

Former classmate to be remembered Sunday, Chief Justice to speak

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

When the Class of 2002 walks down the aisle at graduation ceremonies June 2, one seat will remain empty.

RCHS's student council decided to recognize classmate Suzanne Graves by leaving one chair empty. Graves, who would also have graduated this year, passed away from Cystic Fibrosis after completing her freshman year.

"We feel that it is important to leave an open seat for her because she started out with this class and she needs to be remembered on our special day as well," said senior class president Courtney Alexander.

Other plans for graduation have been finalized.

Ceremonies will begin at 2:00 PM, but the gates to the parking lot will open at 12:15. In order to avoid any potential traffic problems,

graduates need to be at the school by 1:00 PM.

Parents should also be advised to arrive early.

The keynote speaker will be Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, who is also the father of class valedictorian Joseph Lambert.

Lambert will speak in addition to traditional speakers such as Superintendent Larry Hammond. Handing out diplomas will be

Rockcastle County Board of Education member Dr. B.G. Griffith.

Valedictorian Joe Lambert and Salutatorian Josh Hale will also be speaking.

The welcome will be done by class president Courtney Alexander, and vice president Angie Boreing will lead in the turning of the tassels. Aaron McKibben will close the ceremony.

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The Project Graduation committee has laid several items, including televisions and DVD players, away at Wal-Mart in Berea. Additional items have been purchased locally, as well.

Project Graduation plans are set

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

Seniors who attend Project Graduation Sunday night will leave with a little more than they came with.

According to Nancy Hale, Project Graduation Chairperson, over \$30,000 worth of merchandise will be divided between the members of the senior class who attend.

Upon arrival, each senior will receive 10,000 Rocket Bucks, a Project Graduation T-Shirt, and a disposable camera to take pictures throughout the night.

Project Graduation begins at 9 PM, with the doors locking at 10. It ends at 6 AM. During this time seniors will be able to play various games to earn more Rocket Bucks.

After a night filled with many games and excitement, seniors will finally get to use the "cash" on at the 4 AM auction.

Some of the prizes that will be available at the auction are refrigerators, DVD players, TV's, luggage, and many other prizes. However, although prizes are a big part of project graduation, that's not all it has to offer.

"Project Graduation is one last time that parents and the community can tell the seniors that they love them," added Hale.

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