

# Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

Although festival goers faced some problems, such as the downpour during the pageant on Friday night, the numbers were up this year. Participants in the pageant, 5K run, talent contest and parade were more than the previous year. The only discouragement was that all booths did not get to participate due to the wind and weather.

The Bittersweet Festival operates with no other source of funds except those received from all of generous contributors. All committee members and festival workers are volunteers and receive no payment for services. The majority of donations received are given back to festival participants as prizes, awards, trophies and entertainment. This is why our supporters are so important and deserve a tremendous thank you from all that enjoyed any part of the festival. On behalf of the festival committee, and myself I would like to thank the following contributors for their part in making the Bittersweet Festival 2001 a success. Please forgive any oversight of someone left out of the list.

WRVX, Community Trust Bank, Citizens Bank, Berea National Bank of Mt. Vernon, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Kastle Inn Motel, Cox Funeral Home, Sparks Flower Shop, Cox Flower Shop, Farm Bureau/Terry and Marlene Lawson, Corbett States Insurance/Mary Marshall Singleton & Assoc. Ins., State Farm Insurance/Teresa Jackson, Taylor's Produce, I&J Auction, Conway Baptist Youth, Aletha Bryant's Flowers, McDonald's, Rockcastle Hospital & Respiratory Care, Dr. John Larsons, RTEC, Mt. Vernon Plumbing & Electric, Renfro Valley, Finley's Fun Center, Kiwanis Club, James Miller & Rockcastle Detention Center, Town & Country Chevron, Mt. Vernon Cash Wash & Laundromat, Appalachian Medical Supplies, KOA Campground & Gift Shop, Pizza Hut & Pam, Rockcastle Manufacturing, NAPA & Radio Shack, Saylor's Furniture, Mt. Vernon/Rockcastle Tourism, Matt & Denver Miller, Creech Family, Matthew Cromer, Brad Bustle, Brad Spears, Heather & Brittany Adams, Ruth Blanton, Grace Thomas and family, The Desert Wind Band, Grav-

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I would especially like to thank this year's committee for their dedication and efforts put forth into the festival, working day and night to guarantee all run smoothly. If you have any questions or comments, positive or negative please feel free to write the committee at the address below. Please send those recipes to the committee for our winter fundraiser. Thank you to all who worked, participated, and attended this year's festival. Please forgive any oversight of someone not mentioned in the festival supporters.

Bittersweet Festival  
130 West Main St.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

It was encouraging to see some smiling faces, families enjoying the day and participating in the activities. Again thank you and may next year find us in an ongoing war, God Bless America!

Carol Kirby, Bittersweet Festival Coordinator & The Bittersweet Festival Committee: Jeff & Lisa Smithern, Sharon Thacker, Janet McClure, Chris & Minnie Kirby, Teresa Bussell and Sherry Hansel

# "Sweet n' Sour"

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Other problems awaited them. Native Americans, resentful the intruders the new arrivals. Most of us know what happened to the Indians. They lost their lives protecting their native land. The Pilgrims lost many lives protecting their (stolen land) new found land. That is an unpleasant part of our history, but history it is.

The Pilgrims, settlers of the new land, fought their way through problems with the Indians, problems with weather, hunger, lack of sufficient clothes and sickness. They survived draughts and floods, but grew strong in both body and wisdom.

The Revolutionary War, the first war fought on American soil was for the independence of the people living here. Betsy Ross designed and made the first flag, The Stars and Stripes we proudly display as the symbol of freedom, and The Star Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key while he was a prisoner on board an English vessel in the harbor. George Washington was Commander who later became the first President of the U.S. of America. We came out O.K. didn't we!

Other wars followed, each one taking the "cream of the crop." Our youth, who were willingly and served faithfully.

The Civil War was one of heart break for both sides. As Lincoln was the president, the issue, freedom of the slaves. There are still conflicting emotions about the outcome: Many lives were lost by both the North and South, but all were given freely for the cause they believed in.

