

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

The first objective of Kiwanis, adopted in 1924, is "To give primacy to the spiritual rather than to the material values of life."

We believe that a very good first step toward our objective is to ask that all members of the community join together on August 12, 2001, in observing "A DAY OF PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS." It is our belief that the united and sincere prayers of our entire community will be heard and answered. We invite all to join with us in this effort.

We invite every congregation in Rockcastle County to unite on this day, as we ask God to protect from harm our children, our teachers, and all others who will be part of the new school year.

Kiwanis Clubs everywhere seek to find ways to "Serve the children of the world." We believe there can be no more appropriate way to accomplish this than by asking the people of our community to jointly ask God to keep our children safe and to help us create an environment where teaching and learning can thrive. We believe that God will hear our community-wide prayers, and that He will respond in a positive way.

We are trusting that every church or congregation in our county will participate by dedicating at least a portion of its worship service on Sunday, August 12, 2001, to a special time of prayer for the people involved in our schools. We encourage all to participate in the manner best suited to your circumstances. We understand that each church has its own traditions and worship styles, and we do not seek to infringe upon them.

We ask that each person in the community pray that God will allow every student to learn and every teacher to teach in an atmosphere free from harm and free from fear of harm.

We suggest that you consider praying specifically for the children and schools in the immediate community as well as for those in nearby and faraway schools. Pray especially for those persons in schools around the country which have experienced tragedies directly.

Pray for all those who are part of the school process. This includes students, teachers, parents, administrators, food staff, office staff, custodial staff, bus drivers, and all others.

Pray that God will lead parents,

grandparents, and the entire community to be better examples for their children at home, at work, and at play.

Pray that God will direct our churches to their best in fulfilling their special role in the life of our children.

We appreciate your participation in this special day.

Submitted by: Sue Hamer
Spiritual Aims Committee
Kiwanis of Rockcastle County

Dear Editor:

The Rockcastle County Quarterback Club is eagerly looking forward to the start of the 2001 football season. The Rockets will be defending last year's undefeated regular season record as well as the Class 3A District Championship and Region 4 Championship titles. It will be a great year for Rock-hard football fans.

We know that our fans will want to assure themselves of the best seats at the Rock for this year's season. Reserved seating tickets for the 2001 football season are now on sale. The reserved tickets are available for \$30.00 each (\$56.00 per home game). Since there are a limited number of reserved seats, they will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis, with previous ticket-holders being given first priority to purchase.

To order your tickets, you may call Donna Roberts at 758-4198. Checks should be made out to the RCHS Quarterback Club.

Don't wait! Purchase your reserved tickets now.

Sincerely,

Howard Saylor, President
RCHS Quarterback Club

Dear Editor,

This is a letter to the person who dumped carbofuran (Furadan) at the sinks in Roundstone Creek. You Killed Her! Your intent was not to kill my little one anymore than the drunk who gets in his car intends to kill the little girl in the car in the next lane. Tell her parents that. She's just as dead. Her bed is empty, her play things gathered in a basket never to be touched again. Their arms are empty. As mine are. I am the lady whose dog was poisoned at the Sinks while hiking on July 6. I have no husband or children, all I had was that loyal, friendly, innocent being that you took from me. Shall I tell you how she died? Not from drinking the water and not within three minutes as falsely reported. Carbofuran was found in the water, but probably from being washed off the bank. Every system in her body exploded. The details are graphic. I'll just say that after 25 minutes when her tongue turned blue and the convulsions came

without interval, I placed my revolver against her broken body and pulled the trigger. We couldn't even get her out of the creek bed in time to get help.

The community has not been told all of the truth. Many species of wild life lost their lives in that illegal incident. No agency analyzed one animal prior to my efforts to obtain analysis.

"Massive carbofuran" was found due to ingestion. On July 16, after officials buried the animals, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agents and I found several animals that had been missed and lying in the creek bed since this incident happened. We had rain shortly afterward.

