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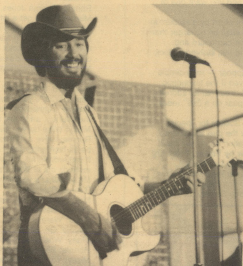
February 1983

Ronnie McDowell, a real sweet man



Missy Chaney and Ronnie McDowell

RONNIE MCDOWELL



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Country and Western Singer

Missy Chaney and Ronnie McDowell



Ahhh! I guess he didn't like that question . . .

by Missy Chaney

On January 16, I interviewed country and western singer Ronnie McDowell at the Collier County Fair. It was one of THE most exciting times of my life.

Between shows Judy and I walked to the back of the entertainment tent, where Ronnie's tour bus (private coach) was. On the side of the bus we saw the initials RmCd and a strawberry. The strawberry represents his nickname "Strawberry Picker" that his friends used to call him back in the small town of Portland, Tennessee — strawberry capitol of the world.

Judy and I looked for the roadie, also named Ronnie, who was the man to see to get an interview with Ronnie McDowell. He said it would be a few minutes. We leaned from one leg to another trying to keep circulation in our legs — it was cold that night. When we saw him come out of the bus, I was all excited and my legs felt like jelly — they really did! I've always heard that expression and it's true.

Craig Morris came up and I asked him for his autograph — he plays keyboard and does vocals. We handed him an issue of Kids News and he stood outside reading it. He's a really nice guy, but weren't they all!

FM-98 pulled up and they interviewed Ronnie first, so I waited

patiently for the next half hour. Finally out came Ronnie. He said he only had a few minutes and asked us into his "private coach." Ronnie told me to take a seat, and I started the interview.

Missy: Why did you grow a beard?

Ronnie: Well, just because I wanted a beard. I've never had one.

Missy: What do your fans think about it?

Ronnie: Oh, some like it, pros and cons. Some like it and some don't. It's the same theory and the same old saying — "you can't please everybody." Right?

Missy: Right. I saw that you have 3 kids. When you were young, were your parents strict with you?

Ronnie: My parents were divorced in 1956 and my mother was very loving and yes, she was strict.

Missy: Did you have a big family?

Ronnie: 9 — 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

Missy: That IS a big family! I bet Christmas's were nice though.

Ronnie: Yea, because of the big family.

Missy: Are you strict with your kids? (Laughter from band members.)

THEY'RE S.A.D. Students Against Drunk Driving

Hopefully, there will be lots of SAD kids in Naples before this year is out. Not sad, but S.A.D. — Students Against Drunk Driving.

Started in 1981 in Massachusetts by a teacher, Robert Anastas, the organization is spreading like a good thing should. Mr. Anastas now devotes all his time to helping schools around the U.S. start their own branch of S.A.D.

At Barron Collier High School, Pam Polan, Senior Class President, has taken on the responsibility of organization.

At Gulfview Middle School, Pilar and Lucy Cortez are taking the first steps to establish SAD. Pilar and Lucy have a very special interest as their sister Narda was struck down and killed by a drunk driver in December 1982.

The goals of SAD are to eliminate drunk drivers and save lives. Members pledge not to drink and drive or let a friend drink and drive.

The organization plans to present speakers to make kids aware of the magnitude of the problem and to disseminate information. They hope to have a gigantic rally in March or April.

So if you ask your friend "How are you?", and they reply "I'm SAD," you should say, "I'm glad." Because we need organizations like SAD, and we need them now.



Nicole LeBailly and her 18 pound cat "Henble". Henble won best of show and 3 other ribbons at the Fleischmann Park Pet Show on January 29. Eat your heart out, Garfield!

More pictures inside.

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"Clementine" was the the best dressed one in the whole show.



Julie Sawers with "Mickey", a 5-year old Pekinese.



Nolan Walker and his guinea pig "Freddie"

LOCAL ART CONTEST

\$75 first prize! \$50 second prize! \$25 third prize! Sharpen your pencils, get out your pens and crayons! The Audubon Society wants your best drawing of a native American bird of Collier County. Beside the 3 top prizes, there will be 24 other awards, and you want one of them, so do it now! Here's how:

One entry per person, to be an original work of art by a student in Collier County, public or private school. Entries shall be no larger than 8 1/2" by 11". It is suggested that you mount it on cardboard and protect it with plastic wrap. You can use pen and ink, etchings, block prints, crayon or pencil, but no half-tones.

