

# Primary Election 2002



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A portion of the Rockcastle-Lincoln Day Banquet on Friday night at Renfro Valley.

A fairly large crowd turned out for the annual event, which is basically a county Republican in person. There are, of course, usually special guests such as U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers.

I think more people attended Friday night's event than usual because of the upcoming county election. The May Primary has generated some interest throughout the county, although not near as much interest as other county elections have generated in the past.

I sometimes wonder why there isn't as much interest as before. Maybe, because there are jobs available if someone wants one bad enough, maybe because most people don't want to put up with the general public, or that guy who says I'm a taxpayer, which they are right about

that, or maybe it is because people don't really care. And most of us are guilty about not caring about things unless it directly affects us. Because of the pace of life these days, that is just the way it is.

I don't remember any office holder starving to death in the past, but for the most part unless every perk was taken, such as hiring your own family members and utilizing all expense accounts, pay for some clerical offices was not that great.

Thanks to the Kentucky General Assembly, that has now changed. Each of your county-wide office holders make well in excess of \$60,000 per year. They also have expense accounts.

Good business managers can turn an office into a very lucrative source of income for an entire family. It is all within the law and if you expect to get decent people to run for public office, then that certainly is the way it should be.

Some people should understand that we try our best to stay out of county elections. One person has a much right to run for office as another.

Solicitors' interests run high and sometimes people get the wrong idea. I think for the most part, people know who has done a good job and

or who they think would do a good job in your county elections that is really all you have to go on.

We have already encountered some politicians who want certain things, such as ads on the front page. Most politicians know that is not going to happen. We don't run ads of any type on the front.

We also reserve the right to reject any letter to the editor and we reserve the right to edit the ones we do run. We are not setting any policy in concrete because you never know when you will need to change something.

The bottom line is that we will make our decisions concerning letters on a letter by letter basis.

Endorsement letters will be looked at very closely. We have already had one elected official ask us to publish the duties of that office, along with a political ad of course. But he didn't want to pay for it.

Basically, as accountable as the state rights as any other peace officer. They have county wide arrest

authority and they can carry a gun. Considerable receive no salaries, but in some cases may receive a fee for serving a warrant or other legal papers.

For the life of me I don't know why anyone would want a job that doesn't pay, especially when it costs each considerable quite a bit of money to be bonded to them can carry a gun. I know some of our constables do a good job and are an asset to the county, but I think that is one office that could be done away with.

Looking around the room at Renfro Valley on Friday night I realized that I knew just about everyone in that room and considered most of them a friend. I certainly didn't see any enemies and I hope that everyone will run a good clean campaign on the issues and everyone stay friends when it is over.

There certainly is no shame in losing. It is usually takes a better person to be a good loser than a gracious winner - but it is all said and done - we all still have to live and work together.

Good luck to all.

## Points East

By: Ike Adams



It's rained, here in the flat lands, for most of the last ten days.

If the sun has shone, I slept through it.

And if it hasn't rained it was looking like rain and all you had to do to make it rain was get a towel out of the gardening tools and stick your head out the door like you meant business and it would rain again.

Ditto for catching night crawlers. Five nights in a row I've charged up my flash light with the adjustable beam that can be dimmed down to perfection so that it just barely glows and then made sure that the porch and any lights shining through the windows were out and made ready to catch a few dozen crawlers. Bigger, around and longer than new pencils, they are making warm love atop the grass, in my front lawn this time of year.

I wear a pair of old moccasins lined with sheep shear and under ideal conditions. I can catch, within a matter of 45 minutes on any given damp evening, several dozen crawlers right on top of the ground if the conditions are right. The moccasins

are important because they enable you to sneak right up on crawlers. But if it's raining or there's lightning in the air, catching night crawlers is an effort in futility.

And don't even think about using a bright light. Catching crawlers is a sport in and of itself. It takes a bit of practice and it's not for the squeamish. But it can yield a hundred dollars worth of bait and/or useful worms in your lawn or garden in a good evening, especially if you don't already have a colony of crawlers on your property.

Stashed in five gallon buckets about half full of good potting soil and some coffee grounds, the worms stay healthy for months in an old refrigerator I have in the garage. As late as last November, I was using for bait, night crawlers that I had lured in the fridge that had been caught last March. Once I have them in the buckets, I dampen down a section of the daily paper about once a week and put it on top of the soil. The worms will eat it from the bottom up.

Bottom line is that you can wind up with several hundred night crawlers for a tiny fraction of what they cost commercially and they will be much larger and twice as healthy as anything you can buy for two bucks a dozen at the bait stores if you have the means to keep them chilled to

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## Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



**Headline News**  
The world is in so much turmoil the USA being the target and center of controversy over which is more important, plutocrats running the country, or a way to fight terrorism against invaders not in favor with that form of government.

So, where do I start? I am interested in all of it and since there isn't room in the Signal to publish my opinions, pro and con I will stick to headlines I read daily and form a lot of decisions on them. I also know one opinionist, reporter, has his own opinions and political preferences and the privilege to publish them to influence others thinking on matters that concern every citizen of our country. That is called, freedom of speech, and the backbone of the constitution. (Or so it has been published by those who want to use it as a scapegoat for their own beliefs.)

One headline today on page 3, Lexington Herald is: "Central Ky. cities, utilities unite in search for water plan." How many times has been the subject of the need for water in central Kentucky and how should we obtain it?

Never once have I heard the suggestion of guilt by those who caused the conditions that destroyed the mountains of Kentucky as well as future source of water by denuding the hills of forests where the foliage and roots sustain and store the water in underground streams before stripping the hills and mountains of Kentucky then dump all the refuse, tons and tons of dirt, mulch, trees, acid filled soil from the earth beneath the layers of top soil where trees so recently grew into the stream below.

Should not those who made their fortunes by their rape and destruction of Appalachia, and guilty of destroying the source of water, be responsible for the conditions that destroyed the mountains of Kentucky as well as future source of water by denuding the hills of forests where the foliage and roots sustain and store the water in underground streams before stripping the hills and mountains of Kentucky then dump all the refuse, tons and tons of dirt, mulch, trees, acid filled soil from the earth beneath the layers of top soil where trees so recently grew into the stream below.

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**March 29, 2002**  
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Presentation 7:00 p.m.  
"A Community Development Success Story"

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**Twilight Absolute Estate Auction**  
of the late Mr. John Mobley's  
**3 Acres More or Less**  
**Friday, March 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Bee Lick, Community of Rockcastle County  
Near the Pulaski and Lincoln County Lines

**Location:** From Lincoln County and Pulaski County, turn east off Highway 39 in front of the S&M Grocery onto State Route 328. Proceed approx. 1/2 mile to the property. From Mt. Vernon and Brodhead, take Highway 70 to B&L Grocery at the Junction of 618. Turn right on 618 and go approximately 3 miles. Auction signs are posted.

The heirs of the late Mr. John Mobley have authorized our firm to sell this property for the absolute high dollar.

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