



Points East

By
Ike Adams

My Aunt Lona (everybody called her Lony, pronouncing the "a" as "y" the way it was common back then) such that Martha became Marthy, Cinda became Cindy, Rena was Renny and even Sarah was Sarry). She was almost a mother or maybe grandmother to me because she and Uncle Willie lived next door to us, about 200 yards down the road, there in the head of Blair Branch. Any way, if your name ended in the letter "a" it was a done deal that nobody would ever pronounce it correctly.

Uncle Willie was Mom's oldest brother, the oldest of nine. Things and my mom was near the bottom of the ladder.

Uncle Willie and Aunt Lona married early in age and my Mom and Dad married late and I have always considered my cousins, Arlie, LC and Inis (Willie and Lona's kids) more like aunts and uncles than the true kinship. In fact, their oldest grandson, Laramie, (Arlie's boy) and I graduated from high school together and he is, to this day, more like a brother than a cousin.

Arlie passed away about two years ago but when I was growing up, I

spent as much time with him during daylight hours as I could possibly get away with. Of my all-time heroes, and I'll deal with the subject in a future column, Arlie is in the top ten and the older I get, the closer he gets to the top of the list.

But this column is about Aunt Lona. I'm going to call her Lony the rest of the way because I doubt that anybody other than a Ceneau Burgess worker ever pronounced her name differently to her face during her lifetime.

When Mom and Dad needed to get away to go shopping in town (lowest one was 14 miles away and the roads were as crooked as a black snake in a hurry) or of whatever else adults did in the fifties, they hired Aunt Lona to baby-sit my younger brothers and me. She was so much fun to be around that when my parents announced they were going out and Lony was taking care of us we literally celebrated.

(By the way, I never referred to an Aunt or Uncle with the title until I got of college. I never once, while she was alive, called Aunt Lona.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend several local students for participating in the Lexington Herald-Leader design an ad campaign. I have no idea how many of our students actually participated but I do now that Rockcastle county was well represented in the competition, especially on the high school level.

The world of advertising and marketing is an exciting field and one that can provide personal and financial rewards. The best advertising campaign I can remember is about littering. The ad that I am referring to is the one of a Native American with a tear rolling down his cheek. All the garbage that had been tossed aside and the Native American. I would like to congratulate the first place winner in the high school division, Torre Reynolds and also Erica Arvin, Kayla Bryant, Scott Cronin and Zac Penick. In the elementary school was a first grader, Brianna Hansen.

Advertising is a very important tool but one of the most important tools is not being afraid to step out of your comfort zone and take a chance. This group of young people from Rockcastle County took a chance and I am very proud of them.

Sincerely,

Karen King

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the individuals and organizations that worked so long and hard on the morning of April 26, 2003 at the Broadhead farm Equipment fair.

I know that any type of disaster is a devastation to the individuals it touches directly and to a community as a whole.

I saw personally all the long hours of work, pre-planning and training, by all types of emergency personnel, performed to its full potential.

In closing, I want to say thank you to all individuals and organizations for a job well done. It makes everyone's job much easier, in tragedy like this, to have such outstanding individuals and organizations to work with.

Bryan Bussell
Broadhead Director Emergency Management

Dear Editor,

With the conflict between large vs. small, the small community hospital never seems to get the respect they deserve or to be recognized for the outstanding care they provide.

So we, the family of Mrs. Lola McCollum, would like to offer our view of Rockcastle County Hospital.

To the nursing staff and aids that had the duty of caring for our beloved mother, your professionalism was total, but you gave more. Although this was an extremely sad time for us, because of the compassionate care the nurses gave mother and the tenderness of the Respiratory staff, we will always cherish the memories of those weeks.

To Dr. Arvin, a simple thank you is not enough. Thank you. For my sisters, Mrs. Yvonne

Davis, Mrs. Mary McFerron and Mrs. Edna Durham; we were glad to share our mother with you. Our eternal thanks.

Doyle L. McCollum
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Dear Editor,

Over several weeks, the student body at RCHS has been struggling with the fact that their school's SBDM Council decided to limit the number of clubs they could participate in effective next school year. Being involved in several clubs and having received scholarships as a result of this involvement, I was shocked by this act of the Site Based Council.

Throughout the last month, I have talked with many of my fellow students and heard their concerns on the new policy. We understand the primary reason for adopting this policy is to increase instructional time. Instead of having a monthly club day with eight club-meeting times, the club times would be limited to four meeting times, therefore providing time for instruction on club day. However, the flaw in the policy is that it only allows students to have membership in four clubs, and that is only possible if the four clubs of their choosing meet at different times. Realizing this, we felt a reasonable compromise would be to leave the schedule as is, but not place a limit on the number of clubs a student can

Clubs are so very important. They provide many different opportunities to students they may not experience otherwise. Clubs provide an excellent outlet for involvement. In fact, the agenda book, issued to each high school student, contains the statement: "Each student is encouraged to participate in the clubs of his/her choosing." Now, contrary to this statement, each student at RCHS is being prohibited from joining all of the clubs of his/her choosing.

I have the utmost respect for the administration at RCHS. I would like to thank Mr. John Hale for allowing a Student Council to even exist and for providing an opportunity for students' voices to be heard. I would also like to thank Mr. Paul Abney, a parent-member of the SBDM Council, who truly cares about what is best for the students and has been willing to listen to student concerns, something that others seem unwilling to do.

I feel this policy is truly unfair to students at RCHS and I am deeply saddened by the fact that a majority of the SBDM Council was unable to honor student voices and opinions before relying on a policy that directly affects student opportunities. I want to thank the SBDM Council members for taking time to hear student concerns but I do hope, in the future, they will not only hear, but listen.

Sincerely,

Travis T. Burton

RCHS Senior Class President

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the following businesses, community leaders, parents and individuals for their support on Project Graduation 2003. We greatly appreciate each and everyone for helping to make this a huge success.

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Dallen Smith

serving in Iraq

Specialist 4th Class Dallen Smith is with the 101st Division's Chemical Decontamination Unit stationed at Fort Campbell. He is currently serving in Iraq.

He is the son of Dr. Larry and Glenda Smith. His wife Kari is home with their daughter Mattie.

If you would like to include your family member bring a picture and info. to the Mt. Vernon Signal or mail to PO Box 185
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Col. David Hunt Instructor at War College

Colonel David Hunt of the U.S. Marine Corps has served in the military for twenty-two years.

Colonel Hunt, a "Night Attack AV-8A Harrier" pilot, recently served as Commanding Officer of Marine Attack Squadron 513 at Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona.

Presently, Colonel Hunt is serving as an Instructor at the Marine War College at Quantico, Va.

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