

Happy Valentine's Day

Went to the nail salon to get my nails painted just in time for Valentine's Day. Kidding. I got black.



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And that basically sums up how I feel about the overpriced and overrated holiday coming up this weekend.

For someone who has never NOT had a significant other on the most romantic day of the year, (seriously... since I was 15. How strange!) I really just don't care for all the fuss.

Here are a few reasons why:

Roses. Yes, they are beautiful, but roses have thorns and that's all I can think about. Why in the world does someone give a person they love, a flower with giant thorns!? I need to read up on this and find out the history. (I will say the florists around here send some beautiful floral arrangements.) I've gotten my share of flowers, and while I think they're a beautiful addition to my desk, I'd rather have chocolate... or a Big Mac.

Cupid is stupid. Who the heck does the guy think he is? He just slings an arrow to decide the fate of people he's never met? The idea is fun, but I'm glad I met my husband the old fashioned way—and without the involvement of an arrow.

"Happy Valentine's Day!" Do people just randomly walk around saying this? It's not like, "Merry Christmas!" If I say it to a guy I pass at the gym, he is probably going to

think I'm flirting. Then I'll have to assure him that I am most definitely NOT flirting and probably hurt his feelings in the process. Seriously, be careful who you say "Happy Valentine's Day!" to— things could get awkward.

Romance movies. Gross. The Netflix Top Ten will be nothing but chick flicks and lovey-dovey dramas. The good crime fighting and action-packed films will fall to the wayside.

Restaurants are packed and when a reservation or table is secured, there's a whole lot of public displays of affection. Blinding.

I sound totally against love. I'm not. Being in love is great—that can't eat, can't sleep, all- I-can-think-about type love. Truly, it's hard to describe and just... great. Thankfully, my husband knows I love him every day of the year, and I don't have buy a \$6 card to prove it. Ha!

On a less-commercialized level— my own personal dislike: In a normal year, the National Farm Machinery Show falls on Valentine's Day weekend. Which is fine, now. I used to go with my husband and the Cecil family every single year. A farming family, it's a big deal. For me, I went for the nachos and Edy's ice cream during the hours-long, extremely loud tractor

pulls I sat through. We had a good time when I went, but I can honestly say I don't miss it. In 2014, I was due with our little girl and opted out. Hours of walking— I had good reasons. The family joked that I'd be closer to Norton's (where I would deliver), than if I stayed home. I stayed home, they went, and that was that.

This year, the show is cancelled, so I get my husband home to celebrate. Kidding. We are baking cupcakes and will likely be stuck in an ice storm. Fun!

Which leads me to what I DO like:

I LOVE that people want cupcakes for this overdone holiday. I have over 100 orders... meaning over 400 cupcakes, to bake this week! Whoa.

Chocolate. It's my favorite and it's everywhere this time of year. *Bonus, the Russell Stover's Strawberry Cream Hearts are the BEST.

Red. It's the best color. And I can find just about anything in the wonderful REAL red color this time of year!

Kids. My kids make the day extra special, like most days. My daughter has been making little hand drawn cards for everyone she knows. She has already received two gifts from boys (She is 6. Help.) My son has searched for the perfect gift for his friend, Ava-Kate.

My husband. He is amazing. He will surprise me with little treats because he knows me and my serious dislike for Vday.

In need



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Green County High School student Chandler Wright is in need of a kidney transplant. Wright currently has one functioning kidney after the other was removed. The function rate has decreased and he is currently in stage four of Chronic Kidney Disease. Anyone with questions or if interested in donating, may call 859-323-2467. To complete a questionnaire or obtain more information, visit Ukhealthcare.uky.edu/transplant-center/programs/living-kidney-donor-program

Time for K, Pre-K, Head Start

The time is near to get Green County youth enrolled in school.

Kindergarten registration will be held March 29-31 at Green County Primary School for incoming students

for 2021-22.

Preschool registration will be May 7 and May 14. Students must be four by Aug. 1, 2021 to enroll in preschool.

For more information regarding either of these, please call

the school at 270-932-6619.

Green County Head Start is now accepting applications for the upcoming school year for eligible 3-4 year-olds. For more information, call 270-932-6618.

WKU announces honors lists

The following Western Kentucky University students from the Green County area were named to the honors lists for the fall 2020 semester.


Full-time undergraduate students with a semester grade-

point average of 3.4 to 3.79 are named to the Dean's List.

Students with a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0 are named to the President's List. Locally, Shawn A. Korns, Ruth C. Eastham, Shelby E. Howell, Matthew W. Givens.

Locally, Sean R. Alamo, Dedrick D. Troxell, Karter A. Jones, Crystal R. Rattliff, Jessica A. Clark, Jaylee V. Hammons.

The entire list can be found at <http://www.wku.edu/mediarelations/deanslist.php>.



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