Below the bird the common name should appear — for example "Brown Pelican". Extra consideration will be given if the taxonomic name also appears — "Pelicanus Occidentalis". Your name, address, phone, school and a teacher's name should appear on a 3x5" index card affixed to the back of your entry.

Entries will be judged first by the Audubon Society for species accuracy. Those entries which correctly identify the bird will then be passed onto judges from the Naples Art Association for artistic merit. Entries must be received at the Nature Center by Friday, February 18, 1983, by 5 p.m. The address is 1450 Merrihue Dr., Naples, 33942. Finalists will be notified and must appear at the awards show March 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Nature Center Exhibition Hall.

Any questions? Call Pat Ware of the Audubon Society, 262-6802.

RONNIE McDOWELL continued from front page

Ronnie: I am. I'm not one of those mean people that won't let them do nothing — but I watch them.

Missy: In your act, you do impressions of singers. Who's your favorite?

Ronnie: George Jones.

Missy: Do you get a lot of gifts from your fans and what's the most unusual one you have ever gotten?

Ronnie: Yes. You'd have to see it to believe it, it's some kind of ceramic thing. It looks like a dragon, but it isn't. It's got all kinds of different shapes. It's hard to explain.

Missy: How old were you when you first wanted to go into show business?

Ronnie: 6. I've wanted to sing ever since I was 6.

Missy: What's your favorite part of the country?

Ronnie: Tennessee. I'm not being prejudiced, I've just been all over the country, and I just think it's prettiest.

Missy: What do you think of Naples?

Ronnie: I love it. We came down today and we were hoping it would be all nice and sunny. Me and Flex went out and ran about a mile and it was wonderful. I think this is a nice little town. It's clean, kinda reminds me of West Palm.

Missy: What's your favorite sport?

Ronnie: Baseball.

Missy: Did you play any sports in school?

Ronnie: Baseball, football and basketball.

Missy: Were you popular in school?

Ronnie: Oh, not really.

Missy: What's your favorite food?

Ronnie: Seafood — any kind.

Missy: You have a new album out, right?

Ronnie: Well, it hasn't come out yet.

Missy: What song do you think is going to be most popular?

Ronnie: "Personally."

Missy: A lot of country singers are doing pop songs — why?

Ronnie: Well, "Slow Hand" by Conway is just a great song. It has great country lyrics, and I think "Personally" is even better than it for country.

Missy: When is your birthday?

Ronnie: March 26.

Missy: Who do you admire most?

Ronnie: I'm a big Clark Gable nut.

Missy: Who influenced your career most?

Ronnie: Bernie Topping, Leon Russell and Greg Martin.

Missy: Your Mom and Dad didn't?

Ronnie: No, they wanted me to do something and make some money. They wanted me to stop picking guitars and singing. They never saw anyone making money picking guitars.

Missy: What's your all time favorite song?

Ronnie: Ah — probably "Stardust."

Missy: By who?

Ronnie: Tommy Dorsey

Missy: I've never heard of it.

Ronnie: (looking at Judy, oldest person there) You have, haven't you?

Judy: (laughing) I certainly have.

Missy: What's your favorite thing to do when you're not working?

Ronnie: Just playing around with the house with the kids.

Then that about rapped it up — the roadies were banging on the window. Ronnie and his band are wonderful. I asked him if I could interview him again the next time he was in town and he said yes.

Ronnie has released 5 albums, with number 6 on the way. His hits include "Step Back," "Older Women," and "I Just Cut Myself." I would like to thank Ronnie for the interview, and John Norman of FM-98 for making it possible.

By the way, Ronnie asked us how far it was to the beach from their hotel, so if you think you saw Ronnie McDowell on the beach — you probably did!



Coretta Anthony and Kelly Anthony, cousins, ate their way to 1st place in the banana eating contest at the Collier County Fair.

COLLIER COUNTY FAIR

by Ricky Duggan

This year's Collier County Fair (Blue Grass Production) has topped all of its predecessors. With big name rides like the double ferris wheel, the Enterprise, the Skydiver and many more.

The fair also has been more profitable than years before, bringing in thousands of Naples/Ft. Myers citizens. Midnight Madness has been one of the most popular all night ride affairs since I have lived in Naples, with fast service and plenty of fun.

The Collier County fair has been one of the best things to hit Naples in a long time. It's something for the whole family to do.

by Sonja Craparo

Junior Deputy Day at the fair was fun. New rides and old rides and it was my first time. I know all the junior deputies like it a lot like always. I hope everyone enjoyed the fair. I know I did.