You got by with murder! I have been to the Sinks before and have seen young people riding their four wheelers there. Your child, their pet could have easily gotten killed. If carbofuran is still in the area, in the form of baited animals, etc., death is still very possible. Sources report that carbofuran is viable for up to six months. One tablespoon of the granulated form can kill an adult. One granule, a songbird. If God sees every sparrow, he is mourning the loss of the song birds killed that day. Perhaps his mate mourns the raccoon that once scampered on the bank. Only I am left to mourn "Prancy."

Let this letter be a wake-up call to this community. Using carbofuran, other than as an insecticide is illegal. You must have a restricted use permit to use it. The granulated form was to be used up by 1997. Baiting coyotes is illegal. Demand faster disclo-

tures of findings, demand that your environment by safe. Demand more efficient coordination among agencies. Many of the officials seem bent on avoiding blame. This is not what this is about. An analysis of this event and agency response should be conducted to see where improvement is needed. This is a chance to learn.

Your intent to illegally kill an animal or animals resulted in tragedy for me. The loss of the wildlife was a tragedy. Another tragedy, your ac-

tions brought about was the loss in this community of some of the safety and well-being we cling to. I visualize you lounging comfortably this evening in the arms of your family. My arms are empty thanks to you.

Ann Longworth
Berca, KY

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend Pulaski County Circuit Judge William T. Cain, Robert E. Gillum, Attorney-at-Law of Somerset and also John Clontz, Attorney-at-Law of Mt. Vernon, for their role in a recent case relating to grandparents' visitation rights. The story, which was published in the *Somerset-Pulaski News Journal* on July 18, 2001, tells of an attempt to allow or disallow a grandparent's visitation rights. I also would like to express that Rockcastle County's Family Court Judge Debra Lambert is a person of the highest integrity. Her position as this type judge, I feel is not an enviable one to most persons. She and other judges like her have the responsibility in the making of critical decisions as to what petitioner a child's custody is to be granted.

The following is a poem written that tells of the bond that is formed between a child and its grandparent. Some bonds that are harmful to the child needs to be broken, but to harm the child by breaking these bonds is heinous.

Linda Poynter Parrish
London, KY

I Remember
I remember the first time I saw the little guy
I remember rocking him to sleep when he would cry.
I remember when he asked me about God's grace
I remember the prayers he prayed each night.
I remember how his presence just seemed to brighten up my life
I remember the bedtime stories that he told.
These memories are more precious than the purest gold.
I remember how he and his sister would dance and play fight.
I remember how she ask "Will he ever come back," and I have to reply "He might."
I remember how he and Papa would go out shopping
I remember him walking away, hand in hand, with his head just a bobbing.
I remember the first time he went fishing.
To see his little face again, "I am wishing."
"You have no rights to see him," I've been told
But, the love I feel for this child just won't grow cold.
These wonderful memories I have of him can never be taken away.
"God, please watch over him and protect him," each day I pray.
"God, please be there for him if he ever gets lonely or sad."
"Please change those moments into one's that are glad."

NOW OPEN!

Bruce's Family Billiards & Restaurant

240 Williams Street
Mt. Vernon
(Former E.C. Porter Building)

Open 7 Days A Week
11 a.m. - Midnight
Kids Welcome
606-256-5699

Introducing

Lane **\$299**
Special Purchase Sale
PHANTOM

\$399 **\$499**
Lane
KNOCKOUT RAVEN

Lane
MATERA SOFA RECLINER WAKEFIELD SOFA CHAIR
\$799 \$499 \$1,399 \$999

SAYLOR'S FURNITURE
35 LOVELL LANE • MT. VERNON, KY 40456

WOOD TRUSSES

Manufacturer of Quality Computer-Engineered Wood Trusses

We can make and deliver to your jobsite spans up to 80 ft.

DAVCO STEEL • DANVILLE, KY 40423 • 1-800-474-4321
Your Post Frame Building Headquarters!

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW...

We're Here When You Need Us.

This year we are celebrating 25 years of caring for the people of our Lake Cumberland area. Over the years we have been here for you when you needed us. We've expanded services and added new technologies to make sure you get the best care. We're your friends and neighbors, and our mission is to continue to provide you with the most advanced, compassionate care possible.

LAKE CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Heartbeat of Our Community

401 Langdon Street, Somerset, Kentucky 42503
(606) 629-2141
www.lakecumberlandhospital.com