

Laura Whitaker Durham inducted into Livingston High School Hall of Fame

Approximately 200 former students, teachers, and family members attended the annual Livingston High School (LHS) all class reunion on October 26 at the Rockcastle Middle School. After a welcome by Dell Ponder (ES2, Coach Preston Parrett read his poem entitled "LHS Reunion" and a poem honoring Livingston native and Medal of Honor Winner David M. Smith. Members of the classes and 1952 and 1962 were recognized. The class of 1964 had the largest representation with twenty graduates present.

A highlight of the evening was the

induction of Mrs. Laura Whitaker Durham into the LHS Hall of Fame by Mrs. Pat Phillips Kincer (ES4, Dr. Barbara M. Castleberry, 66 and Dr. Jane Halcomb Brake (ES6 summarized some of Mrs. Durham's personal and professional accomplishments.

In 1958, Mrs. Durham moved to Mt. Vernon along with her husband, H. Lee Durham and their new baby daughter, Laura Lee. They came to Rockcastle County in order for Mr. Durham to begin his duties as the first full-time Rockcastle County Agricultural Extension Agent. In that same year, Mrs. Durham joined the

Livingston faculty as the music teacher and the following year assumed the role as Librarian for the school.

In 1971, Mrs. Durham left LHS to begin preparation of the library for the new consolidated high school that opened in 1972. She was Librarian at the Rockcastle County High School until 1985 when she took early retirement to spend more time with her new grandson, Lee Hamilton Durham Speaks, and her aging parents. She is blessed to have had her mother, Mary Saylor Whitaker live until the age of 95, and her father, Judge Samuel Whitaker, still be surviving at 90 years of age.

Always one to stay busy, in 1987, Mrs. Durham returned to the school system as a substitute teacher. She continues in that role today and can often be found at the Rockcastle County High School, filling in for her daughter Laura Lee Wesley who teaches first grade at Stanford Elementary, or substituting in the Music Department at Crab Orchard Elementary, her alma mater.

Mrs. Durham holds Bachelors and Masters degrees from Eastern Kentucky University. She served on the Central KY Education Association Board of Directors from 1969-71 and the Ky School Library Association Board as a member-at-large.

Mrs. Durham became a charter

member of the Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1964, and is a member of the Rockcastle County Chapter of the DAR and the Rockcastle County-Gideon's Auxiliary. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon where she was Director of church music and a Sunday school teacher for many years. She is currently a choir member and church librarian.

Long before it was a popular catch phrase Mrs. Durham knew that "Reading is Fundamental" and she worked tirelessly to instill thousands of students with a love of reading. The LHS Hall of Fame Award recognizes her more than forty years of service to the community.

In accepting the award, Mrs. Durham gave credit for her success as a Librarian to an excellent support staff at LHS and Rockcastle County High.

School. She acknowledged the invaluable assistance provided by Mrs. Sandra Malone Mullins, Library Clerk.

Members of the planning committee Dell Ponder, 52, Pauline Mink Waddles, 52, Juanita Smith Watson, 52, Pat Phillips Kincer (ES4 and Aletha Parker Bryant (ES6 were delighted with the attendance. They expressed the hope for even greater participation at the next reunion to be held the last weekend in October 2003.



Woodmen of the World Lodge 888 seniors attended camp at Camp Woodmen in Lexington. This year's theme was Christmas with gift exchanges, merry, during camp. Last day of camp dinner was served with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. A good time was had by all. Pictured front row from left: Marjorie Malone, Thelma Sowder, Woodmen of the World Field Rep. Jean Towery, Doris Dolle and Ken Dolle. Back row from left: Walter Malone, past president of Lodge 888, Elton Sowder, Frances Anderson, Ralph Anderson, president of Lodge 888 and Cletus Peters.



Woodmen of the World Lodge 888 secretary and Kentucky Jurisdictional officer Mary Ann McNew, National Field Rep. Jimmy Green and Field Rep. Jean Towery attended the FIC meeting at the Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell. While there, Towery was surprised by Area Manager David Combs with a cake for her 75th birthday.



At left, Jessica Hodge, 901 youth member and at right, Robbie Smith, president 901 Youth Lodge wait to climb the rappelling wall. In the back is Field Rep. Sandra Bullock.

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Class of 1962 Judy Vanzant Brock, Helen Hellard Durham, Carolyn French Ponder, Eugene Taylor, Dillie "Bud" Cottingham.



Left to right: Dr. Jane Halcomb Brake, Mrs. Laura W. Durham, Dr. Barbara-Marshall Castleberry and Laura Lee Durham Wesley.



Class of 1952, left to right: Curtis McHargie, Danny Mullins, Ronnie Mullins, Evelene Hammond Raines, Juanita Faulkner McQueen, Irene Halcomb Shelley, Pauline Mink Waddles, Juanita Smith Watson, Dell Ponder and Paul Carpenter.



Class of 1964, front row, left to right: Dr. Barbara Marshall Castleberry, Diane Hoffman Kinsey, Minor Ronit Cox and Dean Blackburn. Second row, from left: Barbara Smith Burdine, Clara Foster, Dr. June Mullins Whittier, Barbara Ponder Fain and Anna Jane Barnett Carpenter. Back row, left to right: Charles Robinson, Paul Jones, Joe Edd Barnes, Jimmy Gibson, William "Butch" Loudermilk, David Rader, Douglas Glen Durham, Teddy Mink, Hazel McCracken Bailey, Shelly Mullins and Lloyd Bond.

Veteran's stone vandalized at Davis-Witt Cemetery

The grave stone of Chester F. Phillips in Davis-Witt Cemetery was vandalized sometime in the last two weeks.

His wife, Ruth Phillips, had bought a stone for his Army plaque and the small top plaque "Husband of Ruth H. Phillips" has been pried off the stone.

She bought it so the plaque would not lie flat and be covered with grass cuttings and dirt.

This was a Veteran's stone that deserved respect and the person he was deserves respect also.

His big stone was cut with the wrong death date and had to be taken up and sent back to Georgia to be re-figured and re-cut.

This stone was the only one on his grave at the time. She said "it took a low-down person who had no respect for him to do this. I hope they sleep well, I am his wife, by his choice, and if his grave continues to be vandalized; he can be moved to a cemetery that has security. He hasn't been dead a year and this stone has only been up one month."

The new law passed says it's a year in jail for grave vandalism even stealing flowers, perhaps some one knows something. If so call the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.



Jessica Hodge, member of Lodge 901 Woodmen of the World, is shown climbing the rappelling wall at Camp Woodmen in Lexington. Jessica was the only one from 901 to climb to the top.

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