



Points East

By Ike Adams

Last week I was at the point of not really caring whether I lived or died. These of you who don't suffer from seasonal allergies seldom have any pity for those of us who swell up and go through almost indescribable pain and agony this time of year.

Those of you who get a runny nose or a case of the sneezes that can be cured with a Contac capsule are even worse. You actually believe that you have allergies and you are convinced that there is a cure at every convenience store in the country.

I honestly had a cousin tell me with much authority last week that he got "swelled up" from blooming stuff and it simply wasn't that bad. He rattled off a number of prescription drugs he took from time to time and advised that I do the same. When I told him that I was on a first name basis with several allergists, he called me a wimp and strutted off with a "holier than thou" he-myself-sigh-of-nonthaleness as though everybody who ever sneezed has an intimate understanding of allergies.

Which is about as ridiculous as anybody with a noble thinking, he knows all there is to know about cancer.

I used to get really upset with the one-sneeze-know-it-all but anymore I just put them on my prayer list.

I pray that they will suddenly become allergic to cedars, sycamores, blooming oaks, cold, mildew, nulp

popular, walnut, hickory, dirty diapers and the family cat, that their faces swell up as big as basketballs, that their eyes pop out and they feel like their heads are in a vice cranked up to 150 pounds. "Don't even let 'em sleep for two weeks," I pray, "and when they try to commit suicide, don't let the gun go off."

"Make 'em buy phone directories for Louisville and Cincinnati and Knoxville to search out the yellow pages for allergists. Burn their budgets getting second opinions when nothing the last Doc did made a difference. Make 'em scout the Internet and bless them with 5 million people who call at all hours to describe some miracle blood remedy and found him or herself blessedly healed by drinking Sassafras tea, eating raw turnips, rubbing his face with black chicken manure, enrolling in a yoga class and on and on and on. Make him/her go through pure screaming back and then make his headache ever worse."

Get me started and I can pray for

an hour like that.

The only thing as bad as serious allergies are the folks who insist they've found a cure, and refuse to sleep or give you a minute's peace until you agree to try the remedy that made them whole again.

I've had honey sent to me from half the states in the country, and from Canada and South Africa.

If honey works for you, go for it. I almost got in trouble with the Postal Service last year because I took delivery of a quart of some concoction that a guy from Alabama passed along. At first the Post Office thought it was moonshine but when they opened it up they noticed that it reeked of dead crawfish. A mailman offered me \$10 to take a sip but I turned him down.

The real doctors prescribe a host of stuff with names that end with tek, 'ol, 'ol, tek, gto, etc. but none of

it works any better than a spoon full of sugar.

The fact of the matter is that there are a few of us who suffer incredible pain this time of year and in the fall and I am living proof that no cure, short of moving to Antarctica, has yet been found. Please don't be sending me any dead snakes or other cures unless you want to be added to my prayer list. With a bit of luck I'll weather through this. In the meantime, I'm going to be a pain in the butt because I have a horrible pain in my temples.

Hardware, Merritt's Garage, Car Quest-Berea, Anderkin Backhoe & Dozer, Hardee's, Mygan's Plumbing & Repair, Mobley's Electric Service, National Wild Turkey Federation, Randall Durham's Greenhouse, Rockcastle Farm Bureau-NACCO, Preston Parent, Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Conway Baptist Church, Country Sam's, Bishop Tire Service and Jerry's Laundry Mat, D&L Variety & Grocery, Pizza Hut, Steak 'Em Inn, Insurance Agent Teresa Jackson, Mt. Vernon Plumbing, Dairy Queen, ALCA Aluminum, Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Cox Funeral Home, Brechtel Christian Church, Climax Christian Church, Cintas Corporation, Beres Lodge #617, Kentucky Malt Beverage, Kiwanis, Tokico, PPG Industries, Aunt Polly House, Mike Smyth, Magdalene Collins.

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If we have accidentally left someone out, please feel free to call us and let us correct the error.

Nancy Hale, Chairman
Project Graduation,
2002 Committee

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
I read the Signal every week and hopes to read about the positive things this county is doing for our young people (teenagers). They are our future leaders.

These young people need jobs in this county and along with the job they need a place to spend their money. Good, clean fun! How about a public swimming pool, bowling alley, indoor theater, outdoor theater, arcade pool billiards, skating rink, go-cart track, water slide park, just to name a few. This county has money and good investors.

