

Awards

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Pink Scholarships in the amount of \$500 were awarded to McKenzie Clemons and Preslee Cundiff. The Brandon Noe Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Dylan Noe. The Masonic Lodge Scholarship in the amount of \$1500 was awarded to Skyler Caldwell. The Alice Lloyd Appalachian Scholarships were awarded to Mason Stamper, Elijah Ratliff, Xander Warner, and Madison Shouse. Morehead Scholarship was awarded to Emily Lutes. Hazard Community College - William Blanton, Skyler Caldwell, McKenzie Clemons, Preslee Cundiff, Elizabeth Deaton, Kansas Evans, Alexander Gazzara, Austin Hogan, Chelsey Horn, Hayden Mays, Nate Miller, Dylan Noe, Kalib Olson, Cody Riley, Mercedes Sandlin, Landyn Shelton, Mason Stamper, Kristin Stepp, Caleb Thacker, Brooklyn Thorpe, Andiria Tipton, Emileigh Warner, Xander Warner, Dylan Wilson. Brian Keith/Lion Apparel Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to McKenzie

Clemons. Vocational School Cords were awarded to the following: Receiving one cord - Andrea Tipton, Emily Phillips, Chloe Cundiff, Mykala Keith, Cayden Fox, Jesse Drake, Landyn Shelton, Shekya Maynard, Kaison Phillips, Emily Lutes, McKenzie Clemons. Receiving two cords - Kristen Stepp, Troy Dennis, Alyson Bowling, Alexander Gazzara, Jonathan Wilson, Elizabeth Deaton and Kansas Evans. Receiving three cords - Emileigh Warner, Brooklyn Thompson, Dylan Noe, Chelsea Horn, Kristen Flinchum, Skyler Caldwell. Receiving four cords - Mercedes Sandlin and Preslee Cundiff. The Appalachian Scholarship was awarded to Mercedes Sandlin. The Sedley & Rena Stewart Scholarship was awarded to Preslee Cundiff. The Claudio & Linda Stewart Ratti Scholarship was awarded to Emily Lutes. The Murray-Mchone Scholarship was awarded to Emily Lutes. The following students received the Math Awards - Trinity Price, Emily Lutes, Caleb Wilson, Andrea Tipton, Dakota Slone, Emily Phillips, Lauren Dunaway, Allyson Bowling, Cayden Adams, Kristen Flinchum, Preslee Cundiff, Kaison Phillips, Mercedes Sandlin, Jesse Drake, Dylan Noe and Boone Riley. Boone Riley was awarded the top award. Preslee Cundiff was awarded the top award for Social Studies, Science and English. The Citizenship Award was given to Emily Phillips and Kaison Phillips. Emeliegh Warner and Xander Wilson were awarded the "I Dare You" award. Beta Club members were Emeleigh Warner, Cayden Adams, Kristen Flinchum, Dylan Noe, Emily Lutes, Lauren Dunaway, Preslee Cundiff, Allyson Bowling and Boone Riley. The Governors Scholar was Emily Lutes. Bobcat Awards (95% average) were given to Preslee Cundiff, Allyson Bowling, Jesse Drake, Kaison Phillips and Dylan Noe. 4.0 Grade Point Average went to Preslee Cundiff and Allyson Bowling. The Top Ten 2025 Seniors were Jesse Drake, Cayden Adams, Kaison Phillips, Preslee Cundiff, Dylan Noe, Lauren Dunaway, Allyson Bowling, Kristen Flinchum, Madison Shouse and Boone Riley. Allyson Bowling was awarded the Jeremiah Smith Salutatorian Scholarship. Preslee Cundiff was awarded the Drew Smith Valedictorian Scholarship.

Down the Backroads of Yesterday

By Bob Smith



Happy Days in the summer

Thus far, it has been a rough spring and early summer. Between illness and accidents I haven't enjoyed it much. Nevertheless, most of us greet spring with joy when it does arrive. On the plus side, I have lost 56 pounds of excess lard this year which is always good when you are stacking up the years. Several folks have asked me how I managed to do it. I told them I just quit eating groceries I don't like and lots of food I am not putting in my face just to have something to gnaw on. It doesn't make sense to fill your face and tummy with stuff you don't particularly like and poor old tired legs would have to carry around the rest of my days. "How do you keep up your strength," friends ask. "I depend heavily on the country's most perfect food." "And what is that," they ask. "Ice cream," I answer. "Most folks don't realize it, but ice cream is the world's most perfect food. The Good Lord kept our country stocked with good food in the beginning and even after they got you hooked on snack food, they started trying to convince people that lots of items were good for you, items like broccoli, celery, peas and so forth. I lost weight by eating fruit, vegetables, meats and real health food, and good ice cream.

