



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

There are probably things more aggravating than a computer word processor that refuses to work. Cancer comes to mind.

Hemorrhoids. Head lice. Jock itch. All these are puppy love when it comes to dealing with a computer program that shuts down without warning and if I could get my hands on Bill Gates right now I'd teach him a thing or two about Windows. I'd throw him out one pane and back in another and hope that he got cut up a bit.

This is my third and last cut at this week's column. My Windows keep crashing. Gates owes me a bunch of money as far as I am concerned, but I don't expect to collect a nickel. He is not apt to take responsibility for faulty equipment just because he has monopoly on trash.

If any of you all run into to ole Bill, please tell him that I am steamed and that I'd like to mount a 16 foot-wide, triple-glass window in his yazyoo and then throw a baseball through it and if my computer crashes one more time, I intend to track him down and make him eat it along with the window.

In the meantime, it has frosted three nights in a row here in the bottom-land of Paint Lick. I had gourds way up on the fence and tomato plants three feet high and they are all scaled to the ground. I had beans nearly blooming and they have fallen back to the ground in a mess that looks like road trash. I've dug graves for my cucumbers and eggplant.

I have not given up on gardening though. If I can borrow a good tiller, I aim to start over. Bout anything

that grows, except snow peas, will do so even if you plant it as late as the first of August. In the case of peas, wait till about Labor Day.

Last year Patty Tarquino and I planted Bodacious sweet corn after the first of June and later we planted beans and we had one of the prettiest gardens you ever saw grow. We had cucumbers and tomatoes and eggplant and peppers galore and we ate out of the garden like pigs right up till frost.

The best thing about this cold weather is that it makes the cabbage

come on and I intend to make kraut by mid July. Nothing better than cold sour kraut right out of the jar on a brisk morning or right before you go to bed and that is all that's left of my garden at this writing. 24 heads of cabbage—48 grams of kraut.

I may be a little bit gassy if you meet me on the street and if my computer does not let me paste this column into email, I'm going to track Bill Gates down at his favorite restaurant and ruin that scoundrel's appetite.

most giving. He has always given people, good or bad, the benefit of the doubt. I have seen him help total strangers, paying for their gas when they had no money. He is a compassionate and caring person.

Sheriff Shirley Smith has a clean record of audits, both the property tax and the expense accounts. He has always handled the taxpayers' money in a professional and honest manner. Sheriff Shirley Smith has established a professional working relationship with the Kentucky State Police and other surrounding law enforcement agencies. He has never refused any help from outside agencies, nor has he ever been too proud to ask for help.

As the mother of two small children, I ask the people of Rockcastle County to show their support for Sheriff Smith when they go to the polls of Tuesday. Our county needs good role models for our children, they are our future. We are truly fortunate to have Sheriff that we can all

be proud of, let's vote to keep Shirley Smith as our Sheriff.

Sonya Prewitt Parker
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

On April 28, a storm passed through the area where we live and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those family, friends and neighbors that took the time to care and help us. A special thank you to Trooper Lafe Owens, Jackson County Energy Co-op workers, Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department, Brian Durham, Ben Durham, Doug Bullock, Romaine Bullock and Donna and Troy McCool. Also thanks to all those that called to check on us. Praise of thanks to God for making all these special people.

Preston & Charlotte Holcomb
David, Phyllis & Skylar Holcomb
& Florrie Brown

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in regards to the current Sheriff's race. It appears there are three primary candidates for the office. Incumbent Shirley Smith and opponents Darrell Doan and Gary Linville. I would like to offer my analysis of the three and ask the voters of Rockcastle County to recognize the seriousness of their decision and give it thorough consideration.

First, regarding former deputy Darrell Doan. Voters ask yourselves the following questions. If he is so opposed to working on Sundays, does this mean there will be no service expected from the Sheriff or Sheriff's office on Sundays? Second, if he is so interested in helping to eliminate drugs in this county, why didn't he seize the opportunity while employed as a deputy? Third, ask yourself, or better yet, someone who knows, what was the real reason he quit the Sheriff's Office.

Next, Gary Linville, is this what we want to represent Rockcastle County? Pardoned or not—do we want a person convicted of Felony drug trafficking, despite "20 years of a crystal clear record" to be the top law enforcement officer of the county? I would pray not. I would also like to encourage voters to read his ads and see the deception and arrogance of this person.

Thirdly, incumbent Shirley Smith. Mr. Smith is currently serving his 13th year as Sheriff of Rockcastle County. He has been the only Sheriff in this county to serve three consecutive terms. That, speaks for itself. Shirley Smith has established a Sheriff's Department we can be proud of and do we want to lose that. Shirley Smith has been and will continue to be a man of integrity, who doesn't have to prove his record. His integrity has been a characteristic reflected in the management of the Sheriff's Office and in his interactions with the public and other law officials. He is a man who is respected and a man who represents himself and Rockcastle County impeccably. He is also a man who stands by his convictions. Genuine honesty, righteousness, fairness and values.

I have children in the county who look up to and respect the Sheriff and the Department. I respect Mr. Smith for the job he is doing as Sheriff. A job that isn't easy, a job that is misunderstood and a job that requires a stronger shoulder. Any public official can attest to that. Mr. Smith's goal as

Sheriff has always been and will continue to be to help make Rockcastle County a safer community and continue to work to eradicate that drugs in the county which ultimately affect us all. He has done and is doing a great job. Mr. Smith's reputation speaks for itself and his family's reputation speaks for itself.

I hope the voters of Rockcastle County will want to continue a tradition of excellence in the Sheriff's office. I encourage the voters of Rockcastle County to vote their conscience and Re-Elect Shirley Smith for Sheriff.