How about invest in our future leaders, the young folks! Give them better things to do, besides filling up with gas and making 45 trips through town.

My hats off to the operators of Excel Fitness (gym) beside FoodWorld.

Good place to work out and buy natural herb teas, power bars, I call it pump, pump, pump up the volume.

Old X Military Gals, Maquita Nicely

Dear Editor,
We would like to thank the following businesses, community leaders, parents and individuals for their support to Project Graduation Celebration 2002. We greatly appreciate each and every one for helping to make this a huge success.

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☆ Vote ☆ E. Howard Saylor ☆ for Rockcastle County Judge Executive



Many people in the county remember me from Saylor's Pharmacy, which I ran for twenty-five years. I feel that my career in business and my experience in dealing with the special needs of people in a professional and attentive way show that I am capable of doing a good job of administering the county's government. My record demonstrates that I am a person who isn't afraid to address a problem and then focus on correcting it.

One issue that needs to be addressed is the fact that our county's financial situation is not acceptable. With the courthouse annex, the chip and seal note, the jail, the new county garage, and the fact that we already owe Greer Bros. almost \$300,000 of next year's road fund, the county debt and liability stands at over four million dollars. Let's stop pretending and admit we have a challenging problem.

If we are going to fix the Livingston gym then let's get it done. We need professional contractors to replace the lumber, install a new hardwood floor, completely redo all the electrical and plumbing, install new light fixtures, install new air conditioning and heating, drywall and paint, construct a new stage, put in two handicap-accessible restrooms, and replace all the doors and windows. I think that this is a worthy project, but it insults the fine people of Livingston for the county to send prisoners down there until Election Day, pretending to fix the building just for political gain.

With the potential closing of the plastics factory it is clear that we must bring in new occupational opportunities. We are surrounded by three of the fastest growing counties in the state, Madison, Laurel and Pulaski, yet we remain unprogressive economically. We need to work with our developmental board to make a real and positive difference.

Let's stop being a county of pretenders and start being a county determined to get things done. We must change the focus and direction of this county before our children and grandchildren become victims of our pretense.

In closing let me challenge all candidates, myself included, to pick up all the signs posted throughout the county within two weeks after the election.

Sincerely,
E. Howard Saylor

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Most Recent Photo

TIME FOR A CHANGE VOTE

Gary V. Linville
Rockcastle Co. Sheriff
May 28, 2002 (Lever 8)

With God's help and your vote and support Gary V. Linville will be THE NEW Rockcastle Co. Sheriff.
By the people, for the people to protect and serve.

Someone asked me the other day about experience in law enforcement. My response was I think experience is real important (if you use it). You could have all the schooling and training to be a brain surgeon, but if you never went into the operating room or did a surgery then all that training and schooling would be useless.

As important as experience is, I feel as most other people in our county, what we need is LEADERSHIP experience will follow. And that is something God has gifted me with is LEADERSHIP, because for years I first learned to follow. You must first learn to be a follower, if you're going to make a good leader. It's a humbling experience and God is the best teacher.

There's been many people called to great responsibility who had little or no experience. But because God had his hand-on their life he made them great leaders. He gave them favor with people even with Kings.

Someone said the other day, you need to keep God out of politics and I responded that's what's wrong with the government, schools, law enforcement, and the justice system today, we've left God out. Just look at the condition of our nation and the world. President Lincoln said, "The greatest gift God ever gave man was the Bible (and I say Amen)."

We agree with most other people, it's time for a change, not just in the Sheriff's Dept. but in our nation.

Are we so quick to forget Sept. 11, 2001 when the twin towers in New York City fell. There was a stirring in the people, it was a wake up call and friend we better not fall back asleep. There are many grave dangers our county and nation faces today and now more than ever before we need LEADERSHIP! Should God open the door to the Rockcastle Sheriff's Office for me May 28, 2002 I will respond with leadership and take the responsibility to the best of my ability to protect and serve all the people in Rockcastle County.

I also will work hand in hand and support all other law enforcement agencies, both locally and surrounding counties, who stand for what is right.

May God direct your heart as you carefully consider who will be your next Sheriff.

To all our supporters, City and countywide, again I say thank you and God bless America. Prov. 29:2 KJV.

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