

## Our Readers Write

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### Thank you...

Dear Editor,  
Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire dept would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL who participated in any way to making the Annual 4th of July Celebration a huge success!  
Thanks to the following for giving cash donations, door prizes, food, parking, and singing: Level Green, Julie Bishop Hines, Jennifer Bishop White, Citizens Bank, Jerry and Vickie Cox, Bobby and Leah Cameron, Danny and Betty Jo McKinney, Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals, Ford Brothers Realty & Auction, Economy Garage, James and Deann Miller, Billy and Carolyn McKinney, Hal Holbrook (CSEEP), Dari Delight, *Mt Vernon Signal*, Mt Vernon Main St Pharmacy, Mark's Hardware, Garlan and Rachel Cummins, Billy and Shirley Long, Mt Vernon Automotive, Inc, Farm Bureau, Mt Vernon Tobacco, Barn/Desert Sun, Eliza York, IGA, David's Tire Center, Community Trust, Raymond Brown, Pout House (Arlos and Martha Proctor), Barry and Virginia Carroll, Mike Peters, Dannetta Ford Allen, Billy Reynolds, Save-A-Lot, Jack's Hardware, Charlie

and Sheila Albright, Community Trust Bank, Larry Napier, Lonestar (Neil Sluder), Dr and Mrs. James Chism, and Kathee Staton.  
Also thanks to the all who came out to enjoy the event and bought concessions and gave money to the fireworks jar.  
We could not have such a successful event without the help of everyone involved. I just hope that we have left no one out.  
If we have it is certainly not on purpose.  
*Thanks again,  
Johnny Benge,  
Chief Western Rockcastle Fire Dept.*

## “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

Tennessee and two or three nights a week a preacher named Garner Ted Armstrong came on with a 15 minute program called The World Tomorrow. He predicted that time was going to end in the 70's and listeners needed to send him money so he could get the world ready for it.  
Garner Ted also sold books and offered a free subscription to The Plain Truth magazine which my Mom read like it was another version of the Bible. The radio show wouldn't have been so bad if I hadn't had to listen to it. The only way it would come in loud and plain enough to hear and understand was if somebody stood in a chair and kept their hand on top of the radio. Guess who got stuck with that duty.  
Then on another night of the week there was a preacher with a 15 minute faith healing show on the same station who claimed that he could cure anything if you'd just hold your hand on the radio and let him pray for you. He always had testimonials from deaf people who started hearing, blind folks that started seeing

again, crippled up people who started walking again and stuff like that.  
There wasn't much cancer going around back in the 1950's but every once in awhile he'd cure a case or two of cancer or maybe TB. Anyway, I'd have to stand up there and hold my hand on top of the radio until the testimonials were all done and it came time to do some serious healing then Mom would let me get down so she could reach up and touch the radio and get cured. She could reach it from the floor without having to stand in a chair and I was always glad to get down because there was hardly ever anything wrong with me except for a touch of tonsillitis every now and then.  
I'd have felt pretty stupid having that faith healer working on tonsillitis when he had all those deaf, blind, crippled-up and heart patients to deal with. Not to mention the occasional case of cancer and TB.

## “Strange”

(Cont. from A2)

prised if they appear as a disfigured goblin who demands a share of the harvest (Trick-or-treat).  
There is also a Pooka curse. It is a spell caused by the Crystalline Caudron, an apocalyptic weapon created by the insane King Valentine prior to his death that works through the power of crystals. The victim is turned into a small rabbit-like creature and is also given immortality. Along with the immortality, the victim must spend their life searching for the Valentinian coins in order to receive one wish.  
Until recently, I had no knowledge of a pooka until I looked it up as a taxi driver did in the movie, while at the mental institution where Elwood was taken. If you see the movie, you will see that Harvey has a lot of fun at the expense of everyone except Elwood. Youtube has a few clips from the movie...it may be as close as we'll ever get to seeing a pooka.

*Sources: Wikipedia, Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Odin Sphere Wiki*

## “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

Jack's radio show) used in the motion picture were actual calls made by real people. Information released by Lucas notes, “Wolfman Jack's radio show was the backbone of the film. The Wolfman was an ethereal presence in the lives of young people, and it was that quality we wanted and obtained in the picture.”  
It has always amazed me how many themes in the film were actually part of my life personally as well as the lives of most Rockcastle County teenagers. With the exception of the population of Modesto, California, the cars (58 Chevy – Deuce Coupe – 55 Chevy and a variety of Hot Rods), the Drive-in restaurant, drag racing, high school dates and sock hops, dances (Jitterbug – The Twist – waltzes), parking, and going steady – those were the things that occupied our time and attention in those days.  
Lucas accurately used some of the most popular, customized hot rods of the era. Even the climactic drag race at the end of the movie was so perfectly filmed that it took me back to the days of drag racing in Rockcastle County. A character known as “Toad” used a flashlight to start the final drag race. I can remember several of my friends waving a handkerchief to initiate the beginning of races of our day. Another teen would stand at the end of the marked quarter mile race on US 25 highway in order to determine the winner of the race. It is amazing how accurately the filmed scenes were portrayed. I felt nervous just watching that deuce coupe

line up against the “souped up” 55 Chevy. It reminded me of so many of my friends trying to decide who had the “badest” car in the county.  
I don't think we ever determined a county-wide winner. One week Charles Hensley would be on top, while the next week it might be one of the Fain boys. Sometime later, it would be a totally different teen who claimed to have the hottest ride in the county. Oh, how we loved those competitions!  
Even the high school “sock-hop” appeared identical to the days at Mt. Vernon High School. So many of the guys were too nervous to “jitterbug” but would crowd the gym floor as soon as songs like The Great Pretender, I Only Have Eyes For You, or Only You began to play. Many of us gathered in the corners of the gym to hold our dates close as the Platters serenaded us.  
Any old-timer like me will be transported to another era when watching this film. It can make you feel like you are sitting in one of those cars, cruising and listening to our radios. Time magazine wrote, “American Graffiti reveals a new and welcome depth of feeling. Few films have shown quite so well the eagerness, the sadness, the ambitions and small defeats of a generation of young Americans.” Variety ob-

served, “The movie was a vivid recall of teenage attitudes and morals, told with outstanding empathy and compassion through an exceptionally talented cast of unknown actors.” I couldn't agree more!  
If you get the chance to catch the film (or better still to see it in a theater), I highly recommend that you

do so. I fail to see how anyone could improve on this depiction of that magical time and its charming, almost naive, youngsters and their way of life. I'm one of the lucky ones – I got to live it.

*(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.)*



## 2 Mile Run/Walk

**Friday, July 26th • 7 p.m.**

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**Mon., July 29th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero and Pine Hill. **Tues., July 30th:** No schedule. **Wed., July 31st:** Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax.

**Class of 1977 Reunion**  
The RCHS Class of 1977 will hold a reunion Saturday, July 27th from 6 to 9 p.m. at El Cazarador Restaurant. all classmates are invited.

**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. Everyone is invited.

**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.

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