

Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

After some time, the persistence of the men paid off, and the fire began to dwindle. Bee and Mommie Katie stopped carrying buckets of water. Pop and Mr. Ramsey decided to walk the perimeter of the fire to make sure that no sparks were going to re-kindle the blaze. They both took rakes to use if they found an area where the fire was still out of control. After about an hour, they returned to Pop’s yard with the news that the worst of the fire was extinguished. A few of the other men decided to keep raking to make certain that the wind did not revive the fire.

This incident was my first experience with a forest fire, and I was scared and exhausted. Once the fire was completely under control, the men sat in the yard behind Pop’s house while Mommie Katie served them her freshly brewed, sweet iced tea. We were all drenched with perspiration and out of breath. Over and over, Pop thanked them for saving his houses and out-buildings. He commented on “...what a blessing it is to have good neighbors.”

I suppose some things just remain in the mind of young boys. Even today when I hear of a forest fire, I think of the afternoon that we spent raking burning leaves to protect our house. I still love sitting next to a great autumn fire in a carefully prepared fire ring, but out-of-control fires scare me. Thanks to our neighbors, we did not have a catastrophe.

“I See It”

(Cont. from A2)

talk as each one of us waited anxiously for that one phone call from our loved one that told us it was time to check-out. I was usually the last person in the group to receive this anticipated phone call, of course, but when a guy got the phone call he would smile to the rest of us and say something like "I am

glad this is over and glad I don’t have to experience this again until next year! Best of luck to the rest of you and I hope you get your call soon."

I hate Black Friday with a passion and as they old saying goes, when I turned 18-years-old I became old enough to vote in elections, buy cigarettes, register for the draft and in my case "say no to being recruited for Black Friday!"

Surprisingly, I have been successful since I was 18 and haven’t been recruited for another Black Friday. There have been some hard fought battles with "guilt trip" tactics from my mom and aunts, but I have stood my ground for the past five years.

To me, Black Friday shopping has become the scourge of the Thanksgiving holiday, especially this year when the majority of the retail stores are opening up late on Thanksgiving Day, which now makes the term "Black Friday" completely meaningless.

I have read several news articles about grandparents who say they aren’t having a Thanksgiving meal this year because their children and grandchildren will be shopping, so they didn’t see a need in preparing a big meal if no one from their immediate family is coming. Personally, I think that is sad and I believe the opening of stores on Thanksgiving Day coincides with the moral decay of our society.

Another thing I believe corresponds with Black Friday showing the moral decay of our society is the increasing violence each year. For every black Friday since 2006, violence has been reported that has included physical assaults, shootings, people being trampled due to the large floods of people as stores opened, people being pepper sprayed by someone trying to cut line and several other violent incidents that ensued after various heated arguments.

So far there have only been three reported deaths during Black Friday and they all happened in 2008 and included a Wal-Mart

employee being trampled to death and two people who were fatally shot in a Toys R Us parking lot.

During Black Friday last year, the violence hit close to home as several people were trampled at the Berea Wal-Mart while trying to get to a bin of reduced TracFones. A bystander videoed the whole incident on a cell phone and put the video on YouTube.

I pointed out several Rockcastle County people in the video and many of us also posted it on our social media accounts as well as the "Berea Wal-Mart TracFone fight" video which went viral.

According to world events in the past few months I can't help but worry that this Black Friday will include an increased amount of violence. I'm not a sociologist, but the patterns are leading up to it, hopefully I will be wrong.

My motto is "if I have to fight a Black Friday crowd to get a good deal for an item that is on sale, then I would just rather pay more for that item after the shopping holiday. If I can't afford the higher price of the item after Black Friday, then I would just rather do without it!

I understand people are struggling financially and a lot of parents are willing to fight the crowds so their children can have a good Christmas. However, if that child's parent or parents are severally injured or killed while Black Friday shopping, I believe that child would rather go without the item so their mom or dad could stay safe.

One thing is for sure, while all those shopping fanatics are fighting the Black Friday crowds, Doug Ponder will be sound asleep in his nice, warm, safe and secure bed.

But, as a past Black Friday recruit, I will always remember my fellow men who will be hiding out in the underwear section after getting their designated item. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. GODSPEED MY BOYS, GODSPEED.....

