

A Salute to Dispatchers

The daily routine of the Rockcastle County 911 dispatchers, whose calm voices one hears at the end of an often frantic call, are often overlooked by the general population. It is our pleasure to take this opportunity to dedicate the following article by the Kenton County Police Department to our dispatchers here in Rockcastle County.

Tim Cameron, Director Bonnie Roark, Assistant Director Rockcastle County 911 Office and God Created Dispatchers. The angel walked in and found the Lord wandering in a small circle and muttering to himself. "What are you working on now Lord?" he asked. "Well, I finished creating a peace officer, and now I'm working on a dispatcher," was the reply.

Since the angel could see nothing in the room, he asked God to tell him about it. "It's somewhat like the police officer model, but it has five hands: one for answering the phone, two for typing, one for answering the radio and one for grabbing a cup of coffee. The arms had to be placed

fairly carefully since all the dispatcher's tasks have to be done simultaneously. The digestive system is a little complicated since it runs on coffee and food that can be delivered, but it seldom needs to get up for the rest room. I made the skin out of tempered Duratone covered with Teflon. A dispatcher's hair has to be tough enough to withstand darts from cranky officers, jabs from citizens and the lack of attention by the administrators, but it can't show any signs of wear and tear.

"A dispatcher only needs one pair of eyes, so that left extra room for the ears. There are five sets of ears: one set for the telephone, one set for the main radio, two sets for the other radios it has to monitor, and one set for hearing everything else going on around it. They fit all right on the head since it had to be extra large for the brain, anyway. The brain has to be enormous so it can remember a full set of 10 codes, phonetic alphabet, at least 200 different voices, the entire contents of three different SOP manuals,

two Teletype terminals, and the NCC code book. "Of course, I left enough space to let the individual pieces of every different sergeant, lieutenant, shift commander, fire chief, and other supervisors, and the ability to keep them all straight. There also has to be room for it to learn which situations need an officer and which don't, as well as the ability to determine in less than two minutes what to do with my given event.

"There is a built-in condenser in the brain so that it can take an hour-long explanation, put it into 30 seconds worth of radio transmission, and still get the whole story across. Those switches on the front are for the emotions. It has to be able to talk to a mother whose child has just died and yet not feel pain; a rape victim with empathy; a suicidal person with calmness and reassurance; and abusive drunks without getting angry. When one of the officers yells for help, it can't panic, and when someone doesn't make it, the dispatcher's heart mustn't break.

"That little spot just to the left of the center of the switch is for the abandoned animals, frightened children and little old ladies who are lonely and just want to talk to someone for a few minutes. The dispatcher has to care very much for the officers and firefighters he serves without getting involved with any of them. I added another switch for that. Plus, of course, the dispatcher can't have any of his own issues worry about while it is on duty. So, that last switch turns those off.

"The patience switch is turned up to high all the time on the CTO model, and I've added an extra fuse to those to handle the overload. "A dispatcher has to be able to function efficiently under less than good physical conditions and be flexible enough to withstand whatever whim the administration and caring while remaining totally professional. Strain for a full 12 hours on very little sleep, requires almost no days off and get paid less than an executive secretary."

"The dispatcher sounds wonderful!" said the angel. "Where is this amazing creation?"

"Well, you see," answered the Supreme Being with a sigh and a pause. "Dispatchers are invisible unless they make a mistake. So it's practically impossible to tell when they are run down, worn out or in need of repair. Now that I've created them, I can't see the original model to make enough of them to go around."

Give your family a "world view"

What if someone told you there was a way to contribute to world peace, expose your family to a new culture without ever leaving your home and make someone's dream come true? Does this sound too good to be true?

Each year, Academic Year in America (AYA) offers this opportunity to Mt. Vernon families. This year, the 20-year-old AYA program will bring more than 1,100 students ages 15 to 18 to the United States. With AYA's tailored matching system, Mt. Vernon families have the unique opportunity to find a student who will be the perfect fit for their household. Students come from more than 30 countries, such as Germany, Brazil, France, India and have a multitude of diverse talents and interests.

Bringing an international student into your home is an excellent way to give your family a "world view" of a different culture, according to host dad Tim McMahon, whose family has hosted students from more than 30 countries. McMahon said: "My children have made friends and traveled around the globe." McMahon said: "My children have visited several of our students on their own and have made extremely close and personal

friendships. In fact, our entire family has visited the families of two of our exchange students and developed close friendships between the families."

There are several key elements to the hosting experience. For five or 10 months, Mt. Vernon host families must provide their students with two meals a day and a place to sleep and study. Most importantly, they must welcome their student into their home as if they were a son or daughter. To help facilitate the exchange experience, Mt. Vernon host families will receive assistance from an AYA Local Coordinator. Upon successful completion of the exchange, Mt.

Vernon host families can earn up to \$1,000 towards travel to visit their student.

"What better way to learn about world peace than by taking a child into your home and taking care of them?" Diane Asst, one of AYA's Local Coordinators and host mothers, said. "When people ask, 'Why do you host?' I tell them the truth: We do it for the long-term relationship we're going to have with a child and their family. You change their life and they change yours."

To learn more about hosting an AYA student, call Danielle Carpins at (800) 322-4678, ext. 3164 or e-mail dcarpins@aya.com. AYA is a not-for-profit organization designated by the U.S. Department of State to offer J-1 visas to international students. AYA is sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation, which was founded with the assistance of the late Robert F. Kennedy.

