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Lambert tells graduates to help others

Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert was the keynote speaker at Sunday's graduation at Rockcastle County High School.

The Chief Justice told the 185 graduates that, "The game of life begins today, be ready to take advantage of the opportunities that will surely come."

Lambert also told the graduating class of 2002 that "recognition of a duty to serve mankind is as old as civilization and I can think of no time in history when such service is more desperately needed."

Lambert told the graduates to take the wonderful spirit of the high school with them into the world and help other people.

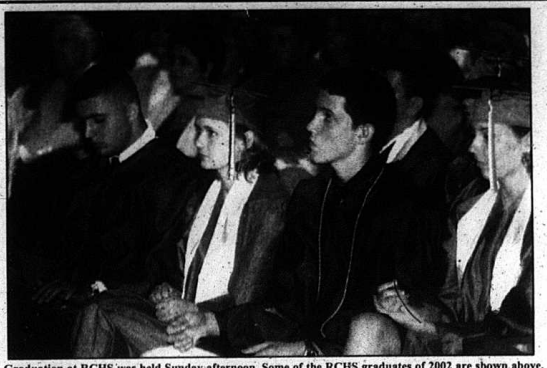
The Chief Justice also told the graduates that they had earned an education at an outstanding high school.

"Your education has taught you to think, understand and to live honorably."

Lambert's son, Joe, was Valedictorian of the graduating class and principal John Hale's son, Josh, was Salutatorian. Both young men followed the Chief Justice to the speaker's stand.

Lambert won the honor of being Valedictorian in his class because he scored higher on the American College Test than any other senior and of course he had a perfect 4.0 grade point average during his four years at RCHS.

The other five graduates with perfect 4.0 averages were Hale, Shana Noe, Gretchen Phelps, Amber Thacker and Tammy Peyton.



Graduation at RCHS was held Sunday afternoon. Some of the RCHS graduates of 2002 are shown above, from left: Clay Dooley, Melissa French, Aaron McKibben and Tara Thompson. McKibben gave the closing prayer.

Three new administrators hired recently

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond announced this week that he has filled two positions at the Central office and the principalship at the Alternative School.

Roundstone Principal David Pensol, 41, was hired as the new Instructional Supervisor for the district, replacing Shelby Reynolds, who along with Assessment Coordinator Claudianna Cash are retiring on June 30th.

Rebecca Fain Isaacs, 36, was hired to replace Cash. Isaacs has worked in the Pulaski County School system for the last few years in an administrative position, before that she worked at Livingston and Mt. Vernon as a teacher.

Hammond also said that he had hired Chris Hendrickson, 29, as the new principal at the Alternative School, which is located behind the Rockcastle Middle School.

Hammond said that the principal's job at Roundstone had been posted and he would accept applications until July 1st.

The new Site Based Council at Roundstone will begin the hiring process after that.

Members of the council at Roundstone, who will be responsible for hiring, are teachers Michelle Atkin, Renee Burdett and Ann Abney. Parent members of the council are Susan Jordison and Diane Walker.

A hiring committee including Principal Anthony Coffey are also in the process of hiring a new assistant principal to replace Onna Kaye

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Blood drive

There are few of us who would hesitate to save the life of another human being if we were given the opportunity to do so. However, heroism isn't always displayed in the midst of flashing lights and sirens; there is another act we can perform to save a life…donating blood. It's a

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Bellamy Bros. in the Valley

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center welcomes the Bellamy Brothers to the New Barn Theater for two shows on Saturday, June 8. Howard and David Bellamy are one of the most active touring bands in the business averaging more than 250 worldwide dates per year. By maintaining

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Kentucky Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Joseph Lambert gave the commencement speech at Sunday's graduation. Lambert's son, Joe, was Valedictorian and RCHS principal John Hale's son, Josh, was Salutatorian.

Discovery Festival set

The Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission is proud to announce their first annual Discovery Festival: Commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition, June 6-9. Included in the celebration will be free performances by *Kentucky Chautauqua member Scott New, as Daniel Boone on June 6 & 7 at 1:00 p.m. and Skip Jackson as Meriwether Lewis.

The grounds will be filled with booths displaying top quality crafts, demonstrations such as broom and soap making, tomahawk throwing, a duel style gunfight and more. Admission to the Discovery Festival and the BitterSweet Cabin Museum is free. This is guaranteed to be the festival everyone will be talking about and looking forward to attending year after year! Just take I-75 to exit 62 and then to the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.

While in the area, you may want to visit other attractions such as the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and

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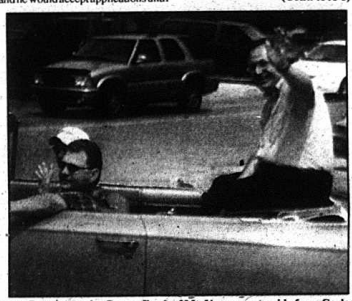


State Representative Danny Ford, of Mt. Vernon, got a ride from Carlos McClure at Saturday's parade in Brodhead.

Relay for Life, Aug. 2

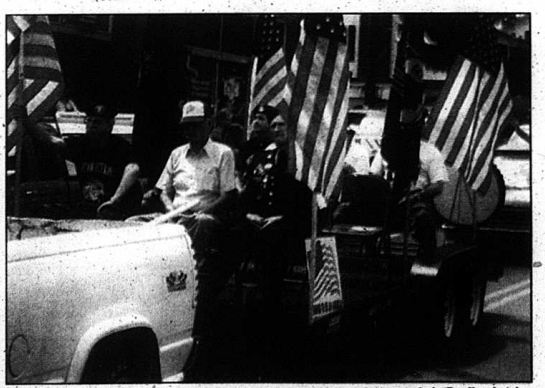
Megan Taylor

Hi, my name is Megan Taylor and I'm a 9-year-old student at Brodhead Elementary School.

When I was 7-years-old, I was diagnosed with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin's cancer. I went through one and a half years of chemotherapy treatments. By the grace of God I am now in remission and back in school.

The new discoveries made through research, which is funded by associations like the American Caner Society's Relay for Life taking place in our county on Friday, August 2nd. Thank you and God bless.

Rockcastle County School Board Chairman Dr. G.W. Griffith presented diplomas to the 185 RCHS graduates on Sunday, including Nick Taulbee.



Veterans who fought in the Vietnam War were honored during Saturday's parade in Brodhead. A large crowd attended the annual festival.

Benny Anglin with his oldest son, Bob and daughter-in-law Wanda.

Anglin turns 105

Can you imagine being 20 years-old when the United States got involved in World War I.

Can you imagine seeing the events of September 11, 2001.

Benjiman "Benny" Franklin Anglin is 105-years-old and probably Rockcastle County's oldest citizen. And he has lived through both events.

He is a resident of the nursing home in Brodhead, but he has only been there for about two years.

Last week his family and friends at the nursing home helped him celebrate his birthday. And from all accounts he will celebrate more.

"He is probably in better health than I am," said Jennifer Ponder, Director of Nursing at the former Sowder's Nursing Home.

Mr. Anglin was raised in Rockcastle County by his grandfa-

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Shelley Parkerson was all smiles on Saturday.