



Points East

By:
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There was a story in the Lexington paper the other day about two guys from Mercer County who run a trap line around the shores of Lake Herrington.

They set steel traps to catch coon, musk, possums, and whatever other varmints they can bait in and then save the pelts.

Four hours a day, every day, they are out and about because that's how long it takes to run the 30 some traps they have set and the law requires they be checked every day. In all kinds of weather. The colder, the better, "one of them said."

They also said they figured they'd be getting all kinds of hate mail because trapping has raised the ire of most humane societies and animal fair no longer fetches much of a price in high fashion circles. So they do it for the sport and as a service to man, kind.

I used to trap myself, muskrats mostly, and a ground hog now and then for someone who wanted to make a bango hude and while my heart has become much more tender over the years, varmint trapping is not something that rouses much sense of pity in my being.

I stopped trapping because it's awful hard work.

I also believe it keeps certain species in check and quite frankly there's a coon ridding my garbage cans that deserves a violent death. And the beaver population on Paint Lake Creek is getting totally out of hand as is the coyote population all over the state.

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apologize about my recent dilemma in acquiring those little paper envelopes they put washers and nuts & bolts and stuff like that in. Turns out I had not spoken to the right person and he offered me as many as I wanted for free.

Then he suggested that plastic might work even better and to make a long story short he gave me a sack full of those little zip lock bags that normally cost about a nickel each which means that when you get your tomato seeds in the next few days, you'll be able to see exactly how many you have and then you'll know how many little paper pads you'll need.

Our Readers Write

Dear Mayor King, Council Members, Mt. Vernon Signal, and Citizens of Mt. Vernon,

Sometime before Christmas, our neighbor told me about her cablevision bill being over forty dollars and had wanted to know if we had received one. At that time, we had not. We received our bill on December 27 for \$41.97, which was way up from our usual bill of \$27.31. All of this was done without notice of choice available.

I immediately called Charter to question the bill. (Our neighbor had done the same thing earlier and was told that she needed to program her TV to receive the additional channels.) The young lady that answered, told me that the bill was for January and the channels would be added at that time. Shows that they really didn't know what was going on.

Since this is a ridiculously high rate, I asked about another option. I was told I could receive the basic service for just over \$15. When I asked what channels were on the basic service, I was told channels up to channel 24. Well, that sounded okay since we had only had channels up to channel 36 before, so I asked for basic service. On the following Monday, two young men from Charter came to change our service to basic, but couldn't because our area had not been upgraded. On January 16 and 17, the upgrade was made to receive the added channels. By the way, the channel order was changed and what I thought would be included in the basic is first included.

When one young man came into our home to check the reception, I asked about the service condition and the flickering lines on channels 2, 6 and 7 was told that they were low level

to buy to plant them.

And I'm here to tell you that there is no better place to buy your paint pots and putting soil than Bluegrass Hardware. If you can't get to Richmond, I suggest you check out the closest hardware store in your neighborhood because chances are they'll have better paint pots at a better price along with tons of other real quality implements and supplies to make your gardening experience better.

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channels or something similar to that. Apparently, these channels aren't always the best. Wouldn't you know that Channel 18 and Channel 36 are located on channels 5 and 6. Therefore two of our local news channels will not always come in well. This is odd since our old service had good reception on those lower channels. And if these are known to not always come in as well as the others, why do they use them at all much less put two news channels there?

During the time of the change over, my mother called about her bad reception and she was told to program her TV (which had already been done), when she said she didn't know how, she was told to read her manual. She had to call a local repairman. It was just the bad reception with the upgrade.

CNN has now been moved from 3 to 24 and ESPN has been moved from 10 to 26, therefore they will not be on our basic service. Out of the 19 channels available on the basic service, 4 are useless to us. They are the local advertising channels. That leaves 15 channels to watch. Of those 15, two are different versions of WKYT (CBS), two are NBC channels, one is ABC and one is FOX. You talk about being had, we have been had royally by Charter Communications. Even if I elect to get the expanded service, I will not receive all the benefits. My small TV will only receive signals up to channel 47, so many of the added channels are wasted on me unless I invest in a new TV. Hum, I wonder if they have investments in TV sales.

Now, why did you, the city council, approve Charter Communications' move on this? Since you are

the local franchising authority, are you getting a huge bonus for this? Do you realize that many of your constituents may not know they have a choice? Charter did not give one in advance of the billing. Many people in the Mt. Vernon area are on fixed incomes and cannot afford these outrageous rates. And even if a person chooses to get the basic package, it stinks. It's a shame that you have allowed this to occur, but I do believe that if you choose to represent the people of Mt. Vernon and not Charter Communications you can remedy this. Although I have not checked with nearby towns (ones that are not served by Charter), I have heard that our rates seem to be extremely high. What are you going to do? I am asking you to find us another provider, one that does not take advantage of their monopoly status.

I am also asking that all citizens voice their opinions in writing to City Hall, since you are the local franchising authority. And do we have any lawyers or other interested parties out there that would be willing to investigate why such practices are allowed to occur. As citizens of this community, we should have a voice and elected representation from our elected officials.

Polly Abney
Mt. Vernon, Ky

Dear Editor,

I just spent 12 days in the hospital. I want to publicly thank my doctors, Michael Hamilton and James Stern for their excellent care. Also, a special thanks to my nurses and aides. They were Anita, Angie, Audrey, Beverly, Paula, Jessica, Patti, Jeannette, Jodi, Renee, Diane, Lili. If I forgot someone's name, thank you, too.

A special thank you to Nathali A.

very big thank you to all my family and friends who called and visited. Thanks for all the prayers.

Thank you to my friend, Ben, Billy Bryant for giving me that extra touch I needed for my healing of my mind and my body.

Thank you, mom, Margaret Babjak. Your love is very cherished. I love you.

And last, most of all, my husband, James Henry Barron. He has been my solid rock through all of this very difficult time.

Also, my two sons, Ben and Marvin. Thanks guys for helping you mom.

Sincerely,
Lois K. Barron
Brookfield, KY

P.S. Thanks also to my ER nurses, Regina, Judy & Renee and everyone else.

Dear Editor,

Hello my name is Kathy Poynter. On Monday, January 14, I lost my 15-year-old nephew Aaron Poynter in a car accident. The story and picture were on the Signal's Thursday, January 17 front page.

I'm sure that many people read the account of the wreck in the paper. It was a compelling story with a graphic photo, and it made one want to read more about what happened.

You see, that is what newspapers do; they tell what happened.

But, I felt the story printed in Thursday's paper did Aaron's memory a great injustice. It was a story that painted the portrait of a rebellious youth whose joyride and school skipping cost him his life. It did not mention that there were several hundred berries broken with his passing. Nor did it mention that he had suffered many tragic events in his short life.

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