

"Sweet n' Sour"

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retreat and listen to the "Froggies goin' courtin'" or the whippoorwill calling to some far away sweetheart or friend. Now, these new friends missed all that for they left before the night birds and frogs came on the stage. The Blanton had to leave early to missed this serenade but we sat in the shade of the tree beside it and chose to drink water from the well, instead of the coffee Cuck offered to make. To me, there is nothing better than sitting around with friends, and listening to the music of a variety of voices with an occasional burst of laughter to punctuate the conversation.

It wouldn't be quite fair to "Sweet and SOUR" if I didn't spare a little venom toward the new Berge Bank, which is being built between my house and Richmond Street because they have cut down the beautiful trees I have watched put forth their green leaves in early spring, shade the side walk and lawn in the summer with their canopy of full grown leaves, watched them sway in the breeze when the wind was whispering or bend to the ground with the weight of a heavy rain during a storm, glorify the whole street in the fall with their magnificent colors, starting with a small patch of faint yellow in the very top and gradually adding to

it deeper yellow, orange and red until they would blend and become as flames, licking and leaping from limb to limb when a breeze gently moved them under a street light. Either of them would have been worth a fortune if an artist could have captured and transferred onto his/her canvas the exquisite beauty I have been watching from my kitchen window for 10 years, and that was the last of their beauty. When nature tapped them and said, "It's time for your nap," they obediently left loose and fluttered to the ground beneath where a bright carpet was spread until nature sent another cover of white.

These big trees did not feel winter-ether. The wind could blow and howl and rain crash the branches but, when it was over, the trees were there waiting for the next onslaught of weather which would be winter with blankets of snow which I have always likened to a soft white blanket sent down from above to not only warm the earth but to hide the filth mankind had fouled it with. Now the hands of man, for a price, have taken away beauty that can never be replaced for any price. No amount of money can replace one iota of God's creation.

More next week on Creation versus destruction.

"Ike"

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not been a Christmas or Thanksgiving Dinner go by that they were not at each other's home.

Sometimes we ate at both places. I haven't had a cookout, birthday party, or whatever event gave cause for a meal in the last fifteen years, sometimes twice of three times a month, that I wouldn't have canceled if Junior and Molly couldn't make it or I couldn't get a plate to them.

Last week, just hours after his death, I sat down with a legal pad intending to list all the times Junior and I had been fishing together. In less than thirty minutes I came up with more than a hundred places, not times, places. The list was approaching four pages. The trips would number over two thousand. Because hardly a week went by, even in cold weather, that we didn't find an opportunity to wet a line.

Mostly we fished the lakes and streams and rivers and farm ponds of central and eastern Kentucky. We ventured into Tennessee a few times and even Virginia and Indiana but mostly we fished the frying pan within a 60 mile radius. We fished with frogs in May and June under circumstances that would make a Japanese horror movie producer gasp. We talked and dreamed, year-round, of long treks to Alaska and Northern

Canada or going to the Gulf or Atlantic Coasts. I made several trips to Florida and North Carolina to fish off Charter boats and long piers and literally grieved that Junior was not along to share the fun.

I would come home and give him a report and it was always, "When are we going back?" And the answer was always, "Soon. Soon Junior.

Soon. We have to do this together because it ain't no fun without you," and he would laugh and his eyes would twinkle.

Junior Heikes would laugh in the eye of a hurricane if he ever saw one. "Let her rip!" He didn't seek adversity but it never caused him to blink an eye. He played the cards the way that they were dealt and never flustered at the dealer.

One night we were fishing on

Laurel Lake maybe an mile from where we had damped the boat in and the trout were biting and they were big. We were laughing on one end of the lake and our truck was on the other and along about midnight the fog quit biting. Fog had rolled in like cotton candy when we decided to come off the lake.

Three hours later, we had humped into the same buoy marker three times and it was maybe three hundred yards from where we had started when we decided to go home and the fog was getting thicker. We could hardly see each other from one end of the boat to the other.

I had cursed until I was out of breath and I finally killed the boat motor and let her drift for a minute. "Junior," I said, "We are @#\$%^&*! lost!!!!!!"

"Why Son, I know exactly where

we are so settle down," he said.

"So where are we then," I went to know thinking that maybe he had a clue.

"We're on the upper end of Laurel Lake," he said. "But our truck is lost. How many nightwatches do we have left?"

I couldn't see his eyes but I know they were twinkling. Last week, when I announced his death to my friends on the Internet, I had half a dozen replies that mentioned the twinkle in Junior's eye. Always the twinkle in his eye.

Tonight when I drove across Silver Creek between Richmond and Paint Lick, my heart became suddenly heavy because there is no way that I will ever wet a hook in that most excellent smallmouth stream again without thinking of Junior.

And then it occurred to me that

there is nothing wrong with that. I need to find a younger fishing buddy to mentor like Junior did me and when I see Junior's reflection in the ripples I need only wink back to know that it's all well.

If you're up there reading this week's paper, Junior Heikes, I hope the fish are biting and that they all are keepers. I miss you pal but somehow I know that you'll always be with me. Thank you for the good times.