Bonnie Roark
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

On Sunday morning, May 19th, around 3:30 a.m., a very belligerent young man, whom I didn't know rang my doorbell very insistently. I went to the door, turned on the porch light and asked him what he wanted. He demanded to come in and since I didn't know him I told him I wasn't opening the door and I asked him to leave. He continued to pound on the door demanding to be let in. I called 911 and within minutes a Deputy Sheriff was on the scene.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank the 911 operator and the Sheriff's Department for responding so quickly.

The people of Rockcastle County have an excellent and very efficient Sheriff's Department and I for one appreciate them very much. This could happen to anyone of you, so when you go to vote think about this. We couldn't get a better Sheriff's Department than we already have. I know who my vote will be cast for. Thanks Sheriff Smith, you're doing a great job.

Rachel Cromer
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

As Election Day draws closer, I hope that the people of Rockcastle County remember that it is not "time for a change." After many years, Rockcastle County is fortunate enough to have an honest and sincere Sheriff. Shirley Smith has earned the respect of all during his 13 years as Sheriff of Rockcastle County.

During my employment with Sheriff Smith, I have found that he is not only honest and sincere, but he is

To the People of Rockcastle County:

I would like to give the citizens of this county my opinion of Gary Linville. If he loves me and Shane, Jr. so much, when I got behind on my bills after Shane passed away, you would think that Shane, Jr.'s grandpa would have the electric cut off in the middle of winter. He was just mad at me because he demanded I let him keep Shane, Jr. one night and I told him no because he had already spent one night. When I told him I was coming to pick up Shane, Jr., he told me the only way I would get him was if I brought the law with me.

Mr. Linville has tried to rule my life for the past four years by lecturing and trying to assume all of what goes on in my life is wrong when his own kids have been caught with drugs by him and his wife several times over the past five years that I know of and the law has caught them twice. The last time as recent as six months. If he can't control what goes on in his own home, how is he going to control what is going on in the county where Mr. Linville himself has been arrested and done time in jail for being a big drug dealer. Then, while he was in jail he started reading the Bible and said, which is good, but do you really want someone to control the county that used to be a lot worse than what's locked up now?

What would that really say about Rockcastle County? That you can sell and use drugs and break the law every which way, do some time and, while in jail, act like a Christian and after you get out and try to become the law. That would be showing people that it's really not that bad to break the law because then you can be the law and you can do what you were doing before and get by with it now because you're in control.

Erin Linville
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

ed. for Erin Linville



Re-Elect Fred Mullins, Jr. 4th District Magistrate

Friends,

As the primary campaign nears its completion, I want to take this opportunity to say thanks for the privilege of serving as your magistrate and for the many kindnesses that you have shown my family and me.

Also, I want to ask for your vote and support on May 28. Much remains to be done in our District. The experience that you have made possible for me to obtain, gives a distinct advantage during this next term.

As always, I'll be there when the votes are taken—representing you, our district, and the county—taking YOUR NEEDS, CONCERNS AND DESIRES before the court, various planning bodies, utility boards and other forums.

During these next few days, I'll be making every effort to see those missed on previous visits, and rest assured, I'll BE LISTENING.

If you allow me to serve another term, I want to take the oath of office knowing that my dreams, plans and aspirations are in line with yours... whether the issue be bridges, roads, drainage, utility services, employment opportunities, strategic planning or security, we need to talk and I'll LISTEN. As you know, I'll WORK for you, for the district and for the county while always fostering a cooperative spirit!

Push #5!

ed. for Fred Mullins, Jr.

Your Friend and Neighbor,
Fred Mullins, Jr.



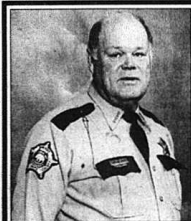
Elect George Renner

5th District Magistrate

A man who is for the people, willing to go the extra mile to make things right for the people of the 5th District and our community.

**I will be your voice in the
Fiscal Court
#6 on the Ballot**

ed. for George Renner



Re-Elect

SHIRLEY SMITH

Rockcastle County Sheriff

I would like to thank all the citizens of Rockcastle County for your help and support during this current election campaign. I especially appreciate the large number of you that have been vocal in your recommendations that we continue on the positive path we have been following the past decade plus. I am also pleased with the knowledge that the vast majority of you have made every effort to assist me in my continuous goal of making Rockcastle Co. an even better place to be, a place of which we can continue to be proud. We have worked hard the past 12 1/2 years to establish a respectful Sheriff's office.

I appreciate your vote on May 28th

Re-elect Shirley Smith

ed. for Shirley Smith

Summer Meal Program

For Information Call
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Food Service Director
606-256-2125

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Rockcastle County School System will participate in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program for children below the age of nineteen. The program operates under guidelines similar to those of public school food service programs. Participation in the program enables sponsors to provide lower program costs.

All children will be served the same meal at no separate charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. The following site(s) will be open for food service to all children under 19 years of age.

School	Dates of Service	Type of Meal	Time
Rockcastle County High School	June 3 - 21, 2002 (Monday - Friday)	Breakfast Lunch	7:30 - 8:30 a.m. 11:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Kastle Village Apartments	June 3 - 28, 2002 (Monday - Friday)	Lunch ONLY	11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Copper Creek Baptist Church (picnic shelter)	June 3 - 28, 2002 (Monday - Friday)	Lunch ONLY	11:40 - 12:10
Several Bible School Programs	enrolled program	snack	enrolled program

Persons who believe they have been discriminated against in the Summer Food Service Program should write the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250

For more information, call Jeannine M. Parsons at 606-256-2125