

Points East

By:
Ike Adams

Okay, before you read past the end of this sentence, I want you to go through the house and get every calendar in the place along with a stack of post it notes and something you can write on so you can tack it to the refrigerator door with one of those funky little magnet things. Hurry up, because I'm not writing another word until you get back.

(Long pause)

I'm assuming that everybody is here and that you've tested your ink pen to make sure it writes.

Now I want you to turn to the page that has September on your calendar and pose your pen above Saturday, September 2nd. If you already have something written down for that date, either erase it or mark it out. Now write down Paint Lick Sportsman's Club Fish Fry, 4 til 8 and don't let it even cross your mind to do anything else on September 2nd.

Make at least a dozen notes to yourself that you can stick where you're apt to see them. Some places that I would recommend are the rear view mirror on your truck or automobile, in the middle of your television screen, on the side of your favorite coffee cup and on your spouse's forehead. And of course, on the door of the fridge.

If you don't have a refrigerator door magnet, send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 66 cents postage on it and I will mail you one. The address is 301 Charlie Brown Road, Paint Lick, KY 40661. This is not a joke. I'm simply trying to bring you into the world of modern conveniences and I have ready access to a bunch of magnets.

The last time we had a fish fry more than a dozen people called to see if it was still on. There were tornado warnings all over the place and Paint Lick was in the process of getting an inch or so of rain while the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled. And of course the fish fry was still on. You don't draw out five hundred pounds of fillets and then not have a fish fry. And you certainly don't let a tornado blow you away.

Several hundred people showed up in the down-rain and several of them now have umbrellas lying in tobacco fields as far away as Fletcher County. It was either turn loose of the umbrella or get carried away with it, but the fish kept frying.

Nobody went away hungry. We have a clubhouse, if you've never been here. And there's plenty room to eat come rain or shine. So don't let the weather scare you off nor use it as an excuse to keep from getting down here and eating with us as well as helping enable our club to continue

carrying out its primary mission of doing good and avoiding evil.

In other news, I just got out of the garden where I've been since 6 p.m. until it got so dark I couldn't see on this wonderful second Monday in August. I've plowed up the summer bean and squash patch and sowed it back in mustard, kale, collards and spinach. If the weather holds, I'm going to get out tomorrow night and spend another three hours working up enough ground to plant some late beans, snow peas, cucumbers, zucchini, golden crook-neck, beets and a big turnip patch. I'm also going to see if I can find some onion sets but they are a rare commodity here in the flatlands this time of year.

Roma II bunch beans and Blue Lake will make it if you plant them before the end of the month and if you soak the seed in warm water for 24 hours before planting them. So will all the other stuff I mentioned, but soak your squash and cucumber seed too if you want to beat the frost.

If you have peppers and egg plant in your garden, now is a good time to work the ground around them really good, hill them up and side-dress them with a liberal helping of 10-10-10 fertilizer. Or mix Peter's Professional or Miracle Grow exactly three times as strong as they recommend on the package and soak the ground

around your plants once a week for the next three weeks and then every two weeks after that until frost gets them. I mix mine up in a five gallon bucket and I use 3 tablespoons of Peter's to the gallon instead of the one spoonful that the recipe calls for.

I do use each plant with about a quart of this mixture, but it's rained enough here all summer that I'm going with the dry fertilizer instead of the liquid because it's easier, cheaper and I don't have to do it one time to get your plants back into the production mold. Most varieties of tomatoes will also make a great come back if you give them some food and a little ammoniac and folic. I mush up a quarter of that right in the fat that the stuff that comes in during hot weather. They may be a bit smaller, but they are much crispier and they have a much more robust flavor. You can literally cover the plants with plastic and have fresh veggies until way up in November unless we get a hard freeze.

If you see anyone with onion sets for sale, let me know. I sure would like to have some scallions to eat with all these greens I plan on having in 45 days. Or just box up a pint and send them to me along with a bill for whatever I owe you for them.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves

The Tandem Tag Team
Dave and Ike

When I received the *Mt. Vernon Signal* this week, I expected to see the headlines announcing in bold print, "The Tandem Tag Team, Dave and Ike", have taken the country by storm since the announced his and Dave's interest in teaching the well heeled politicians how to win the office of President of the U.S.A. and run the country on a shoe string including enough left for the bow. The two politicians left to fight for this honorable, sometimes dishonorable, office, are literally ignorant of the needs of the people whose living conditions or background they know nothing about, except by reading a

columnist's one sided account of a child starving in the back room of a Shanty or a homeless person being frozen to death in some gutter. With the next column displaying the much more exciting news of the winner of a golf tournament or basketball game. Now don't upset their apple-cart filled with rosy promises of "bigger is better" by asking for higher wages or better schools. One can eat the apples, the promises are harder to digest.

Now this new political team, The Tandem Tag Team, the three T.T.T. have other ideas and with the help of other seasoned workers who have already been baptized, and honorably

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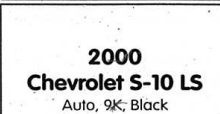
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