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Fonde-Pruden Cemetery gets Some Visitors

By Gary Garrett

On April 1, 2015, students from Fonde Christian Academy planted jonquils, or Easter flowers, on many of the graves at the Fonde-Pruden Cemetery. They then were asked to write about their experience. Here, in their own words, is what they had to say; Many students commented about removing the old fence that was meant to enclose the graves of the colored that were buried there many years ago making it one. The cemetery still needs work!

Connor Roy: "I really liked cleaning out the graveyard and making it bloom."

Evan Partin: "It was a fun trip and a good time. I enjoyed planting flowers and helping with the cemetery."

Johnathan Parks: " " We ran upon some graves that was homemade and we thought it was cool." **Hunter Marlow:** "It made me feel good knowing that I could help."

Caleb Lawson: "Hope that the place gets spruced up and looks amazing when the smoke clears." **Haley Waldroop:** "I had fun and would like to know more about the history of this place."

Sarah Lambdin: "I helped plant flowers on many of the graves to bring beauty to the cemetery."

Tressa Dixon: "There was a bunch of Huddleston graves. My mamaw and papaw's last name was Huddleston which really got me to thinking- am I related to any of these Huddleston's?"

Trey Dixon: "We went to pay our respects and plant flowers in the cemetery."

Jerri Parks: "I just thought it was neat getting out there and cleaning the graveyard up and making it beautiful again giving it color-like bringing it back to life."

Logan Waldroop: "I loved going to the cemetery!"

Bobby Lay: "I liked helping plant the flowers. It was a good day."

Carrie Nichols: "I loved the history of the area."

Dalton King: "It looked like a totally different place. I hope that it is taken care of by future generations."

Brooklyn Johnson: "When we see the cemetery next year it will be very beautiful and I had a very fun day."

Peyton King: "I would like to go plant flowers again and plant more and more till the graveyard is all filled up."

Jailynn Marlow: "It was a great experience. It was a sweet thing to do for the deceased people. I learned why the graves faces east."

Sarah Ann Parks: "It meant a lot to me to plant flowers on my mammas Huddleston's grave."

Matthew Steakley: "It had a positive effect on us as a school to know we had helped. It really opened my eyes on the past history of our small beautiful community."

Trace Dixon: "I had fun!"



I personally want to say, "A Big Thank You to the following: **Jellico Hospital** for donating the gloves, **Larry Davis** for giving us the flowers, and the students of **Fonde Christian Academy** for planting flowers."

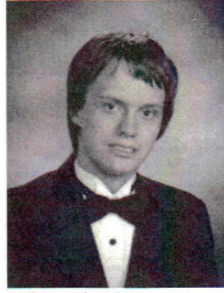
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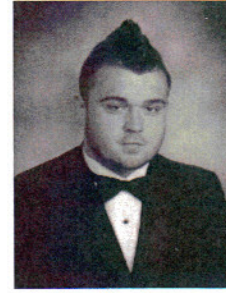
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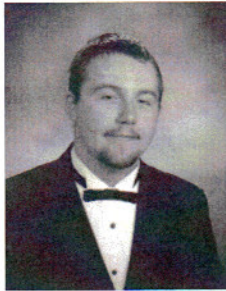
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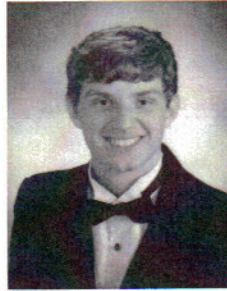
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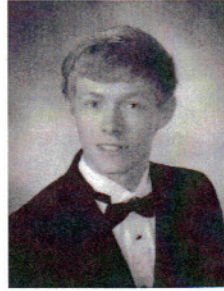
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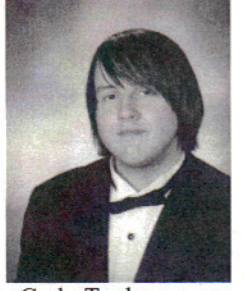
Dakota Monday



Blake Rutherford



Brittany Shelton



Cody Taylor



Duane York

To the Parents: As your children graduate you start to think about where all of the time has gone. You remember dropping them off at their first day of Kindergarten, wishing them luck and sending them off with their new lunch bag with their favorite cartoon character's face on the side of it. You think to yourselves just how little they used to be and how they would look up to you, and, somewhere along the way, they hit a growth spurt causing you to be the ones to look up to them. You must trust in yourselves that while they will make mistakes, you have prepared them to overcome and become stronger through those mistakes. Remember that they will always be your child even if they have children of their own, and you will always be their parents.