4-H Day this year at the fair was held like always. 4-H members had to put in a lot of hard work so we have to give credit to these hard workers, and all their time to plan it. The 4-H people had nice exhibits this year.

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FEB. 17

The Miami Dolphins against the Lely High School faculty? You gotta see it to believe it! February 17 at 8 p.m. at the Lely High gym. Admission at door is \$2.50 per person. Advance tickets for \$2 are on sale at Lely Sporting Goods, Athletic Attic, Athletic Lady and Lely High School. Tickets include autographed programs by the Dolphins to be signed before the game, at half time and after the game.

Sponsored by the Lely High School Parent Action Group.



Kevin Gill with his Albino Skunk "Stinky", only Stinky isn't 'cause he's been desiccated. Stinky took home a 2nd place ribbon.



David Callahan and his dog "Lady"



Stan Chrzanoski and his slithery friend "Rainbow" — a Scarlet King snake. Rainbow walked off (?) with best of show.

VIDEO REVIEW: ATARI SUPERCHARGER

by T.L. Lawrence

If you own an Atari VCS, one of the smartest things you can do to improve it is buy the Starpath Supercharger. It plugs into the cartridge slot, and it's big (compared to a cartridge). Out of the end of the Supercharger is a cord that you plug into a tape recorder and play game tapes. Starpath currently has 6 games (one comes with it called Phasar Patrol, a form of Star Raiders.)

Some newer Starpath games feature multi-load games in which you play one part of the game, and when you're done, load more tape and play the second part. In some tapes, like Dragonstomper, there are 3 parts to the game. You wander through the Enchanted Countryside in the first part, gathering magic items and money while fighting gnomes, demons, spiders, and warriors. Then cross a bridge, load more tape, and the second part is the Oppressed Village. There you enlist men, and sell and buy objects that will help you in stomping the dragon. The 3rd and final tape load is the Dragon's Lair where you must use all of your resources to kill the Dragon.

The Supercharger supercharges your Atari — the graphics are better, audio is better — everything is better. If the \$50 pricetag is too much for you — rent it at the Naples Video Center.

VALENTINE DAY MESSAGES TO YOU

by Missy Cheaney

- JAMEY** — love ya — from your secret admirer...
TO J.J. — love and kisses — your secret admirer. (P.S. kiss kiss).
DAVID LILE — Happy Valentines Day. From me!
FRANK MARTELL — Happy Valentines Day. Keep practicing! ???
GREG — Happy Valentines Day. I will love you forever. Beth H.
NICK — Happy Valentines Day. Love from ???
MIKE MINSERELLI — Love you always and forever. Happy Valentines Day. Yours truly.
DAVE — Love you always & forever. Happy V. Day. Love Chris
KENTUCKY — Happy Valentines Day, your friend Itty-Bitty Putt-Putt
RANDY — I want candy! Love ya forever, Jae
DR. THERN — Happy Valentines Day from a freshman.
ANDY — Our little sweetheart from your 2 secret admirers!
JAY JOHNSON — Happy Valentines Day from your "Beth."
DEAR DAVID — Be my Valentine today; but be my sweetheart forever — Love always, Sandy.
LOMI GODWIN — Happy V-Day, I love you.
TONY — Happy Valentines Day, I love you — Tara.
MR. BUSHNELL — Happy Valentines Day — Love S.M.
LINDA HALLENBECK — Happy Valentines Day and I hope we can remain best friends. Love ya — Kim Vince #69 or #77.
DIETRA — Happy Valentines Day, Love Riche
TARA LANIUS — Happy V Day, Love, Kim Vince.

POETRY CORNER

HIGH SCHOOL THOUGHTS

by Jackie Naretta

Boring classes; football games;
 Creepy teachers with funny names.
 Summer break-ups and high school loves;
 Tans that fade as white as doves.
 The hope of finding the one whose right;
 What to do on a Saturday night;
 Whether to cry or whether to pout;
 Are things we always think about.

THE GAME

by Sandy Knight

The rain pattered lightly on the pane, as I closed myself off in my room.
 Lying lonely in my bed, I could feel the darkness loom.

I then quickly sat up, afraid to close my eyes;
 For I swear that I could hear some far-off people's cries.

Was I going crazy? Or was this just a dream?
 Whatever it was, I surely felt, that I would also scream.

Why must we be trapped down here, in this crazy game called living
 Where everyone is taking, but no one is sharing or giving?