“Letters”

(Cont. from A2)

Their tireless efforts and long hours have not gone unnoticed by the citizens that frequently utilize the bridge as a main access point to get into town. This group of workers should be commended for taking charge and getting the job done even though we are sure they had to sacrifice time with their families and put aside other things they needed to do.

We would also like to thank County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis, Brodhead Meayor Walter Lee Cash and the Brodhead City Council for their work to get this project started, expedited and finished in such a timely manner. They really made a difference in turning what appeared to be a hopeless and drawn out situation into a feasible temporary solution for the citizens of Brodhead and Rockcastle County.

*Herb and Patsy Alcorn
Brodhead, Ky.*

MVES thanks sponsors...

Dear Editor,

Mount Vernon Elementary School would like to thank the following sponsors for their support in our recent "We Run This Town" race event. The race was held on Sunday, November 24th. It was a great success and we were able to raise lots of money that will be used to purchase student iPads! Once again, thank you to our community for partnering with our school in this event.

We couldn't have done it without the support of the following businesses: Ford Brothers Auctioneers, Coffey-Ford Attorneys, Dowell-Martin Funeral Home, Jerry Cox, Richmond St. Eye Care, Cash Express, Jack's Pro Hardware, Collins Respiratory Care, Inc., Brodhead Pharmacy, Town and Country, Billy Reynolds, El Cazador, Cox Funeral Home, Main Street Pharmacy, Mount Vernon Drug, Rockcastle Professional Pharmacy, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Limestone Grille, Rock Peds, Kincer's Services, LLC, Wendy's, White House Clinic, Community Trust Bank, Climax Water and Citizen's Bank.

*Angela Mullins
MVES*

“Points East”

(Cont. from A3)

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All the literature I've mentioned here is suitable for, adolescents, young adults, and even old timers like yours truly. I simply believe that the best way to keep ourselves and our youth in touch with their cultural heritage is to read it.

What little store shopping I do will be at Top Drawer Gallery 202 Broadway in The Old Town Section of Berea where my old Letcher High school buddy, Terry Fields, has arguably the best collection of Appalachian wood crafts, furniture, pottery and regional cookbooks you will ever

find under one roof. Terry is open 9:30 until 5:30 Monday through Saturday as well as Sunday afternoons. Take a gander at his website, www.topdrawergallery.com to get an idea of what you're going to find.

“On Call”

(Cont. from A3)

side, susceptible to rapid flame spread inside, susceptible to total collapse due to fire or explosion and susceptible to water damage.

I hope everyone has learned something about building construction this week. Next week I am going to finish up this topic but in the meantime the question to answer this week is, in some of the older buildings you will see metal stars on the outside of a building, what do you think those are there for?

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Mon., Dec. 2nd: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla and Country Care. **Wed., Dec. 3rd:** Ottawa and Bee Lick. **Thurs., Dec. 4th:** Cave Valley Apts., Wayne Stewart Center, Day Health/Senior Citizens.

Christmas Events in the County

Livingston will kick-off Christmas festivities in the county on Saturday, November 30th. The Christmas Story and Love in a Box by the Community Christmas Team will be at 2 p.m. The parade is scheduled for 6 p.m. The Tree Lighting and Santa Wish Lanterns will be held at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. there will be a teen dance in the school cafe.

Mt. Vernon: The tree lighting ceremony and parade will be held Friday, December 6th. Tree lighting will be at 6 p.m., and the parade at 7:30. Line-up for parade is at 6:30. For more info. call 256-3431. This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland." 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be presented to the best entries.

Brodhead: Brodhead's parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7th at 6 p.m. with lineup at 6 p.m. at the elementary school. This year's theme is "Dreams of Christmas."

Santa's Workshop

Registration is now open for children, ages 9-16, to attend Santa's Workshop at the Rockcastle County Extension Service. There will be two workshops - December 19th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and December 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children will make five to six gifts for family and friends. An adult member is welcome to attend with the child Cost of the workshop is \$10 and each workshop is limited to 15 children. Please call the Rockcastle County Extension Service at 256-2403 for additional information and to register.

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.

ONLINE ONLY ESTATE Auction

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House & 3 Acres in Tracts, 2 Mobile Homes Vehicles, Farm Machinery & Personal Property

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Multi-Parcel Auction: The property will be offered in tracts utilizing the multi-parcel method and selling in the manner that reflects the best returns for the sellers. This concept gives each and every prospective buyer the ability to purchase his or her individual tract or combination. You can buy an individual tract or any combination of tracts.

