

Our Readers Write

Thank you from a Little League parent...

Dear Editor,
Saturday, I had the honor and privilege to attend the season ending festivities of the Rockcastle County Little League. The turnout was amazing as the players had numerous relatives and friends in attendance to celebrate another season of our national past time, BASEBALL.

After the championship games, the league ended the season with a family celebration that included a potluck dinner and awards presentation. The smiles, laughter and fellowship were really something to see. I had the best time watching all the players be presented with an award for their accomplishments. The kids were so happy, family members were taking pictures, the coaches were standing proud and for that moment in time, life was good for everyone. During this time, as I sat in one of the dugouts, I had to just take a minute and thank our good Lord above for baseball.

My wife and I have two sons that have participated in the Rockcastle Little League program for several years now and this season was one of the best. The only thing that would have made it better, would have been to have Diamond Dave healthy and announcing the games.

As a parent, I would be remised if I didn't say thank you to the many people that made the season great. Thank you to the board members who volunteer their time to organize and oversee the league. The coaches who volunteer their time to teach the game and the life lessons that go along with playing team sports. To the umpires that love the game so much, they put up with coaches and parents complaining about a missed

call or two. To the County Judge and Magistrates that approved the funding to fix the coach pitch and minor/major league fields. To Donald Carpenter for making those repairs to the fields. To the many sponsors who provided uniforms and money to cover some of the expenses of running the league. To the "Woodmen of The World" for the new American Flag that fly's so proudly over center field. Finally, thank you to the parents and caregivers that encouraged their child to play baseball.

Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer. ~Ted Williams

Respectfully,
Jim Bowman
Mt. Vernon, KY

US 25 Yard Sale a success...

Dear Editor,
The the 2nd Annual US25 Yard Sale, held June 6,7,8 was a rousing success. Hundreds of Rockcastle Countians set of their wares or got out and found some bargains--or both! Talk about a "Win-win".

I personally took a 300 mile trip that Friday, checking to see how our organization had gone. I was very disappointed--until I arrived in Livingston about 2:30pm. From Livingston thru Mt. Vernon and on to Snyder there was one sale after another. I could see a sign around every corner. Good for you folks!

The organizational staff of the "US25 Yard Sale" would like to take a moment to thank--the Mt. Vernon Signal: The Banner: WRVK 1460AM Radio; and Charles Saylor for their help with promoting the event.

I would like to thank the governments of Mt. Vernon, Livingston and Rockcastle County--Mayor Mike Bryant and staff, Mayor Jason Medley and staff and

Judge Buzz Carloftis.

And a big, special thanks to Lynn Tatum, of the Rockcastle Community Development Board, who worked for several weeks to organize, what appeared to me to be, the most organized county on the entire route. Rockcastle County and I all owe Lynn a big ole' Thank You!

I would appreciate any feedback, both positive and negative. I'm a big boy-tell me what you thought. Call me at 859-779-3005.

I look forward to help in bringing you this event again next year.

Your friend from Berea and Rockcastle Countian at heart--Randy Coffey

"Strange" (Cont. from A2)

have been answered, but one still must wonder about the strange orbs that are sometimes seen in the area, why the crater has a magnetic field, why UFOs are attracted to the area, and how long have these magnetic fields existed? Indeed, these fields and their consequences are "strange...but true?"

Source: Wikipedia: Paranormal Studies and Investigations Canada and theWeather Network

"Memories" (Cont. from A2)

from which to grow.

Over the next few years, that snowball bush grew until it was a massive cluster of plants that bloomed every year and that could easily be viewed from her kitchen window. Every time I saw that bush, I was reminded of the day we planted it. It was beautiful and was adored by most of Mommie Katie's neighbors. She just had a knack for growing things.

Mommie also used that black dirt for her African violets. Her kitchen windowsills were filled with small pots of every variety and color of violets. They were quite impressive

and gave her kitchen a wonderful hue of colors. Mommie Katie's friends were just as jealous of her ability to grow house plants as they were of her flowers in the yard.

I think that one of the reasons my friends loved to play in our yard was because of the beauty and assortment of plants that Mommie Katie grew. She designed her yard flowers so that a wide variety of textures and colors could be seen in every direction. Basically, Mommie was an artist and her yard was her own personal palette.

I wish that I had inherited just a little of her special gift of horticulture. Even with college degrees in biology and chemistry, I could never come close to approaching her floral skills. But few that I have known in my life could. She was an amazing and special lady, and I was so proud to be a part of her family.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 – Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can also learn about my new book, View from the Mountain.)

"Points East" (Cont. from A2)

Of course, once you dig the roots out, you need to boil them too, otherwise they'll just sprout right back and take over wherever you discard them.

Last weekend Loretta and I were in Lowes and I swear to you that they had dock roots for sale at \$5.99 each!! It was all I could to keep from piling them up in the middle of the garden center and setting them on fire.

Believe it or not, there are many seed companies that will sell you thistle seed so you can get a start of the stuff. Honeysuckle vines start at \$5.00 and go up at any number of nurseries and I'm tell you that the owners of these businesses need to be imprisoned. You can even buy dandelion seed!

If you are reading through seed and nursery catalogues, you will find on almost every page one variety or another of something that says "sorry but we can't ship to California, Washington, Arizona and a couple of other states." In other words, it's against the law to ship honeysuckle, dock, thistle and several other noxious weeds, and that is in fact what we're talking about here, to states where the residents have a little common sense.

And if you live at least ten miles from me and you really can't live without honeysuckle, dock, thistle and dandelions, please come on over to 249 Charlie Brown Road and help yourself. If you live any closer than that, don't bother because we're trying to eradicate this stuff in the southern end of Garrard County.

Of course, when all this stuff spreads to your neighbors' lawns and gardens they may shoot you. And as far as I'm concerned, they'd be well within their rights.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., June 17th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek, Wildie. **Tues., June 18th:** Pongo, Ky. 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Wed., June 19th:** Day Health/Senior Citizens, Wayne Stewart Center.

Dance and Act Camp

A Dance and Act Summer Camp will be held June 24-28 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School gymnasium. Price is \$55 per camper. For questions, call Drew Davidson 606-392-8323 or email at drewdavidsonactor@gmail.com

2012-13 RCHS Documents Ready

2012-13 grade reports/transcripts and diplomas for all grade levels may be picked up in the front office of the high school any week day, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students, who will be enrolled for the 2013-14 school year may pick up class schedules, purchase pparking passes/lockers on the following dates, according to grade level: Seniors - July 30; Juniors- July 31; Sophomores - August 1 and Freshmen - August 2. You may not pick up these items before the assigned date, but may do so after the date.

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group will meet each Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Church PCA behind Pizza Hut on the bypass in Richmond. The group will meet thru Wednesday, June 26th. There is no cost and no need to preregister. For more info, contact Nora or Jackie, Hospice Care Plus at 1859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus New Volunteer Training. Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Please RSVP to Julie at 859-626-9292 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

Mt. Vernon Council Meeting

The Mt. Vernon City Coouncil will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 17th at 7 p.m.

Attn: Brodhead Elementary Parents

If you did not turn in your parent pick-up tag at the end of school, please drop that off at BES at your convenience. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Daniel Boone Board Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, June 25th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunityprovider.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Renfro Valley Lodge.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must be no more than 400 words without prior arrangements having been made. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials. Letters must be in the *Signal* office before 4 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's publication. All letters must include the author's name, signature, address and telephone numbers. Illegible letters will not be considered for publication. Letters not meeting these guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions or to make arrangements for a letter exceeding the word limit, contact the editor at 256-2244.



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