

Most Embarrassing Moments Breaking the Myth of The Rocket Staff

Not all stepmothers rival Cinderella's

BY KYLA FRENCH

I fell in the boy's locker room shower

"I was cleaning out the hot tub in the boy's locker room, so I went to the showers to get a bucket of water. As I was walking back out of the showers, I slipped and fell. I landed in the bucket, and was soaked! The boys found me drenched in water, and cracked jokes the rest of the day. Worst of all, I had to do prom review the next day, and I had this huge bruise on my arm."

Jessica Riddle-Senior

That first step is a doozy!

"I was holding my boyfriend's hand and my purse as I was getting off the bus. When I was on the first step, I tripped, but that's not the worst of it! My purse strap got hung on the railing, and I fell down every single step before the concrete broke my fall. I had a bruise for weeks."

Jenny Smith-Senior

Hey...you!

"I was walking down the hall and I thought I saw this guy I knew, so I yelled to him. He never answered, so I just kept yelling. When he turned around I realized it wasn't even him."

Sereja Cunningham-Senior

Girls Night Out at the Drive-Thru

"Some of my friends and I were at McDonald's, and we all wanted some ice cream, but we were \$45

Everyone has those times that they'll never forget, their most embarrassing moments. These are usually kept secret...until now. People are telling their stories, and we're here to catch them. You won't believe what's been hidden.

cents short, so we searched the car over to find some change. We still didn't have enough money, so I thought I'd slip under the drive-thru window and look for some quarters. I got some change, but it still wasn't enough. The Ronald McDonald donation box started to look really tempting, but I passed it up. By this time everyone was staring at this poor little girl huddling under the drive thru window."

Paula Rowland-Junior

Falling head-first into high school

"The very first day of high school, all the freshmen gathered in the gym. I had to sit in the center of a section of bleachers. They called us down one by one to assign us to our homerooms. I had just bought a pair of boots the day before, and they weren't quite broken in yet. When they called my name, I was forced to go down the bleachers and weave myself through the crowd. On the very last step, I slipped onto the center of the gym floor, landing flat on my back in front of everyone. Just when I thought some people may not have noticed, a couple of teachers yelled at me asking me if I was alright."

Kyla French-Junior

What is today?

"I was running track one day in middle school, when a bunch of my friends told me they'd give me \$600 if I ran all the way through the girl's restroom. Not wanting to pass up the offer, I hid my face with a piece of paper and sprinted through one door and out the other. It was not until I went back to collect my money that I realized it was April Fool's Day."

Bill Burdett-Junior



BY JESSICA DENNY

In Walt Disney's classic *Cinderella* the a stereotype of the evil stepmother was brought to the attention of society, and is still thriving today with angry mothers feeling replaced, and angry children feeling that their mothers are forgotten.

There are many people that still ride the Cinderella bandwagon but there are many more people that love and cherish their stepmothers.

Junior Kyla French, 16, has experienced the joy of having a stepmother. When she was six her parents divorced, but she wasn't too upset about it. As she recalls she didn't realize what was going on at that point.

Two years later her father remarried. She has always liked her stepmom, and in fact she brags about the friend she has found in her.

"She's really great to hang out with, and she is still a parental figure. She punishes me when she has to, but on the rare occasion that she does she usually gives advice."

She also brags about the twin brothers Mark and Paul she has to love now.

Junior Jessica Perez speaks to her stepmother everyday over the phone.

Like French, Perez's parents divorced when she was six. She says liking her stepmother has never been a problem, but at one point she was afraid of her. She thought she was going to take her daddy.

"Then she sat me down and told me she cared about me, and she

wasn't going to take my daddy."

Her opinion of the evil stepmother stereotype? "I think it's stupid in my case, but it could apply to some people."

Some students claim it is true in some cases. Fathers have sometimes been persuaded by new wives to avoid relationships with their children.

RCHS junior Latoya Lamb's father left two months before she was born. She came to America from Germany when she was 15 months old. She has never met him but she talked to him over the phone until she was eight. She says her stepmother didn't want her father to have anything to do with her, and on Christmas Day eight years ago he called her for the last time.

"She didn't want him to have anything to do with me. He didn't even call for my sixteenth birthday!"

She had claimed not to know him at times, but she obviously still wanted his love, or at least his call.

In cases such as these the children are angry and agree with the evil stepmother stereotype.

Stepmothers have proven, like many people in the world, to be good and bad, according to the students of multiple families.

The evil step mother stereotype is exactly that: a stereotype. Often society's viewpoints on things have an effect on the way people see different situations. The myth is broken, and stepmothers can come out of the shadows to live in happiness again.

THINK YOUR EMBARRASSING MOMENT IS BETTER THAN OURS?

If so, write it down and send it to room 116 or speak with Kyla French. Please make your story as concise as possible, as it will be edited for space and content. I will need your name for writing purposes, but you may remain anonymous for the actual printing.

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