I tell folks I consume large amounts of ice cream for medicinal purposes, all kinds, hand dipped, soft serve, homemade, popsicles, and fudgesicles. Years ago, I did a research paper on ice cream around the world. My finding concurred with the finding that there are over a thousand flavors of ice cream, 'n all sizes, shapes, colors and just about any way you can when you can have it in plates, bowls, sandwiches, cones, etc. You name it and it is yours. A different reminder from the early sixties showed that of the thousand people surveyed, 95% percent preferred vanilla ice cream, two percent like chocolate, two percent prefer strawberry and the other one percent makes up the rest of the sale. I always figured that if the Good Lord had ever come up with anything better than ice cream, he kept it for himself. I have seldom found a flavor of ice cream I didn't like. One of them is pumpkin spice. There are probably others, hardly worth mentioning. There may be others, who knows? It takes all kinds to make a world and taste varies. What is sauce for the goose may not suit the gander at all.

My wife is fully aware of my sweet tooth for ice cream and tries to humor me. I don't turn very much down. Of course, vanilla usually goes best with pies, especially apple pie, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, cherry or pecan. My spouse usually keeps Neapolitan ice cream in the freezer. It's convenient and nice to have the three major flavors at your disposal for consumption rather. Fudge brownies and sugar cookies go well together. There is an occa-

sional mention of ice cream in the histories of Ancient Greece and Rome. Special details were sent to places like Mt. Olympus to bring back ice to make ice cream. Any mention of it is usually reserved for royalty or nobles. From Greece and Rome ice migrated to the crowned heads of Europe. The folks in the New World Colonies began to enjoy ice cream soon after the colonies were established. I have read stories and mention of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and the ice cream served at those events.

In my own 79 years I have seen numerous changes in the ice cream business. I was born and spent my younger days in Neon, Kentucky. Neon was on one side of the mountain and Tolliver Town on the opposite side, with the hill, highway and creek. My aunts and uncles took me to the movies. They often walked around the mountain.

Sometimes we would stop at Cann Bentley's Drug Store to buy some comic books and an ice cream cone. I marveled at the number of flavors they kept in the ice cream freezer. There always seemed to be vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. From time to time, I liked to switch my choice to black walnut, butter pecan, black cherry or butterscotch. Sometimes Aunt Ruth liked to get a booth and sit a while to enjoy a Sunday or butterscotch milkshake. Whenever I went to the drug store by myself I could get a tasty cone while I stood along side the comic book rack and enjoyed my ice cream while I thumbed through the latest issue of Roy Rogers, Donald Duck and Bugs Bunny. By the time I reached my teen years I had developed a taste for restaurant food and soft-serve ice cream. I met my wife Linda at a drive-in restaurant in Dayton, Ohio. They served ice cream anyway you wanted it as long as it was soft-serve. Even after we were hitched, we liked to eat out at drive-ins on Saturday night or Sunday afternoons. Most of the time we had a milkshake with our food and sometimes we would pass up the shakes for a banana split or hot fudge Sunday afterwards. While we lived in Dayton we made a delightful discovery, a little ice cream shop called "Baskin-Robbins." They advertised "33 flavors". We stopped there infrequently, but we

continued to patronize them. In fact, we stopped on the way home from Miami Valley Hospital to share a hot fudge Sunday when our first born Crista Lynn, August 23, 1966. After we moved to Lee County we only got to visit this ice cream shop on the occasions we got into Lexington. We didn't miss many opportunities to treat ourselves when we've gotten to Gatlinburg or Pigeon Forge.

Up until I was nearly grown I thought Grandpa was just about one of the smartest men I ever knew, that is until I offered him a bowl of ice cream on a 4th of July and he declined, refusing to give up a free chew of tobacco he had just cut off his twisted plug of "chawing terbacca." He said it tasted better. Oh well, nobody is perfect, not even Grandpa.

In my seventy nine years on this earth I've tried about everything that had an ice cream label. I don't like dismissing much off handed without ever trying it. That includes about every ice cream, sherbet or chocolate bar wrapped in a popsicle bag over the last seventy-five years or so. In my early years, I visited the grocery store in our little town and the general stories in the rural areas, gave them my nickel and walked away chomping on a double popsicle bar, usually a fruit flavor or a single chocolate, vanilla sherbet or root beer bar on a stick.

Most of the time they were wrapped in a small collectible bag. You could save the bag and mail a designated number of marked bags for any number of listed prizes. Oh! And by the way, the bags had to be accompanied by a specific amount of cash to qualify for the requested prize such as a bicycle, camera, knife, football, typewriter, baseball and fielder's mitt and a long list of attractive prizes. These redeemable bags and labels were included on candy bars, cookies, peanuts, Blue Horse and Silver Star notebook paper and pop bottle lids. I have never gotten tired of good ice cream or trying new products. I have in recent years acquired a taste for Arby's orange cream shakes and I have an outstanding request for my birthday on the Fourth of July. Just surround me with ice cream, lemonade and fireworks and I am happy.

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