What is becoming of this world? And who is really to blame?
 I don't know the answers, but what is happening is a terrible shame.

MISSING YOU

by Tara Lanius

Sitting here all alone — without you by my side! I never thought I could miss you so much, and I haven't even tried. As I walk down the beach staring at the waves as they roll on in — I'm wishing you were here to hold my hand . . . and keep me warm at night. It's lonely walking without you!

No one to talk to — just thinking as I walk as far as my legs will take me — and as long as I'm walking for you, they'll move wherever I want to be.

I'm missing you so much — I need your love though. I wanna just walk with you and have a long talk about us. As two people, I love you — missing you so much!

"MEN AT WORK" MUSIC GROUP REVIEW

by Tara Lanius

The new group that everybody is talking about is "Men At Work." Actually they are not new at all, but are just now hitting the charts.

But does today's music make any sense? Let's take "Men At Work's" new hit "Down Under". Have you ever listened to the words?

"Traveling in a fried oil combine, on a hippie trail head full of zombie." I mean, let's get for real. I'd like to know what this guy was thinking of when he wrote this song. Personally I think we should go back to the songs of the '40s. They were about love and trust or sometimes just a cute little tune. Why are all the great writers letting "rockers" take over with trashy music?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 MISSY CHEANEY
 February 9

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Michael Robert Stuckey entered the world on January 9, weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. His parents are Debbie and Jerry Stuckey. Michael is the nephew of Janet and Joyce Poole.

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PERSONALS

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- HELLO MR. TURHUWE**
- HAPPY B-DAY LYNN SEIBERT** — Feb. 7th.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHIP** — Love, Janet
- HAPPY B-DAY CURTIS WALDEE** — Love, Tara
- JOYCE** — CONGRATULATIONS on the Hemisphere Pageant and good luck in the Miss Continent and the Miss Southern World Pageants. Love, Mom, Debbie and Janet.
- TO MR. PUPPY** — Symposium of Curriah Astute Mahouts S.C.A.M. Don't forget Mr. Peabody.
- "I'M FREE"** — Nuvia
- MOM AND DEBBIE** — Thank you for all the love you put into our dresses. We love you. Love, Joyce and Janet.
- MISSY CHEANEY** — **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the best friend in the world! February 9, Sandy.
- DIETRA STUHLMILLER & LEISA ALLEN** — Best friends forever.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM!** Feb. 2. I love you, Sandy.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEFANI BLISS** — LYLAS, Feb. 6 — Missy
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN VINES** — Feb. 7, from ... who else?
- HELLO TO KELLY AND THE HUDSON FAMILY!**
- LISA ALLEN and CAROL HUGHES** are the 2 best friends in the whole world.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY SABRINA** — Feb. 10. Love, Missy
- TERRY and LISA** love each other very much.
- SANDY** — good luck with DE — Love, Tara
- HAPPY B-DAY CINDY LANSDALE** — Feb. 14
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY MISSY W.** — January 26. Love Tommy



Spelling Bee winners at the Collier County Fair were: Grade 6, Tina Howes, Pine Ridge Middle School; Karen Traynham, Grade 7, Golden Gate Middle School; and Dan Sullivan, Grade 8, St. Ann School.

FLEISCHMANN PARK FEB. SCHEDULE

- MONDAY, FEB. 7 and TUESDAY, FEB. 8** — Ms. Pac Man tournament. Free Naples Parks and Rec. T-shirts will be awarded to the winner of each age division at the end of both nights. Divisions will include: 8-10, 11-13, 14-16, 17-19 years old. The tournament will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. both days. There is no entry fee, but you must supply your own quarters for the games.
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9** — "Family Night" at 7 p.m. Performances by students in Fleischmann's Jazz and clogger classes, and a demonstration of ping pong skills by Sean and Bill Hanley, plus an exhibition by the baton twirlers "the Westernettes." Parents and friends are invited, too. Refreshments served.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 10** — Ping Pong Tournament at 7 p.m. Age divisions are: 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19 up. First place trophies awarded in each division. Cost is \$1. Register at Fleischmann 9 a.m. -10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and til midnight Friday and Saturday.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 11** — Valentine's Day Party 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m. featuring Joe Poplewell. Music, dancing, games, food. Free entry.

For information on these events, call Fleischmann Park at 263-0428.



NHS HOLDS FOOD DRIVE FOR YOUTH HAVEN

Steven Francour, Naples High School, organized a collection of 994 canned food items for Youth Haven in December. Each Naples High homeroom participated.

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