Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

Your County Judge

George (Buzz) Carloftis. He comes from a family of six children who grew up at Fort Sequoiah and attended elementary and high school at Livingston. The school, was a better place for their having been there. Their mother, Lucille Carloftis, dressed up in a costume on special days, filled a basket with candy and other goodies, and visited the school. She would go into every elementary school classroom, tell the children a story and give them a treat.

I taught Commerce at Livingston High School in 1968, and Buzz was one of my students. He was a junior in high school, had a brilliant mind and a wonderful personality and was strictly business. He was one of the two best students I ever had. He has a degree from Cumberland College and Master's Degree from Eastern State University at Richmond. He is also a talented musician, he was a member of the "World Band" at that time, played the flute and played with them in many different countries.

I have been concerned for many years that we have no requirements for our County Judge, who are the most important of our county officers. They are not required to have any education or required to know any law. They have the lives of many children in their hands and are usually the dirtiest politicians we have.

Look what you have! He is one of the youngest, best educated and probably the best County Judge in the nation. He has dedicated his life to his family and the people of Rockcastle County. He knows when and where there is money in Washington, D.C. and how to get it. He has brought in $5.8 million in addition to funding for water projects, rebuilt the infrastructure by replacing wooden bridges with concrete. He has put black top on many roads and extended water lines to serve rural residents. He wrote the only Parental Responsibility Ordinance to protect taxpayers from big juvenile detention bills and brought in $55,000 monthly to house their own prisoners. He built a new athletic facilities at schools and received federal and state funding for a County Emergency Operations Center. He worked to construct a new Industrial Park, to expend the Public Library, reduced unemployment rates, made major road constructions and established a new Road Department Garage. He has really put Rockcastle County on the map be cleaning and remodeling the Courthouse. He worked with Rockcastle Development Board, to establish the only telecommunications center in a courthouse in Kentucky with free public Internet use. He established the first ever health insurance for county employees.

Everything he has done has been to improve the lives of the people of Rockcastle County and to increase the income of the county. Wake up to what you have! If you lose him through neglect and ignorance, election day will be a sad day for you. If you don't know him personally go in to see him. You'll love him.

Edith C. Feltner

Retired Regional Development Coordinator - CRCCC
Marietta, OH

Dear Editor,

In your January 24 issue Kathy Poynter had a letter about her 15-year-old nephew, "Aron Poynter" who was in a car accident that took his life.

He was a friend of my nephew's and for a little while we thought one of them was in the wreck with him.

My sympathy goes out to his family. I didn't know him, but I went to the funeral home to see him. I saw him as a sweet young innocent child laying there.

And I thought of the verse in the Bible Mat: 19-14, Jesus said Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ruth Holgan

Dear Editor,

An officer and a gentleman!

Mt. Vernon is a beautiful place and I enjoy friends there. I drive Laurel County students there on a school bus to play ball on occasion. I came across a policeman that I would like to commend for his courtesy, one day last week, while I was in that town.

He made my day after I had encountered some pessimistic, hysterical adults who were acting very childish and immature. I believe his name was Eddie Delaney (or some Irish name).

I want him to know that I appreciate people who serve their fellow man with honor and dignity.

Thanks Eddie,
Shirley Caudill
London, Ky. 40741

Dear Editor,

Let me tell the people in Rockcastle County what I think about the prisoners. Just because people are in jail does not mean they are bad people. They just do a little something wrong. Some get caught and some don't.

I myself think they do a good job. They keep the roads and ditches clean. They keep the trash people pitch out their car windows picked up. I am proud of them for that and you should be too. No one is perfect.

Because of them we have a clean county. They don't work at a certain time they work year around and they do a darn good job, from what I can see.

Billy Day
Rockcastle Co.

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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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

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Members of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department would like to express their appreciation to Billy Wayne Bryant for his auctioneering at the chili supper on April 27th. We would also like to thank Johnny Adams for his donation of the shotgun he won in the drawing. To all candidates and patrons of Rockcastle County, who attended the supper or those who donated, but couldn't attend, we do appreciate your support.

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