

“I See It”

(Cont. from A3)

gone for the Christmas of 1999 but I had to accept the fact that he would be gone for the remainder of the Christmases for the rest of my life.

Since my father’s death, both of my grandmothers have passed away and an uncle (who was like a second father to me) has also passed away. It seems like half of my immediate family is gone and our family’s Christmas gatherings aren’t the same anymore. This has caused me to not be excited about the holidays like I was when I was a child.

Out of all the advice and kind words people have given me during the deaths of my loved ones, I have always remembered one particular person who gave me the best advice I have ever received on how to deal with the death of family members during holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I received this advice after the death of my uncle Randall in March 2011 and I can still hear this person echoing the words “you have to continue on with your life and you have to reestablish the joy that family gatherings bring during the holidays because that is what they would want you to do.”

There is no advice or kind words people can give that will bring our loved ones back. But this person’s blunt advice has helped me cope with losing my family members over the years. It was hard learning how to live my life without them and it was hard to find the joy of the holidays again without them being there.

But the fact of knowing that my loved ones would want me to continue on with my life and would want me to spend time with my family during the holidays has helped me find the joy once again, during Christmas especially. After all, I wouldn’t want to do anything that I thought would disappoint them.

I have now gone from hating the holidays to loving them. I now cherish the precious time that my family and I can put our lives on standby and spend quality

time with each other during holiday meals and gift exchanges.

I cherish this time because I know that is what my loved ones who have passed away would want me to do. I also know it could be the last Christmas that I could spend with some of my family members because there is no guarantee that any of us will be on this earth for Christmas next year.

I hope and pray that people who have lost loved ones can still find some joy this holiday season, just like their loved ones who have passed away would want them to.

“Memories”

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mouth introduced the Valiant to its line of automobiles, and we, of course, could name every style available. As a matter of fact, my friend Bud Cox drove one of those.

If you were “hip” guy, you could identify any car on the roads during the 50’s and 60’s. We were at the age of being on the precipice of driving ourselves. Cars were ever on our minds – one of the most popular topics of the entire era. We kept our noses inside one Hot Rod magazine after another in order to learn about and to recognize all of the vehicles being made. Rock and Roll artists did not fail to notice, and they made hit after hit singing about the cars of our time.

It is said that during the decades of the 50’s and 60’s, more than 100 songs were recorded about experiences with our cars. The following list offers just a few examples of some of those hit records:

- Rocket 88 by Jackie Brenston (’51)
- Seven Little Girls (Sitting In the Backseat) by Paul Evans (’59)
- Hot Rod Lincoln by Johnny Bond (’60)
- 409 by The Beach Boys (’62)
- Little Deuce Coupe by The Beach Boys (’63)
- No Particular Place To Go by Chuck Berry (’64)
- Route 66 by The Rolling Stones (’66)

Chuck Berry alone topped the list with six car

songs. (How many can you name?)

Not only did we spend our time learning the names of cars and listening to Rock and Roll music about them, we proceeded to follow in that direction with our finances. However meager they might be, our funds were largely spent buying cars and car parts once we turned sixteen. When we finally were driving, we then saved our money in order to purchase customized items to make our cars unique. We

bought Lakes pipes, a variety of hub caps, chrome for our engines, fender skirts, and “tuck and roll” seat covers. Each month in Hot Rod magazine, we found additional items that we thought would make our cars the “hottest ride” in town.

The cars of today just cannot be compared with the classic automobiles of our youth. Driving down the highway today, most people

have a hard time merely terminating the brand of most vehicles. That is especially true if you see them from the back. Fins just aren’t what they used to be! Neither are the engines, wheels, chrome accessories, or interiors. When it comes to automobiles, take me back to the ‘50s!

“Points East”

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put the bar code in the system yet since they put the stuff on sale and it’ll ring up a penny more than it ought to.”

“Wonder why they have the Bull’s eye with the cereal” I foolishly asked?

He said, “Heck Son. Where you from anyhow? Don’t tell me you’re one of them fellers that don’t put barby sauce on his cheerios and coco-puffs”?

I said, “Well I guess it does make as much sense as having the grated cheese over there beside the ice cream freezer.”