World War I was fought when I was very little, I don't remember what it was about but I do remember hearing the name (Kaiser) spoken with disdain, and the parade in Olive Hill, when it ended. Mom took us,

five kids along, to watch it, holding my hand, the baby in her arms, the other three standing close by and when the drums rolled by and the flag waved above them my two older brothers, 8-10, pulled their caps off and stood at attention. That was the first parade I had ever seen and I did something to me that still brings tears to my eyes whenever I hear of see one. I faintly remember shortly after that we ended an epidemic of a new kind of flu broke out and people died by the hundreds. There may have been many sick, but all remember is the many sick people Mom helped take care of and now graves dotting the hill sides. Whenever there was sickness Mom could be found helping. I remember the quiet voices when one passed away and how the survivors picked up the shovel buried the dead and went about the business of feeding their family. There wasn't much time for mourning, the one in the next bed needed attention. Our family was lucky, even though Mom was with many of them none of us took the flu.

Time began healing wounds, the vacant chair at the table occupied by another loved one. Families moved to new locations where work was more plentiful and memories less vivid. The knitting and mixing of different cultures from various places in the world was changing the lives of many who had never seen mixed races sharing the same seat in school, eating at the same table with Italians, Polish and Black before. They soon learned the ropes and survived but not before the Great Depression struck against the hearts of those just getting by. President Hoover was in trouble keeping order in Washington, D.C. while the depression got worse and people began to, form lines at soup kitchens. Banks crashed and suicides by many of those who had lost everything followed. Jobs became scarce, then nonexistent as breads and potatoes and steel mills closed their doors and workers sought employment elsewhere to no

avail. Women and girls learned how to mend and make over clothes. Where there is a will there is a way. When Mrs. Roosevelt became president my family were all Republicans, suffice to say we were not happy with him. Later, I discovered my father could be wrong about some things, for Franklin D. Roosevelt was not only a president, he was a true Statesman, he not only understood politics, but was able to help the country in its time of need. The depression soon showed signs of weakness, jobs became more plentiful. A big roast took place for a ham hock for Sunday dinner, and a few new clothes showed up at church. We were out of the woods but stability was still in the future.

I think I have shown my readers a few hardships and fears of every generation since the boats landed on the shores we so proudly call "America," where our forefathers fought for freedom, our great grandparents the rights of freedom, our grandparents the love of the land and our parents what love is. And our sons and daughters are now showing the world what all the means to them, they are the sons and daughters of the founders of democracy and FREEDOM for all. And we have nothing to fear but fear itself. AND WE ARE NOT COWARDS!

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President in a wheelchair where he had confined him since he was a youth.

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### Fish Fry

North Atlantic Cod  
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Main St. - Livingston  
Saturday, Oct. 20th  
Begins at 2 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome

At two-years-old she loved singing to the crowd. Now at Sweet Sixteen she's still singing and makes us proud. Happy Birthday Music (Feather Princess) Love's - Dad, Mom & Brittany

### Main Street Flowers & Gifts

will be having

## Christmas Open House

Saturday, October 27th from 9 to 4 &  
Sunday, October 28th from 1 to 4

All Christmas arrangements will be 10% off cash & carry. Remember on all \$15 orders you will be registered for a drawing of a Christmas tree skirt.

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## Fall Bazaar

Where: **Sowder Nursing Home**  
Brodhead, Ky.  
When: **Saturday, October 20th**  
Time: **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

- Craft Items • Snacks
- Face Painting • Baked Items
- Fun & Games
- Bittersweet Cloggers at 2 p.m.

2 Handmade Quilts made by residents will have sealed bids  
1 Handmade Afghan donated to be raffled off

Come and enjoy the day with our residents  
All proceeds will benefit our residents

# FOOD WORLD

AD PRICES VALID Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2001 thru Oct. 22, 2001

U.S.A. Western Grain Fed Beef Boneless

**Chuck Roast**  
10 lb. Field's  
Chestnut Bacon 99¢

**Chicken Breast**  
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1 lb. All Meat, Jumbo, Lite & Mild or Bunsize  
Buy One Get One FREE!

12oz. Coca-Cola Products 99¢

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20.5-21oz. Select Varieties Betty Crocker Brownie Mix  
Buy One Get One FREE!

64oz. Premium Minute Maid Fruit Punch  
Buy One Get One FREE!

12oz. Smucker's Grape Jelly or Jam  
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10.3-23.3 Oz. Taco or Ground Beef  
**Old El Paso Dinner Kits 2/\$5**

1.25 Oz. Old El Paso  
**Taco Seasoning 2/\$1**

16oz. Regular Fat Free Old El Paso  
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12 Oz. Old El Paso  
**Taco Shells 99¢**

16 Oz. Select Varieties  
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Yellow or Zucchini Squash 79¢

Florida Red Grapefruit 2/1

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