

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

On Monday morning, August 21, when I arrived at work, an older gentleman was standing along the roadside, with arms crossed, staring at the road.

When I approached him, he turned and faced me. With teary eyes and a trembling voice, he said, "My son was killed here this weekend."

The intersection on the 461 bypass across from the high school had claimed another victim.

"What do you say? You feel the sorrow and pain, but it is nothing compared to what the family and friends of the victim feels."

By being here most days and seeing the accidents and near accidents, some that end in tragedy, I live with a great fear, knowing that unless something is done there will be others.

The next time will it just be a minor fender bender or will it be a car load of high school kids?

Do I have a solution? No, but I do know if down the road in both directions a large dangerous intersection sign was erected, with flashing caution lights, maybe rumble strips and a much slower speed limit, proper turning lanes in both directions, a four-way stop light, the chances of accidents would be much less.

I pray that it won't take another tragedy to get something done here. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Rider Family.

Larry Gooch,
Town & County, Motors

Dear Editor,
Christie Foster wrote last week regarding the Emmett Foster Road and the county's apparent lack of

interest and concern for the roadway and her family's safety. I don't usually respond to such criticism, but because she has invited public response, I feel it only fair that the public be aware of the work that has been done there since I have been in office.

First of all, the roadway was completely resurfaced (hot mix) approximately four years ago. Shortly thereafter, log trucks destroyed it. We made efforts to repair the road. Sometime after that, the county accepted the easement (and provided work) for the cemetery road leading from the Foster Road. Both roads were in very good shape.

This past winter during our one brief snowfall, I personally drove the snowplow to clear the roadway there. I remember this because the truck broke down and the Fosters were kind enough to make a call to the county garage for me.

During the late spring of this year, county employees were on the road re-checking the mileages for the state's new mapping system. When they turned around, residents blocked them while demanding to know what business the employees had on the road. A publicly maintained road-way is open to public use 24 hours a day without any prior notification to anyone. Furthermore, it is illegal to block any public roadway by any device at any time of the day or night.

I wrote this only as a response to last week's letter, holding no malice toward any of the families living there. We do plan to continue the maintenance services on that road as the county's budget permits. We cannot do more.

I write this respectfully to the families living there and to others who might be interested.
Buzz Carlouts
County Judge-Elect

Please Note . . .

The Tammy McGuire listed in 8/17's suits is not Tammy Michelle McGuire, daughter of Roberta and Gary McGuire.



Anberlee Renea Woodall would like to announce the birth of her baby sister, Leah Mackenzie. She was born on May 11, 2000 in Danville. Their proud parents are Jackie and Angie Moore Woodall of Broadhead. Grandparents are Regina Moore of Broadhead and Everett and Loretta Woodall, also of Broadhead. Great grandparents are Betty Moore of Broadhead and the late Howard Moore of London.



Don and Carla Roberts of Rt. 3 Broadhead would like to introduce the newest member of the family, Sarah Nicole. Sarah was sent from God on Dec. 28, 1999 at 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 21 1/4 inches long. She is welcomed by Kristen, 8 and Eric, 6.

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The Senior Citizens Pacesetters from Rockcastle Co. Center, who walked over 500 miles from June 1999 to June 2000, received a certificate. Perry Bowman with the most miles walked received a trophy. From left are Mary Jane Gadd, Eleanor West, Perry Bowman and Gene Artist. Several others from the center walked just under 500 miles. All Pacesetters received a t-shirt.

Upcoming Reunions

Mullins

Annual Mullins Family Reunion will be held Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000 at Mullins Station, Rockcastle County. A potluck lunch will be served. Bring a covered dish and lawn chair. Enjoy the day with friends and family. Everyone welcome!

Cash

Cash Reunion will be Sept. 2nd beginning at 11 a.m. at the Quail Comm. Park on Hwy. 70. Bring a covered dish.

Dillion Asher & Hendrickson Reunion

Dillion Asher and Hendrickson Reunion will be Fri., Sat. and Sun. Oct. 6-8. Friday, Buffet dinner available at 5 p.m. Social hour to follow at 6:45 p.m. Pine Mountain State Park in Pineville. Saturday, Picnic - Cardinal Inn in Red Bird, (Queuedale) near Dillion Asher's original homestead. Bring covered dish and arrive early. Will be eating at noon. The Hendrickson Reunion, Sunday, Oct. 8th will begin at 2 p.m. at the Pine Mountain State Resort Park Lodge in Pineville.

Bullock

Richard Bullock Descendants Reunion - Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Shelter, Hwy. 461 beginning with noon meal, Saturday, Sept. 2. Bring covered dishes, pictures and family history. For info, contact Jan Bullock at 274-4239 or Wanda Bullock at 274-4645.

