



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

I'd like to preface this column by saying that I normally hate cold weather. Next to despising cold weather, I hate droughts.

The bottom line to all that is that central Kentucky spent nearly a year and a half drying out during the last half of 2000 and all of 2001. I watered my garden with a hose attached to public water so much and so often last year that what few vegetables I grew tasted like Clorox which is what I assume the Garrard County Water District uses to purify dead carp, catfish, cows and human fecal bacteria which are so abundantly distributed in our water supply.

Then we got a series of late season frosts in the Spring of this year. The last one, which has to be some kind of record, went into my garden on May 29 when the temp dropped to 29 degrees here in the lowest part of Lowell Branch. But even before that, commencing early in April, the rains commenced.

I no longer believe the Noah story from the Bible because it rained here for 40 days and nights during April, May and early June and only twice did the creek get up over the road. My basement flooded out a couple of times but the sump pump pretty much kept up with that. Matt Bray and Tony Callahan and I considered tearing down a couple of barns to erect an ark-jug in case and then we started figuring on the size of elephants and how much space two of them would need for 40 days.

Figure in rhinos, hippos, camels, wildebeests, water-buffaloes, and any number of other mammals and Noah had to have a lot more room than the Bible accredited to that ark. Me and the neighbors couldn't even float a baby elephant if we worked at it for the next ten years and there's no evidence that Noah had state-of-the-art power tools. So call me skeptical about the Ark story—especially if I have to feed the water buffalo.

In the meantime, the second issue of Paint Lick Reflections is on the street and I'm here to tell you that this post-inaugural issue of Rita Fox's dream is the most wonderful chronicle of current community and

historic human events that I've ever read. Every single copy of the first and this second issue will ultimately become collector's items worth many hundred times their face value because the print run is so small and the content so absolutely excellent.

The current issue cover story is about our own Miss Beulah West, born in 1906 and recently deceased, a saint if there ever was one. An historic evaluation of the Kennedy Family, on whose farm Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom once lived is included. Genealogies of the Caldwell, Conn and West families who founded our community are included. There's a story about our new health clinic, some church history and stuff that Katie Rollins Carita Brents and I have thrown together to make you laugh and enjoy life.

I'm particularly proud of a piece I did about my teenage neighbor, Caitlin Branson, whom I consider to be the ultimate responsible teen.

All of this and much, much more in the current issue of Paint Lick Reflections printed on heavy, preservative paper stock. You can obtain, enjoy and then archive this issue by purchasing it at the Promenade Gallery in Berea or here in town at the Paint Lick Antique Mall which is located in our old elementary school. You can also email our publisher, Rita Fox at rfx@mis.net for more information. But if I were you, I'd just go ahead and mail Rita a subscription order while I was thinking about it. Send \$21.20 to Paint Lick Reflections, 11993 Richmond Road, Paint Lick, KY 40461 and you will get the next 4 issues. Please let Rita know if you want your subscription to begin with the current issue.

If you grew up in Paint Lick or just love Garrard County, taking advantage of this publication will refresh your memories. It will also serve as a foundation for your kids and grandkids who may one-day be interested in who we are and where we came from. In any event, I promise you won't be disappointed and I promise you this is a labor of love and that's all it's about.



Aaron Anderkin traveled to Washington D.C. for the YMCA Youth Governor's Conference.

Aaron Anderkin attends Youth Conference in D.C.

On December 4, 2001, Aaron Anderkin was elected to serve the eastern half of the state of Kentucky as their Youth Governor.

Anderkin will represent over 1500 Youth in Government delegates at the state capital this upcoming November.

The mock youth assembly is patterned after Kentucky's state government, allowing delegates the opportunity to serve as senators, representatives, lobbyists, supreme court advocates, supreme court justices, press members, pages, and doorkeepers.

He received the highest honor in being elected Governor after working his way up through the ranks. As a sophomore, he served the conference in President of the Senate David Williams' seat.

Rockcastle County High School and Middle School Y-Club advisor Nancy Hale plays takes with her to Frankfort one of the largest delegations. The numbers from Rockcastle County went from three in 1994 to almost 105 in 1999.

He also had the privilege of at-

tending the YMCA Youth Governor's Conference in Washington D.C. June 14-20. There, he made acquaintances with many of United States government's most prestigious dignitaries. He shook hands with President George W. Bush and he met and spoke with Attorney General John Ashcroft. In addition to this, he had a luncheon with Senators Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Anderkin is the first Eastern Kentuckian in 15 years outside of the Lexington and Covington areas to be elected Governor, and he is the first Rockcastle Countian to ever serve the high school YMCA in this realm.

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