Tract 1: The pictured vinyl siding home is situated on 1.94 acres more or less and features an open living room-kitchen-dining room, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a 2-car garage, a 1-car garage in the basement, a wrap-around porch, plus a barn. The finished, walk-out basement features an eat-in kitchen, large living room/recreation room combo, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Plus there's a single car garage in the basement.

Tract 2: Contains 0.842 acres and is a level lot. This lot would make a great building or mobile home site.

Tract 3: Contains 0.619 acres and is improved with 48 x 76 Tobacco Barn with attached stripping room.

Tract 4: Is a 14 x 70 singlewide mobile home that features: 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room and kitchen. This mobile home is in need of repairs.

Tract 5: Is a 12 x 60 singlewide mobile home that features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room and kitchen. This trailer was used for storage and needs repair.

Note: In the event that Tract #4 & Tract #5 sell separately from the land, the mobile homes must be removed from the property.

Vehicles: 1999 Ford F-150 4 x 4 (approx. 220,000 miles) ~ 2002 Toyota Highlander (approx. 280,000 miles) ~ Ford Thunderbird.

Farm Machinery & Equipment: Ford 3930 Tractor ~ MF 285 Tractor ~ Gooseneck Trailer ~ Sitrex Hay Tetter ~ M&W Hay Rake ~ Hay rings ~ Feed troughs ~ Hay wagon ~ Chains ~ Gates ~ Sprayer ~ Barbwire ~ Grinding wheel ~ set of racks ~ Layoff plow ~ Fence chargers ~ Stabilizer Bars ~ Posthole digger ~ Tobacco sticks ~ fence posts ~ Cane hook ~ log dogs ~ 100 roll bales of Hay (4 x 5).

Furniture & Household Goods: Chest of drawers ~ Dresser ~ Headboard ~ Glassware ~ Tables ~ Folding chairs ~ Sinks ~ Flower racks ~ Prints ~ Cream can ~ Coolers ~ Luggage ~ Lawn chairs ~ Kerosene heater ~ Refrigerator (green in color) ~ Outhouse.

Tools & Personal Property: 4-way Lug wrench ~ Craftsman Skilsaw ~ Tires ~ Railroad jacks ~ Heater ~ Wiring ~ Ladder ~ Pulley system ~ Wheel barrow ~ Rakes ~ Hand tools ~ Gas jugs ~ Fishing poles ~ Hydraulic jack ~ Snow shovel ~ Painting supplies ~ Framing squares ~ Spot light ~ Saw blade ~ Wooden horses ~ Weed eater ~ Muffler ~ Mule bits ~ Breaking bits ~ Miscellaneous nuts and bolts ~ Caution sign ~ Lawnmower blades ~ Murray push mower 20" cut ~ Books ~ Dog house ~ 5 gallon drums ~ Step ladder ~ Child's play sets ~ Old pop bottles ~ Old Sports guides ~ Water hoses ~ "Partridge" Pure Lard Can.

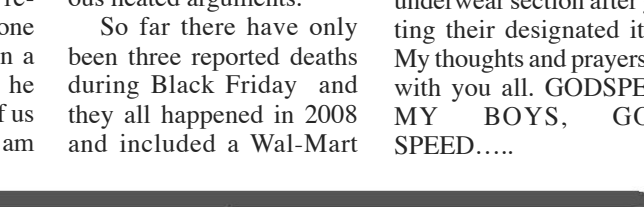
Previews: Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 26th from 3:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m. There will also be Bid Assistance from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. on sale day (Saturday, November 30th) on site at 886 Wabd Jones Road, Mt. Vernon, KY.

Note: There will be a 10% Buyer's Premium added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price.

Terms: Real Estate: 20% down, as a non-refundable earnest money, in the form of a certified check, cash or wire transfer within 48 hours of the close of auction. The balance of purchase price is due at closing, said closing to be within 30 days of close of bidding. Personal Property: Payment will be due in full no later than Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. All purchases that have not been paid in full by Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time will automatically be charged to the credit card used at registration with a 3% processing fee. At pickup you have the option to pay with cash, check or credit card (with processing fee).

Item Pick Up Time: All items must be paid for in full before being picked up. There will be only ONE pickup date: Tuesday, December 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All items will be picked up on site at 886 Wabd Jones Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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