Graves/Hayes/Owens

Graves/Hayes/Owens Reunion will be Sat., Sept. 2nd at Blue Springs School House at 12 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

Higgins - Ball

Higgins - Ball Reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 2nd at Family Life Center. Thru gate shelter on right. Everyone welcome.

Cromer-Whitaker reunion

Those attending the Cromer-Whitaker Reunion in July, 2000 at the Kentucky Christian Assembly in Broadhead were: John D. and Rissie Cromer, Tami Hastings, Fay Henzley, Hairm and Audrey Reed, Ken Cromer, Judy Cromer, Don and Liz Whitaker, Kevin, Kim, Whitney, Amber and Michael, Mark Brown, Verna Graves, David Hastings, James and Ester Houston, Jim, Kristie and Marley Masterson, Bill and Gladys Groger, Cecil and June Hyatt, Edward and Geneva Houston, Mark and Ann Cromer, Pauline Kinzer, Erica Collins, Rex Collins, Phyllis and

Pine Hill School

The 5th Annual Pine Hill School Reunion will be held Saturday, September 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pine Hill, Missionary Baptist Church Shelter House. All former teachers and students and their families are invited. Bring a covered dish and all your old memories.

Hamm

Hamm Reunion, Sept. 3rd at Quail Park. Lunch around 12 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us.

Rowe

Robert and Winnie Price Rowe Reunion will be Sept. 10th at William Whitley House. All relatives and friends welcome. Bring a covered dish and spend the day with us. Come any time. Lunch will be about 1 p.m.

Barnett - Rigbsy

Barnett - Rigbsy Reunion Sun., Sept. 10th at Brush Arbor Log Village at Renfro Valley. Bring a covered dish.

Bullen

Bullen Reunion will be held Sept. 10th at Beren Fork Ctr. on W. Jefferson St. in Berea. All Bullens plan to attend our reunion starting at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch around 1 p.m. Bring covered dishes. For more info, call 986-8586.

Hummel

All day Hummel Homecoming at old Hummel Church Sat., Sept. 2nd. Bring a covered dish.

Rowe

Rowe Family Reunion, Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 4th at Quail Park on Hwy. 70. Bring a covered dish, Lunch around 1:00. All family and friends are invited.

Barnes (Barron) - McFerron

Reunion, Sun., Oct. 1st at Quail Park. Everyone bring a covered dish and enjoy the fun.

Son of local couple aboard Navy tank landing ship

For more than 220 years, in peacetime as well as crisis and conflict, America's Navy has been forward deployed, ready to respond in every region of the world.

One Sailor ready to answer the call today is Jason Louda, son of Barry and April Onella of Broadhead. Louda, a 1995 graduate of Colerain High School in Cincinnati, joined the Navy to help finance his college tuition.

Louda is stationed aboard USS La Moure County, homeported at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek in Norfolk, Virginia. The tank landing ship and its crew recently left on a four-month UNITAS deployment of South America. One of two ships of its class still active in the fleet, the mission of USS La Moure County is to transport Marine Corps personnel and land tanks and other vehicles in amphibious assaults.

The ship is the sixteenth of its class of 20 modern tank landing ships which replaces LSTs of the traditional bow door design. Designed to be much larger and faster than traditional LSTs, the ship's flight deck can accommodate almost all of the Navy's helicopter classes.

Louda's job as a mess management specialist (dining supervisor) is very important to the success of the La Moure County and its Sailors.

"My job is to cook the meals for the crew. As the galley supervisor, I have to ensure that all the food is prepared properly," he said.

"It is important that Sailors aboard the La Moure County are recognized for the great work that they do. Without the vital contribution of the crew we would not be able to meet the ship's mission," said CDR R.L. Johnson, Commanding Officer of the La Moure County.

Since joining the Navy, Louda has toured many countries. "I've been to places that most people who are not in the Navy never get to see," he said. Lima, Peru, was one of his favorite ports. "The people were very upbeat and 'Americanized.' Their graciousness and hospitality made other ports pale in comparison," said Louda.

Upon completion of his Navy service, Louda plans on going home to Cincinnati to attend a college. Currently however, Petty Officer Louda is focused on finishing his four-year enlistment.

No matter what the future holds for Louda, one thing is certain, he will take with him the memories and pride that come with serving his country in a Navy uniform.

The USS La Moure County (LST-1194) is one of two LSTs assigned to the United States Naval Reserve Force. The other ship assigned to the fleet is the USS Frederick (LST-1184), home ported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Higginbotham graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Alan W.W. Higginbotham has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training carry training toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Higginbotham is the son of Benny R. Higginbotham of Whitley City, and Francis M. Higginbotham of Broadhead.

The airman is a 1996 graduate of Pulaski County High School.

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