PRIDE Spring Clean-up April 21st

Submitted by Don Coyle, PRIDE Coordinator

The annual PRIDE clean-up in Rockcastle County will be held April 21. Rain date will be April 28. Anyone wishing to help should be at the Rockcastle County High School by 9:00 a.m. We will return to the school about 1:00 p.m. Gloves and trash bags will be furnished. Let's all show

the pride we have in our County and join in. If you can't participate that day, PRIDE Spring clean-up is April 21 through May 5. Anyone wishing to join-up roadsides, parks, etc., during this time should contact the Fiscal Court (256-2856) or Don Coyle (758-0179) to receive trash bags and gloves.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

An excerpt from a discussion with an atheist friend

Let me begin with your statement, "Science is hard." The word science means "to know, facts, knowledge." I have always enjoyed science. What is so hard about science? I don't know one fact of science that contradicts anything in the Bible. Now the theories of "science" may be hard to make them "gel" and to reasonably harmonize with the facts of science. "Case in point. You say, 'Life on earth is easy to start, and to start on its own.' Fact: It hasn't been done by man. If life is so easy to start and to even do it on its own, why are they having such a hard time doing it?" Fact: Life begins life, as Mendel states. Life starts on its own, this is true. Since you cannot base this assertion ("Life on earth is easy to start, and to start on its own") upon science i.e. knowledge, facts. Is this your faith or imagination that leads you to make this assertion?

"The fact that scientists will, in probably less years or less, create life in the laboratory, is an estimated timetable that's probably quite conservative. Therefore's suspicions within private research circles that life has already been created, but it's feared that to announce it publicly would trigger an enormous worldwide outcry." Is this your imagination, your faith or your personal knowledge? Yes, if you include "theories" in the definition of science, I would have to concur, that science is hard!

"I firmly hope that which is committed to the trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and opinions of science falsely so called." 1 Tim 6:20. Friends, be not deceived with pseudo-science!

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Saturday, April 7, 2001 at 10 a.m.

Renfro Valley, Kentucky

Location: Renfro Valley, off Exit 59 of I-75. Go north approx. 1/2 mile on U.S. 25, turn off by Renfro Village onto the Hummel Road. Go about 800 feet to the auction site. Auction signs are posted. Watch for auction signs.

In order to settle the estate of her late husband, Mrs. Bonnie Coffey has authorized our firm to sell the following items at absolute auction. Automobile that will be selling: 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Royale - Brougham package - 48,991 actual miles - excellent condition - one owner. Farm Machinery that will be selling: Massey Ferguson 165 tractor - 3800 hours - diesel - farm wares - hay elevator - "Red Machine" rotary tiller - like new - Briggs & Stratton engine - 5.5 hp.

Tools that will be selling: 2 cars - shovels - pruning saw - fruit press - set of hammers & hammers - gasoline air compressor - grease guns - shovels - hand tools - muck - expander ladder - chain hoist - Briar Scythe - garden plow - old gasoline oil can - new bench grinder - never been used - welding helmet - all kinds of hand tools, including saws, hammers, wire pliers, screwdrivers, lights, axes - Black & Decker 2 1/8 hp S&W - all kinds of hammers & lead tools for horses - Homelite chainsaw - cherry pitter - U.S. Cavalry stirrups, lights, axes - Black & Decker 2 1/8 hp S&W - all kinds of hand tools - Blacksmith tools - clamps - 2 broad axes - vice & anvils - large log chain - drawing knives - table saw - old drill press - bench vice - metal frame work table - 3 old hand tobacco stoves - brace & bits - tobacco knifes - core knives - welding rods - several cross-cut saws - hand saws - wooden extension ladder - big vice - big belt - paint gun.

Furniture: 8 Personal Property that will be selling: Mahogany drop leaf table with leaves - Naugahyde hide-a-bed - Remington 22 rifle - semi-automatic - model 824 - unusual - Daisy BB gun - model 825 - Western Field model 830 12 gauge automatic shotgun - 2 3/4 inch chamber - like new - Case knife - 3 Russell Barlow knives - single blade Case knife - fish hook knife - 3 additional Barlow knives - skillets - 30 cup percolator - large coffee thermos - several blue wigs - 5 gallon chunk crock - 2 large meat panners - old blue pitcher - Bavarian pitcher - Blitz cracker tin - Moen pottery - lots of green insulators - bowls - cookie jar - butter mold - D'Arnell bowl - preserve stands - crock bowls - Case milk - homemade go-cart - pig pulleys - black & white - 2 small trees - lawn mower - wheelbarrow.

In addition to Mrs. Coffey's items, we will be selling the following items for her uncle, Roger Maple: Yardman riding lawn mower - old green leather chair and ottoman - Sellers white free-standing cabinet - Daisy BB gun - Mossberg 12 gauge pump action shotgun - Tennessee wooden chair - wooden shaft golf clubs - Wagner iron skillets - Griswald griddle - crock - large dovetail caneback box - large wooden blanket chest - copper wash boilers - lots of green spigots - cast iron trivets - some antique glassware - old cast iron seeder - old tools.

The automobile and tractor will sell at approximately 11 a.m.

Inspection of items will be morning of the auction only, beginning at 8 a.m.

Auctioneer's Note: This is a lifetime accumulation of Mr. Coffey's and there's something for everyone. Be sure to attend this absolute auction.

Remain: Cash or check in full day of auction.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed notices.

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