Thank you for the ones to come. Thank you for the opportunity to sit down beside a buddy and tell him, "One time me and Junior came to this hole and-----" You know the rest of the story.

And God knows I love you from the bottom of my heart and with ever fiber of my being for making it possible for me to do the telling.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AND SCREENING FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

If you are considering or planning to enroll your child in Preschool/HeadStart next fall, you need to register early!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

Eligibility for Family Life Child and Family Development Center/HeadStart differs slightly.

call (606) 256-5613

Priority 1 - any child age 3 (upon birth date) or 4 and who has an identified disability

Priority 2 - any child who is age 4 (four) on or before October 1, AND qualifies for free lunch

Priority 3 - any other child who is age 4 (four) on or before October 1, and resides within the attendance zone, AND as space permits

Priority 4 - a child who is age 4 (four) on or before October 1, who resides outside the attendance zone, AND is principal approved

Children who are Priority 3 (three) or 4 (four) will not be permitted to attend until after Labor Day and then only as space permits

Children who are age 5 (five) before October 1 are not permitted to attend preschool?

WHERE ARE THE PRESCHOOLS LOCATED?

Broadhead Elementary School
Mt. Vernon Elementary School
Roundstone Elementary School
Family Life Child and Family Development Center/KRFDC HeadStart

WHAT DAYS/TIMES ARE THE PRESCHOOLS IN OPERATION?

Preschool is a 1/2 day program, Monday - Thursday. Fridays are used for teacher planning and home visitation.

Morning and afternoon session are determined by bus routes.

Sessions/times for Family Life Child and Family Development Center/HeadStart may be slightly different.

WHEN IS REGISTRATION AND SCREENING?

Registration will occur at each Elementary School and Family Life Child and Family Development Center/HeadStart:

Friday, April 27, 2001 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 2001 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, May 4, 2001 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

You may register on any of these dates--Screening will be done by appointment which will be scheduled at registration

WHAT SHOULD WE BRING TO REGISTRATION?

If you already have them, please bring:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Your child's Social Security card
- Any other information that you may have, such as custody papers, immunization record, eye exam, physical, etc.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL Janet Burke AND/OR Elaine Mansel AT (606) 256-2125, OR SARAH DIXON AT (606) 256-5613. FROM 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

PRIMARY REGISTRATION

PRIMARY (formerly Kindergarten) STUDENTS MAY ALSO REGISTER AT EACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THESE DATES:

Friday, April 27, 2001, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 2001, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, May 4, 2001, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2001, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND



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TOPS

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TOPS meets T. sday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Broadhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome.

Conway TOPS

TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly). For more info, call 256-3633, 256-9448 or 1-800-932-TOPS. TOPS meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at BRVFD.

JobStart

Want to earn great prizes while learning new skills and increasing your chance of getting a great job? JobStart is the place for you. For more info, call Jennifer at 256-9612 or fax us at 256-8232. E-mail jobstart@jklh.net

Narcotics Anonymous

Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Flea Market Tables

Every Thursday and Friday, rain or shine, LEAP will have tables for \$5.00 a day for rent April thru Sept. Come on down to LEAP office down at Calloway on US 25 South.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Cookbooks

Quail Homemakers Club is selling cookbooks for \$10. See any member of step by Young's Pharmacy, Citizens Bank of Broadhead or Extension Office in Mt. Vernon.

Fire Extinguishers

Rockcastle Co. Homemakers are selling kitchen fire extinguishers for \$6. Contact any home maker of the Extension Office.

Car Wash

Help Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets finish building an animal shelter. Bring your dirty vehicles to

Shell gas station (across from Harder's) Saturday, May 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For info, call 758-9202 or 256-5113.

VA Rep

VA Rep. Bill Livesey will be at the VFW Post every third Sunday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., April 30th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lanesville, Tues., May 1st: Burr, Pine Hill, Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax, Three Links, Wed., May 2nd: Spiro, Level Green, Willams.

Republican Party

Republican Party will meet second Monday of every month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. until further notice.

Trail of Tears

Trail of Tears of Ky. Indian Tribe will meet at RJA Florist building in Broadhead across from Crossroads Assembly of God on April 28th at 6 p.m. Anyone who is interested feel free to come.

Parker Seal

A retirement dinner for Parker Seal will be at Dinner Bell Restaurant in Berns on May 8th at 11:30.

SBDM Nominations

Rockcastle County Middle School is accepting nominations for SBDM Council members now through May 7th. The RCMS FTG will conduct the election of council members Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Country Breakfast

Country Breakfast at Brandywine Fire Dept., Saturday, April 28th 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Country ham, bacon, fried eggs, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice, \$5 per plate. Carry-outs available call 256-0000. Proceeds go toward our new fire station.

Title IX

The Rockcastle County Title IX Committee has scheduled an informational meeting regarding legal issues relating to Title IX - Gender Equity on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at 6 p.m. in the Rockcastle County High School Library. Danny Reeves, an Attorney at Law, who is knowledgeable about Title IX issues, will speak to the group. A questions and answers period will follow his presentation. The public is invited.