



BUCKEYE SCHOOL HOUSE-- Robert L. Cummins brought us the above picture of the Buckeye School House on Renfro Creek taken about 1906 or 1907. The picture shows the students, teachers, and visitors present for the picture-taking occasion over 60 years ago. They were, front row from left: Robert L. Cummins and Lura E. Hiatt; second row, Hobart Griffin, Georgia Fish, Robert Fish, Milton Proctor, Ewell D. Cummins (brother of Robert Cummins), Johnnie Taylor, Dee Bostic, Thea Parsons, Celia Wade Hiatt, Julette Griffin, Laura E. Hiatt, Delia Proctor; third row, Minnie Coffey, Bessie Taylor, George Griffin, Tabitha Hiatt, Lucie Dameron, Janie Parsons, Claude Griffin, Jim Matt Coffey, Sarah Hiatt, Ethel Brown, teacher (half-sister of Sarah Ellen (Brown) Cummins); fourth row, Mae McGee, Mrs. Lura Fish (mother of Georgie and Robert Fish, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Cummins (mother of Robert and Ewell Cummins), and Sam McGee.

Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photo is of Buckeye Schoolhouse. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.

"Ramblings"

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and routine sidewalk maintenance. At their last meeting Medley said that, mainly due to the manner Swanigan uses to enforce the ordinances, their implementation was proceeding smoothly.

As I said, all that enthusiasm is draining but also refreshing. In a county where the status quo seems to be accepted way more than it should be, it is always refreshing to see a community come together to achieve goals that have seemed unreachable.

"Points East"

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pairs of sneakers trying to get a cabbage head. So last Saturday Loretta dragged my knee-high, rubber boots out of the basement, sprayed them full of raid and then vacuumed them out to make

sure all the brown recluse spiders that might be hiding in the toes were dead and gone.

So I pulled them on and headed for the bell peppers which are about fifty feet out from any edge of the garden. I picked a five-gallon bucket full an assortment of all the stuff mentioned above and started back to the house when, all of a sudden, I discovered that I couldn't move either foot.

Six inches below the surface my garden is normally hard clay but it has rained so much over the last month or so that the stuff has softened up and now it's like quick sand. I set my bucket down in front of me and used my good arm to pull one foot out and then the other and I did this for like ten steps. It was either that or leave my boots stuck in the mud and I was wet with sweat when I finally made it to high ground.

It's too bad that Loretta didn't have a video camera handy because we missed a perfect opportunity to win

the grand prize on America's Funniest Home Videos.

"Memories"

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pillow for my bed. It was white and shaped just like the comic character. I kept it on my bed for several years until I finally put it in one of my drawers. To this day, when I am reminded of the lovable creature, a smile appears on my face.

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"On Call"

(Cont. from A2)

departments throughout the county or surrounding counties to gather up enough volunteer firefighters.

Over the past couple of weeks I have went over how to become a volunteer or

paid firefighter. Now that you are on a department, what comes next? Generally you are issues gear. Gear that will protect you and can ultimately save your life. Let's start at the top and work our way down.

The helmet, originally, offered little to no protection from injuries to the head. The original purpose of the helmet was to shed water. Modern day helmets still help shed water but now provide protection from falling debris and can withstand high heat. Helmets are made from a combination of plastic and carbon fiber materials to give the helmet a hard outer shell. Inside the helmet is a nomex liner that extends past the ears of the firefighter to provide extra ear protection because getting the tips of your ears burned is not fun. I know, I have had mine burnt before. There is also an adjustable strap for your head and one for the chin. The exterior has reflective stickers or decals to be seen at night using a light. Also on the exterior of the helmet, is a shield. The shield is mounted to the front of the helmet and is usually made from leather. The shield tells you a lot about that firefighter. By looking at the shield you can tell what department the firefighter is with, the rank of the firefighter and some have their unit number. Brodhead's shield has Brodhead at the top and the rank at the bottom with the firefighter's unit number in the middle.

The color of the helmet is significant as well. The color signifies the rank of the firefighter of the department. Each department can vary but most seem to follow the same principle. A white helmet usually is the chief of the department. Also a white helmet can signify an assistant chief or major. Most other firefighters wear a black helmet with a front shield that signifies their rank from captain to a firefighter. Probationary firefighters gener-

ally wear an orange or yellow helmet letting firefighters know they are a new recruit. Other colors you may see are red or blue and they are used according to that particular fire department. Generally a blue helmet is a firefighter that is also an EMT or paramedic.

There are a variety of combinations a fire department can use with helmets to show rank. My volunteer department uses white, black and yellow helmets. A white helmet is used for the chief and assistant chief. A black helmet with a white front is a captain and one with red lettering is a lieutenant. A black helmet with

white lettering is a firefighter. A yellow helmet for my department represents a probationary firefighter. As a new member, you will be issued a yellow helmet. Once your probationary period is over you will receive a black helmet. It is kind of a rite of passage in the fire service.

The evolution of the fire helmet has come a long way since the days of Benjamin Franklin as has the rest of our gear. Next week will continue with firefighter gear starting with the turnout coat. And now for this week's question, how many layers does the firefighter turnout coat have?

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Mon., Aug. 19th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek, Wildie. **Tues., Aug. 20th:** Pongo, Ky. Hwy. 3245 and Bryant Ridge. **Wed., Aug. 21st:** Day Health/Senior Citizens, Wayne Stewart Center, Child Development.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, Aug. 15th on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m. Please use back door.

Hummel Homecoming

The annual Hummel Homecoming will be held Saturday, August 31st below the old Hummel church. Everyone is welcome. come, bring a covered dish and stay all day.

Mt. Vernon Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council. will be held Monday, August 19th at 7 p.m.

Grandparent Program

The Cumberland Valley Area Agency on Aging will be taking applications for the Kentucky Grandparent Program on August 26th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockcastle Senior Center on US 25. Interested grandparents must bring the following information: proof of all household income, social security cards for all people living in the home, birthdates and picture ID. For more information, contact Kyle Swafford or Candice Henson at 1-800-795-7654.

State Service Officer at London

A certified and trained State Service Officer will be at the London DAV building on West 80, behind Clark Truck on Aug. 20th from 9 a.m. to noon to assist all veterans and their dependents with VA claims. There is no charge for this service. For more information, 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308. Leave message if no answer.

DBCAA Board Meeting

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, inc. will have a board of directors meeting Tuesday, August 27th at 5:30 p.m. at Clay County in the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road, Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

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.

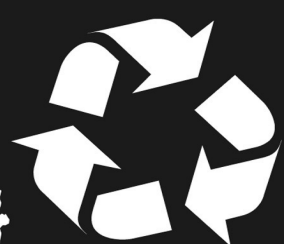
Historical Society Hours

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

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.

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