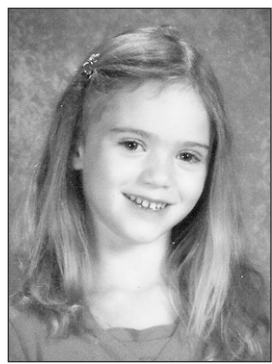
And he said, “I bet you don’t even sprinkle your butter pecan with Parmesan either, do you”? “But I do

like Provlone better on my neopolitian even though it binds me up sometimes. Now the wife and the youngens like sharp cheddar sprinkled on theirs but I can’t take that fake strawberry stuff they like so I just scoop out all the chocolate and vanilla and leave that pink stuff for them. It actually works out pretty well for all concerned parties.”

He said, “If you’d just stop and think about it, there’s a good reason why they put bout everything in this store where it’s handy to get at and easy to find. But I still don’t know why they don’t have the nuts over there in hardware where a man could pick up a hammer to crack em with instead of having to run all over the store”.

Anyway, from all us here on Charlie Brown Road, Merry Jingle Bells and may your rumpa keep on tomming and your lords keep right on leaping in the coming year. May you also remember to date your checks and correspondence 2014 before the end of the year.

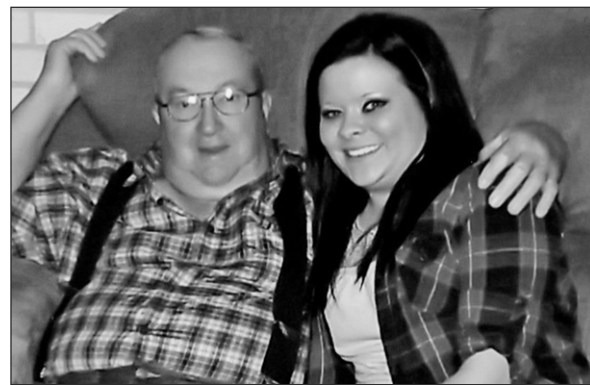
I’m still stuck on 1982 cause that’s the year Loretta latched onto me.



Lauren Sanders, granddaughter of Charles and Jean Sanders of West Chester, OH, celebrated her 6th birthday December 5, 2013 with 15 friends and classmates along with their parents, Uncle Dave and Aunt Christie at Pump It Up in West Chester. She wants to thank everyone for all the nice gifts.



Bentley Andrew Isaacs was born Nov. 21, 2013 at the Women’s Hospital of St. Joseph East, Lexington. Bentley Andrew weighed 9 lbs., 3 ozs. at birth and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Andrew and Dorrie Isaacs of Berea. Maternal grandparents are David and Bea Chasteen of Berea and Paternal grandparents are Elzie and Pam Isaacs of Lancaster.



Happy Birthday, Paul. Love, Andy

Our Readers Write

Choir/Chorus appreciates donations...

Dear Editor,

The RCHS Honors Choir and the Castle Chorus would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their recent donations:

Rite Aid, Heritage Crafts, Rockcastle Kiwanis, IGA, Save-A-Lot, Main Street Pharmacy and Burdett Bros., Antiques and Collectibles (in former Cox Hardware Bldg).

Our Madrigal dinner on Saturday, December 14th was a huge success thanks to your generosity! Your benevolence helped us to have costumes for all our student performers and servers, as well as desserts and drinks for all our guests.

We appreciate you very much!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tammy Reynolds, RCHS Choir Director

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Bookmobile Schedule

The bookmobile will not run the week of Dec. 23-27. The library will be closed Dec. 24th and 25th and Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st.

Holiday Health Dept. Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Dept. hours of operation for the week of 12/23-12/27 and 12/30/13 - 01/03/14 will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 Monday, Thursday and Friday (both weeks). The department will be closed Dec. 24th and 25th and Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st.

Livingston Fire & Rescue Turkey Shoot

Livingston Fire and Rescue will hold a Turkey Shoot on Sat., Dec. 21st, beginning at 10 a.m. at David Mason’s Garage, north of Livingston on U.S. 25. 410-16-20-12 gauge shotguns only. No custom guns. Judge’s decision final! \$2 a shot. Shells will be furnished by the fire department. Concessions will be sold.

CCFFG Meeting Note

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will not hold a meeting in December. We wish all Rockcastle citizens and our precious children a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Renfro Valley Lodge. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.



from

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen

and staff

May the spirit fill your hearts this Christmas.



Front row from left: Sonya McGuire, Tina Gibbs and Amanda Brown.
Back row from left: Becky Mays, Danetta Ford Allen, Mattie Miller and Moore.