



The All-Stars Daily News

Lee Person's Exclusive Story Told Here for the Very First Time!



Lee Person is a seventh grade language arts and social studies teacher at Norwayne Middle School in rural Wayne County, North Carolina.

I am an educator. I am an activist who believes that my physical contributions to a cause are more important than my financial contribution. I brought the Relay here with me when I came to Norwayne. Our first year and we raised \$9,500 and had a great time doing it. This last year we raised \$18,300 and tripled the number of people that were involved. Recently I was informed that I had been nominated for Teacher of the Year for my school and that really made an impact on me. To use the word "enjoy" would not do justice to how I feel about my career choice. I am a TEACHER and everyday that brings excitement and pleasure to my life.

I recently graduated from East Carolina with a Masters Degree in Instructional Technology. I use a lot of technology in my classroom and for the most part it has been self-taught. I figured I needed some formal education on the "how-to" of this equipment. Though I do not have any formal training in lay out and design I use it frequently. We do a lot of presentations in my class and so I have developed a pretty good working relationship with PowerPoint also. The next item I would like to teach myself is digital video creation.

I use a very hands-on teaching style and am a strong proponent of inquiry-based learning. If I can get the children asking why and provide them with the resources and the skills to go out and find the answer they will learn so much more than I could ever "tell" them. I do not discount the value of standardized testing but have always felt life is not a bubble test. I believe my students leave my classroom with a through enjoyment of learning and a strong desire to go out and find more that interested them. My personal desire is to show my students that learning is not only book work and work sheets, but a personal journey into unknown adventures and a life filled with new and exciting opportunities.

All About Me

*I am 31 years old. I teach seventh grade.

*My team teacher is Ms. Donna Cox.

*The members of my family are Bambi (Mom) Mark (Step Dad), Harold (Dad), Evelyn (Step Mom), Janet (Step Sister) Billy (Brother in Law), Jesse Ryan (Nephew), Hunter (Nephew), David (Step Brother).

*Some of my friends are Chris and Alyssa Merritt, Kevin Smith, Alvin Philips, Annette Keegan, Pam Johnson, Mike Lipcsak, and tons more.

*My favorite food is—this is a hard one, I enjoy Italian, Sushi, Chinese, Mexican—just about anything as long as it is good.

*My favorite sport is—another tough one, I enjoy watching football and basketball and love to play tennis.

*My favorite TV show is probably CSI but I really use to enjoy West Wing — Not a real big TV watcher.

*My favorite movie is We Were Soldiers.

*My favorite song is—don't have one. I listen to all kinds of music.

*My favorite school activity is Social Studies projects and anything with Technology.

*When I grow up I want to be—still haven't decided. But I always want to be working in education.

*My nickname is KLG.

Meet My Hero

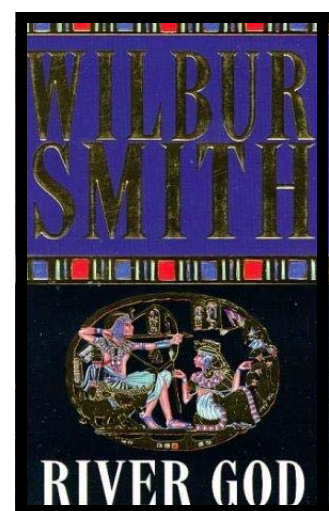
Bambi Creech

It sounds old fashioned, but I would not be where I am without my mom. In life when others might of given up, she never did. When I tried to slack off and not give 100% she made sure I understood what the consequences were. When things were bad she was my rock. I never needed for anything as a kid, she made sure I had that. I wanted for plenty and my mom taught me that in order to get what I wanted I would have to work a little harder. She worked hard but still made it to my tennis matches, Scout events, and to was still involved in my life.

My Hero— My Mom—Bambi Creech!



Critic's Corner

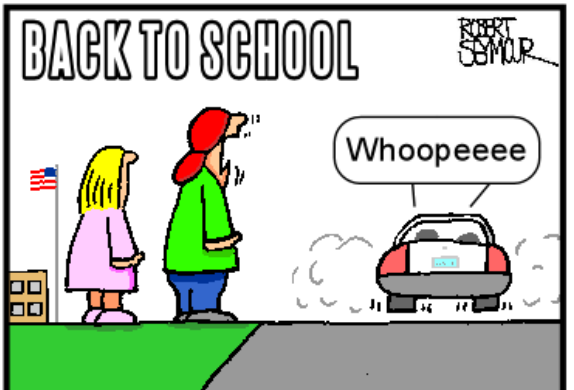


Title: River God Author: Wilbur Smith

My Mini Review: Wilbur Smith is an amazing writer. In this novel, you are there, in ancient Egypt, with the characters as they make their way through the adventure. The history of Egypt is well shown in an exciting and interesting fashion. I liked this book so well, I have read over a dozen of his other novels.

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