Graduates: Graduating is the time where it is supposed to feel different, but it takes a while before you realize just how much things have changed. You are now responsible for paying bills, applying for loans, making sure you are not always eating junk food (ice cream for breakfast is something we all experience once in our lives), and even remembering to get a haircut before your mother takes the scissors to it. Whether you start your career right out of high school or go on to a higher education, always live with an open mind, always love with an open heart, and always, *always* believe in yourself. -Hali Brookman

"True education flowers at the point when delight falls in love with responsibility."

-Philip Pullman

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Joseph Gibson



Hunter Taylor



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2015 White Oak 8th Grade Graduates



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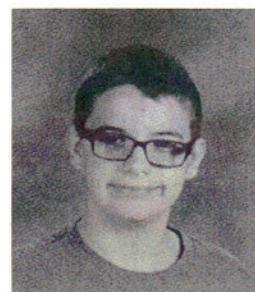
Mattea Daniels



Michael Delk



James Hatfield



Ben Hughes



Jerney Ivey



Kaylee Lambdin



Rebecca Lloyd



Shane Metcalf



Alyssa Warman

2015 Fonde 8th Grade Graduates



Sarah Lambdin



Caleb Lawson & Matthew Steakley

Please forgive us for any spelling errors or if your child has been omitted by mistake.



Memorial Day is a holiday in the United States for remembering the people who were mortally wounded while serving in the Armed Forces.

The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, was formerly known as Decoration Day and originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war.

For decades, Memorial Day was observed on May 30th the date that had been selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971.

This year Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as my grandmother still calls it, will be held on the 25th and so will the unofficial start of summer: swimming, grilling, camping out and, of course, no school. As we go out to do the things we love this season, let's remember to be safe and remember the ones who died to give us the freedom to do these things and everything else we do in our daily lives.

-Candace Horn

Community Calendar

JELICO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Jellico Church of God Mountain Assembly; May 29th; 7:00-9:00 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fonde Christian: June 8-12th; 6:30-8:30 pm

Fonde Baptist: June 22nd-26th; 9:00-11:00 am

White Oak Church of God: Kids Crusade; June 8th, 9th, & 10th; Evening Time

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

Claiborne County: 3rd Monday of the month in large courtroom located on Main Street in Tazewell at 6:30 p.m.

Campbell County : Regular Business meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month.

CLEARFORK UTILITY BOARD MEETING

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center.

CLAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: meets on the 2nd Monday of the month..

They need volunteers, need to be 18 years of age.

THE EARLY STEPS PROGRAM:

through **White Oak Elementary School** works on building developmental skills needed for school readiness.

If you are interested in learning more about the program please contact :
Sheila Smith at 423-784-6690 between 8am and 4pm.

Peony, or Piney roses as I have all ways heard them called, are in full bloom right now. You can go out and smell the wonderful fragrance that they produce or enjoy the view of big beautiful flowers that come in so many colors.

But, did you know they are among the longest-used flowers in the Eastern Culture? They are called "flower of riches and honor" and "king of the flowers." In the middle ages, petals were added to water and drunk, and, in China, the fallen petals are parboiled and sweetened as a tea-time delicacy, as well as being added to salads, punches, lemonades, soaps, perfumes and candles.

Ancient superstition dictated that great care be taken not to be seen by a woodpecker while picking the plant's fruit, or the bird might peck out one's eyes. Mischievous nymphs, a mythological spirit of nature, were said to hide in the petals of the Peony, giving it the meaning of Shame or Bashfulness in the Language of Flowers.

All I know is I pick the beautiful flowers to put in vases and fill my home with the fragrance. If you go out in your yard and notice a bloom or two missing, at least I did not take the whole plant.

-Candace Horn



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