

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

Just a word to McKee Post Office and the community. My son will not receive his Christmas gift at Christmas because the McKee Post Office didn't do their job right. And now they're calling me and my husband liars saying they put the package on the back porch, but I found the package by the mailbox which was torn up and destroyed.

My mailbox is a long way from our back porch. We have an extra long driveway living in the country. I know a dog destroyed the package (I don't know who's dog), but the package would've not been damaged if the post office delivery man really put the package where he said he put it. I know my dog or any of my neighbors dogs aren't smart enough to go to the back porch around our home down the driveway, back to the road where the mailbox is and chew a package up about four to five feet from the mailbox. A smart dog would just chew it up right on the back porch if that's where the package was really left, not taking it from the back door, go down the stairs and proceed back to the road.

This happened Monday, December 3, and Tuesday, I called them and they said they would get back with me after he talked to the mailman that delivered our package that day. I called him back a few days later to see what he said and who was going to pay for the package that got broken when it got destroyed by the dog. Because the package was left by the mailbox not on the back porch. Please tell me why I have to pay for a Christmas present my son won't receive. The man at the post office said for me to send the package back to the Bradford Editors and tell them I received the package damaged, but I don't feel that the company is at fault because I receive packages from them at least once a month or every other month and the packages are wrapped and sent out where they are not destroyed in the mail while being delivered. The man at the office said if I did that he would write a letter to the Bradford Editors Company to say that the package was destroyed by a dog. We already know that that's not the point the point is the mailman didn't do his job right and put the package where he said he put the package. McKee Post Office is calling me and my husband liars straight out. Excuse me I just remember he also tried blaming this one on the UPS and trying to get out of what they did wrong, just to pass the blame

on someone else. Just like little kids blaming someone other than themselves. So they won't get in trouble. The package is the eighth one out of a collection. My son collects Elvis stuff and I order things for him from the company for years and I have NO problem with the company or my

merchandise getting damaged or broken because of them. I feel the mailman should be to pay for the package that was destroyed. I feel I shouldn't have to pay for it twice. Because I will have to reorder the item because I don't want my son's set missing part of the set, since he collects them all.

The set would not have been true value with part of it missing.

"So Dear Editor, who do you feel should pay for the damaged package? Me or the real person who didn't do their job right. The McKee Post Office. Why should the community, the people, the residents pay for the post office mistakes all the time.

Just a letter to let the McKee Post Office know me or my husband don't appreciate being called liars. The mailman even admitted he saw where the dog chewed the package up by the mailbox because the foam was still in it laying right where the package was destroyed.

Admit it Mr. Mailman, you know dogs are to smart to bring the package back to mailbox by the road as far as our house and back porch is from the road.

And can you believe it the McKee Postal man and delivery man, neither one of them even apologized for the package being destroyed or said they were sorry.

I hope their children get their Christmas presents at Christmas and not have to wait until after Christmas to get their gifts because the present was to be rendered and won't be delivered until after Christmas (if it's not damaged again because of the mailman).

I went in person to the McKee Post Office a week later, to show the package like I said in this letter the McKee Post Office wanted to blame the UPS, the company from whom I ordered the package, the dog, and was very rude to me when I went to talk to them in person. After talking to them twice on the phone.

Me, the mailman and the good Lord knows where my back porch is and how far it is from the road and where the package was destroyed and how close to the mailbox it was. We're not liars, we just wanted the mailman to pay for his mistake and apologize and say he's sorry.

Forgive me if this letter is not in correct wording or order, I'm not good at writing words. I just wanted to make a point to the McKee Post Office.

Thank you,
Linda Johnson

Dear Editor,

The way I was taught to write was to put the bottom line up front, then support that statement in the body of the writing, so here goes. The school system, community and especially

the Mt. Vernon Signal have supported the JROTC program here in Rockcastle County 110% since we first started the program in 1995. Any disgruntled parent who says different, obviously hasn't been paying attention.

Our Army headquarters at Fort Knox constantly monitors our program. They do this by conducting visits from Ft. Knox and the Senior ROTC program out of Eastern Kentucky University. One of the first items we show them are our scrapbooks, mainly consisting of articles printed in the Signal. Every single time they visit, they express amazement at the sheer volume of the coverage given by our local paper. As Rick correctly stated in his article last week, the Signal has featured JROTC on the front page and taken up entire pages to cover several events he published. Many times he has reserved space, or waited till the last possible minute, for us to get articles to him. Frankly, my wife Jenny and I both consider him to be not only the best friend our program has, but also a personal friend.

The Rockcastle school system also would have a difficult time supporting JROTC or any other organization more than they already do.

Again the military personnel who monitor our program indicate during their visits that we are receiving much greater support from our community and school administration than any other program they visit. For instance, allocating \$13,000 to buy precision air rifles so our team members will be able to compete for college scholarships. By the way, Johnathan Noe is in fact our first Rifle Team member to receive a \$12,000 scholarship to shoot for

Morehead State University, thanks to the support of the Rockcastle County School Board. They also are impressed with the fact that our school system supported my wife and I taking 18 students out west on a 19-day educational field trip (come by and I'll show anyone the fantastic coverage we received from the Signal). In fact, they have encouraged and supported another similar trip we're taking this coming summer. Personally, I don't see how anyone could get more support than that.

Art Linkletter used to host a program on TV called "Kids say the Darndest Things." Most of the comments featured were honest, funny and sometimes embarrassing. As I

have found out in the last six and a half years, parents can also say the darndest things. The parent who complained to Mrs. Anderkin and my school principal did not and never will speak for myself, my wife or the JROTC program. We have always felt privileged by our position in this county and consider ourselves lucky to have found a home here in Rockcastle County.

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