

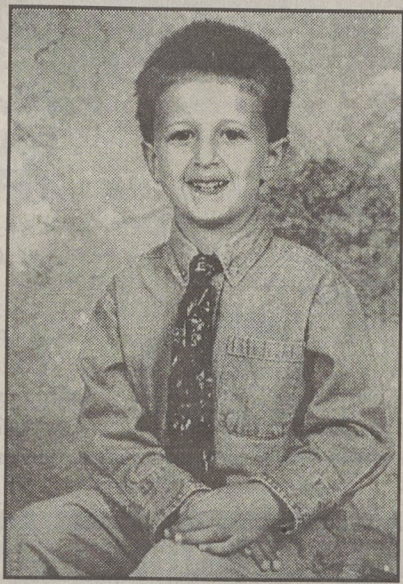
Birthdays

James Bratton Rikard II celebrates 5th birthday

James Bratton Rikard II celebrated his fifth birthday May 24 at Chuck E Cheese in Lexington, Kentucky.

His sister, Ashley, 11, friends and Chuck E Cheese helped him celebrate with a pizza party, cake and games.

James is the son of Captain and Mrs. James Rikard of Lexington, Kentucky. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rikard and the great-grandson of Mrs. Lillian Henderson of Kings Mountain.



JAMES B. RIKARD II

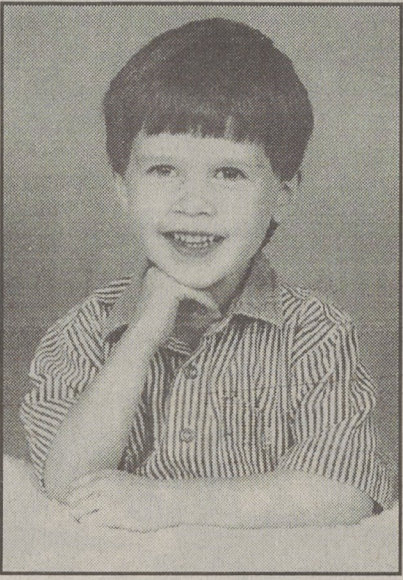
Chad Whetstine notes fourth birthday

Chad Whetstine, son of Wanda and Darrell Whetstine of Kings Mountain, was four years old May 29. He celebrated with a Batman party on May 30.

Guests included Austin Bridges, Matt and Maci Shepard, Tanner and Tyler Ross, Ethan and Paige Goins, Lauren Forbes, Cline Tate and Stevie Evon.

Chad has a seven-year-old sister, Christy.

Grandparents are Pat and Philip Witherspoon and Ed and Joyce Babb. Great-grandparents are Eva Goforth, Eunice Lovelace and Anis Lee Babb.



CHAD WHETSTINE

Christy Whetstine celebrates birthday

Christy Whetstine, daughter of Wanda and Darrell Whetstine of Kings Mountain, was seven years old June 15. She celebrated with a party on June 14 and enjoyed a pink and white birthday cake.

Guests included Lauren, Caitlyn and Bennett Suber, Gia Surber, Brandi Adams, Chelsea Rucker, Sarah Page, Courtney Tate, Charlie, John and Ashley Witherspoon, Stevie Evon and Ethan and Paige Goins.

Christy has a four-year-old brother, Chad.

Christy is the granddaughter of Pat and Philip Witherspoon and Ed and Joyce Babb. Great-grandparents are Eva Goforth, Eunice Lovelace and Anis Lee Babb.



CHRISTY WHETSTINE

New mysteries at Mauney Memorial Library

New mysteries at Mauney Memorial Library:

Abel, Kenneth. "The Blue Wall" (Delacorte Press, 1996)

His car is dead, his wife has left him, and Detective Dan Mosher needs all the friends he can get. Instead, he is about to take on a case that buries him in a morass of corruption and contract murder in the NYPD.

Barron, Stephanie. "Jane and the Unpleasantness at Scargrave Manor" (Bantam Books, 1996).

To Jane Austin's surprise, her visit to the snowy Hertfordshire estate of young and beautiful Isabel Payne, Countess of Scargrave, will be far from dull.

Beaton, M.C. "Death of a Macho Man" (Mysterious Press, 1966).

Hamish is sure that the murder of the Macho Man was a crime of passion. He just isn't sure whether the passion was lust, greed, or vengeance. Beaton has written another outstanding mystery that expertly peruses the pleasures of Scotland and the landscape of the human heart.

Behrens, Ellen. "None but the Dead and Dying" (Baskerville Publisher Inc., 1996).

When the burial ground of an unknown prehistoric people comes to light on an Ohio farmer's property, many inhabitants of the small community nearby are mysteriously transformed.

Brandon, Jay. "Defiance County" (Pocket Books, 1996).

The author brings to life a complex and tangled web of crime and scandal woven deep within the remote woods of the east Texas landscape.

Clark, Mary Higgins. "Moonlight Becomes You" (Simon & Schuster, 1996).

In her most chillingly suspenseful novel yet, Clark delivers a tale of brilliantly sustained terror.

Dee, Jonathan. "St. Famous" (Doubleday, 1996).

In this novel, Dee turns his brilliantly insightful eye upon an American culture obsessed with the destruction of privacy.



ROSE TURNER
KM Librarian

Fagan, Cary. "The Animal's Waltz" (St. Martin's Press, 1994).

As this literary mystery unravels, surprising discoveries and chance meetings make this delightful novel funny, moving, and romantic.

Fowler, Earline. "Kansas Troubles" (Berkley, 1996).

With heart pounding suspense and drop dead humor, Fowler carries on a marvelous new mystery tradition: the spirited sleuthing of a truly one of a kind heroine.

Goddard, Ken. "Cheater" (Forge, 1996).

Goddard has created a gripping thriller that combines the gritty authenticity of his hands-on police experience with the heart stopping immediacy of a story told by a master of suspense.

Grady, James. "White Flame" (Dove Books, 1996).

Grady has fused the crime novel and the political saga into a phenomenal thriller that illuminates

new forces pulsating in our politics, our media, and our private lives.

Hall, James. W. "Buzzy Cut" (Delacorte Press, 1996).

At once a vise-tightening action thriller and a harrowing journey into the secrets that haunt families, lovers and friends, Buzzy Cut travels from Sugarloaf Key's misty lagoon to the kind of power and wealth that can do anything but change the past.

Hunter, Stephen. "Black Light" (Doubleday, 1996).

Like the infrared black light that exposes a sniper's target in the dead of night, Swagger homes in on the shadowy figures desperate to keep the secret of his father's murder buried.

Jones, Matthew. "A Single Shot" (Farrar Strauss Giroux, 1996).

The action of a moment changes a man's life in ways that he hardly could have imagined. This powerful novel is a literary thriller set in the backwoods country and full of regional echoes and raw emotions.

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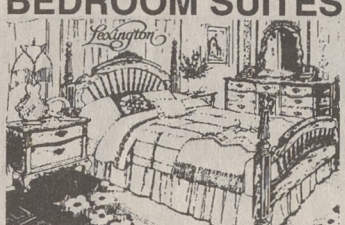
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