted to get library customers to return overdue books and materials.

1. "I lost them in the divorce. Call my ex."

2. "My husband is doing time."

3. "I've got too many to carry."

4. "I hurt my arm."

5. "I don't remember where the library is."

6. "I was on the way to return them, but the police impounded by car."

7. "They were in the back seat of my car and my husband sold it."

8. "We just found them behind the couch." (after four years)

9. "I threw them away."

10. "I haven't had time."

I realize many of these excuses are not realistic but we do have some pretty wild excuses at this library. We are lenient if there is a legitimate excuse, but most excuses are just that, an excuse.

We are now finished with affixing the bar codes and this gives me a little more time to do other library work. I have been preparing children's books for circulation this week. We were very fortunate in receiving 100 new books from The Brownstone Book Fund we've had them on hold for a few weeks, but most of them are now ready for the children to enjoy.

Two new adult fiction books for our patrons to enjoy are... *Carolina Moon* by Nora Roberts... Returning as an adult to her hometown of Progress, South Carolina, Tory Bodden plans to put the past behind her and open a stylish home-design shop. Following her friend, Hope's brutal murder, unsolved to this day - she is

determined to find a measure of peace and free herself from the haunting visions of that terrible night. But her return will be more difficult and frightening than she ever expected because Hope's killer is nearby as well.

Day of Reckoning by Jack Higgins... A death in Brooklyn sends reverberations around the world in Jack Higgins' thrilling new adventure. Journalist Katherine Johnson makes the mistake of getting too close to the secrets of international crime boss Jack Fox. But when she's found murdered, Fox must contend with her ex-husband, Blake Johnson, head of the clandestine White House Department known as The Basement.

Churches Apologize and Ask Forgiveness

Recently Pope John Paul II asked forgiveness and apologized for the sins of the church in the past 2000 years. Two years ago the Southern Baptist Convention asked forgiveness for its support of the institution of slavery in the South in the 1800s. These two denominations have taken bold steps in correcting their errors of the past.

Pope John Paul said, "We cannot not recognize the betrayal of the Gospel committed by some of our brothers." "Seven cardinals and bishops stood with the Pope and enumerated some of these sins, including persecution of Jews, women, native peoples, immigrants and the poor. In a prayer dedicated to the 'confession of sins against the people of Israel,' Pope John said, 'We are deeply saddened by the behavior of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer, and asking your forgiveness we commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant.'"

In 1988 the Pope had already issued an apology to the Jews, regretting the failure of many Catholics to help Jews during the Holocaust.

In the 1800s slavery was one of the issues that Northern Baptist withdrew from Southern Baptist and from their own convention. Northern Baptist had refused to appoint slaveholders as missionaries, and Southern Baptists wanted the right to do just that. Preachers of many denominations defended slavery from Southern pulpits as an institution ordained by God that was of all, including those who were kept as slaves.

Apparently even churches make mistakes. Even churches become caught up in the beliefs of the time and fall prey to errors of Biblical interpretation. It is easy now to look

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

back and see the Christians should have vigorously opposed the Holocaust in Germany and slavery in the South, but some Christians in that time did not see so clearly.

This makes me wonder what errors we are committing today. Are there ways that we do not see the truth that will be so plain to our grandchildren in 150 years? Can we sit aside our blinders of the present time and see the timeless truths? This is not easy since we are creatures of the present age.

Are there other sins of the past for which churches should apologize?

Should other churches join the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention in asking forgiveness? That is a question best decided by each individual church and denomination.

Churches and denominations may ask themselves some soul-searching questions. Are there groups of people against whom we have discriminated? Pope John Paul mentioned Jews, women, native peoples (such as American Indians), immigrants and the poor. There are other possibilities as well. Any minority group runs the risk of being the victim of discrimination.

Have we been judgmental of certain groups when God would have us be loving? In some churches in times past, unmarried women who became pregnant were excluded from the fellowship. (Unmarried fathers were not.) At a time when these women needed the church's forgiveness, they received its judgment.

Are we continuing to sin today by the way we treat certain groups? Who are the groups today to whom our great grandchildren will be apologizing for how we treated them?

Honest soul-searching can help us to see where we fall short in our attempts to live out the Gospel.

Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chastene

Hello everyone.

We have received some much needed rain over the last few days for which we are so very thankful. The Lord is so good to us in so many ways.

Our attendance was good at Fairview over the weekend. Sunday School attendance was 119.

We still don't have a pastor, but Bro. David Akers has been so good to fill in for the past few months. We are so thankful to have him.

Our deepest heart-felt sympathy is extended to all those who have lost loved ones recently. We have lost several of our relatives and friends this past fall and winter. And at this time there are a number of people around here who are sick and hurting. May God comfort and heal them in our prayer.

My sister, Ruth Gatliff is still in Cardinal Hill in Lexington, but thank the good Lord she is improving nicely. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Powell of Centerville, Ohio, this past Saturday were his sister, Mrs. Hallie Alexander, along with Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Davidson and son, Jeremy. On their way home they stopped in

Springboro, Ohio, to see Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCall. They enjoyed the trip and seeing their loved ones.

Aunt Edith Mullins of Snider is getting along very well at the present time. Trip Reppert visited her last Thursday.

The daughters of Philip and Ruth Gatliff, Gail Wahl of Ohio and Phyllis Snyder of Michigan were weekend guests of their parents.

We enjoyed seeing Mrs. Edith Hale of Roundstone and Mrs. Barbara Croucher of Berea back at church. Due to the death of Mrs. Hale's husband, Elmer Hale and Mrs. Croucher's husband, Ben Croucher's illness of the past few months they hadn't been able to attend church.

Recent guests of Mrs. Mary Cope were her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Frankie Hayes of Winchester, also their daughter, Brenda Hall and two children. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cope.

Mrs. Catherine Coggins of Land O'Lakes, Florida visited Mrs. Edith Mullins of Snider recently. Catherine is the daughter of the late Stella (Thomas) Coyle and was on her way to Indiana to see her brother, Billy Coyle. Enroute home she stopped by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tinch's home in Franklin, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Croucher of Conway were over-night guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tinch of Ohio.

Fred Mullins, Jr. and Lloyd Jordan have visited in our home recently.

Please remember to pray for our sick folks and attend church every time you can.

We all need the prayers of one another. God bless you all.

Hubert and I visited Mrs. Edith Hale last Friday. She is such a good friend and we love her dearly.



Brent Lovell celebrated his first birthday at his home with his family and friends. Special thanks to Tyler, Kayla, Jacob, Elijah, Jeremy, Blake, Zack and my big brother, J.T. for being there. Thanks to everyone for the really nice gifts.



Happy Birthday Brittny Love - Mom, Dad, Mamaw & Bub



Happy Birthday Bubby Love, Mom, Dad, Mamaw & Sis

Outdoors in Rockcastle

By Mike Carpenter

If you would like to add a new challenge to your spring turkey hunting this year, leave your shotgun at home and try hunting them with a bow or a muzzleloading shotgun.

If you think bowhunting deer is a challenge, try bowhunting turkeys. Trying to come full draw on the best set of eyes in the woods is a real

challenge, but it can be done with knowing your equipment, a good setup and a lot of patience! Bowhunting turkeys like deer, shot placement is everything. If you don't make a good shot in the vitals you will not kill the turkey. I don't recommend changing the size of your arrows or broadheads from deer season because

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Rockcastle County High School graduate and Transylvania junior Bethanne Hammond has been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Hammond joins an elite group of students selected from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Students are selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Hammond is a member of Beta Beta Beta, Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honorary, the Order of Omega, the Greek honorary and Phi Delta Epsilon, the medical fraternity. She is also an active member of Circle K and the Crimson Crew. The biology major is the daughter of Larry and Rebekah Hammond of Mt. Vernon.

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The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club in Mt. Vernon inducted Lori Gates as a new member last Thursday during their regular weekly meeting. Lori and husband Mike have moved from California and is in the process of creating a camp for the blind in the Pine Hill area. The Kiwanis Club is pleased that Lori has joined in their efforts in the community and is looking forward to a long friendship. In the photo above, from left: Kiwanis member and sponsor Gertha Kim, Lori Gates, Piddle Johnson - past Lieutenant Governor and Tammy Cox - Rockcastle Kiwanis President.

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