



Points East

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I didn't know for sure who lived there but for the last four years I have been admiring the robust vegetable garden that flourishes right beside Old Railroad Grade about a mile down the road from my house. I see beans, a row or two of sweet corn, a few tomatoes and it's obvious that whoever lived in the neat little cottage alongside the garden was planting what they like to eat and not wasting space on exotic eggplant, habanero peppers and lemon cucumbers the way I tend to do.

Along about the first of August, year in and year out, this neighbor has cleaned up the garden, re-tilled it and sown it with massive amounts

of turnips and mustard greens.

Last Friday evening, an hour or so before dark, I drove by and turned as green as the greens with envy.

When your eyesight is failing as much as mine, it's difficult to tell from the road whether you're looking at turnips or mustard or kale or all three mixed together. All I could tell for sure was that the greens were nearly knee-high and as picturesque as anything you'll ever see on the cover of a seed catalogue.

I was on my way to Uncle Tom's Grocery to get a quart of buttermilk to make a pone of cornbread because that's what I was craving and those greens got on my mind. On the way

back to the house I stopped right in the middle of the road in front of garden and commenced drooling. And I began thinking to myself that the cornbread was not going to satisfy my hunger unless I had a mess of greens to go with it.

I tried driving on up the road toward home and made it maybe 200 yards before I put the truck in reverse and backed up to look at that patch of greens over one more time. That's all it took for my stomach to get the best of my brain and there was really no contest.

I decided, then and there, that it was high time I got personally acquainted with these gardeners and see if I couldn't negotiate my way into a poke-full of greens to take home.

So I pulled up into the driveway, got out and knocked on the door. I told the lady who answered the door my name and stated my business—which was that I only had ten or twelve dollars in my pocket and would that be enough to get a mess of greens.

Doradean Finley introduced herself and allowed that her husband, Dock Finley, was growing the greens but she didn't think they would be ready until the end of the month.

"They're turnips," she said, "and

they've got a few weeks to go, but you can come back around the first of November and I'm sure we'll have plenty."

"I'm not interested in the turnips in the ground," I told her. "I want the greens right now."

"In that case, you'll have to talk to Dock," she said and it was pretty clear to me that Doradean didn't want anybody out there in her garden messing up the way her greens looked unless they knew what they were doing.

I told Dock that if he would take my word for it, the plants of which I wanted to pinch the greens would make bigger turnips down the line and Dock confided that he didn't care because he always raised way more turnips than he could eat anyway and he asked me to help myself to the greens.

So next I begged a plastic Walmart poke-off Doradean and made my way around the turnip patch until I had the bag crammed full of succulent turnip greens. I thanked the Finleys and I came on to the house.

I made my corn bread and put it in the oven. I took a kettle of pork ribs, that I'd previously boiled, out of the fridge and skimmed off the lard,

but leaving the juices, and put the meat in a bowl and I commenced slicing up those greens right into the kettle until it got so full I had to boil for a few minutes to shrink them down by putting a big five pound ceramic plate on top to hold in the steam and then I'd put in a big bunch more and I cooked those greens down in pork rendering until the very aroma would bring you to your knees and you hanging onto your tongue with both hands to keep from swallowing it.

And that's what I had for supper and lunch and dinner and lunch and

dinner in that order from Friday evening through Sunday night. Oh I had some fall beans to go with the greens commencing Saturday night and some latatoes and peppers and onions all but of the garden and I even had some leffers. But the cornbread is all gone and I have a big pone in the oven right now.

It's supper time here in Paint Lick. It's all out of the garden. I may even fry up a few slices of green tomatoes. Thank you Dock and Doradean Finley for fattening me up! Maybe its been too long since I had them but those turnip greens were the best thing I've eaten in years.

Horse and Wagon Ride

In addition to the annual community dinner, Willalla will have a horse and wagon fund-raiser with all proceeds benefiting victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11th.

The ride will begin at 10:00 a.m. There is a \$5.00 donation fee for riders with dinner at 2:00 p.m. An old-fashioned pie and dessert

auction will begin at 4:00 p.m. Door prizes and awards for the ride will be given.

Please come out and show your community pride and share in the fun. Public is welcome. For information call 758-4844 or 758-4115.

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TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Brodhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

Narcotics Anonymous
Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Oct. 15th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.

Tues., Oct. 16th: Green Hill, Conway, Lambert Road, Fairview, Resp. Care.

Wed., Oct. 17th: Mt. Vernon Manor, Day Health/Sr. Citizens, Brindle Ridge.

Pie Supper & Auction

Pie supper and auction October 12th at 7 p.m. at new Livingston Firehouse, sponsored by Livingston Firehouse Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary.

Christmas Assistance

The Salvation Army will be taking/accepting applications for Christmas assistance for residents of Madison, Estill and Rockcastle Counties on Mon., Oct. 15th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Must provide: Verification of income, proper ID, Soc. Security (everyone in household), expense verification and Food Stamp verification (if applicable). For more info, call (606)624-5826.

Vietnam Veterans

Forming new chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, a nonprofit national organization. Looking for veterans to become members in the Mt. Vernon, Berea, Crab Orchard area. You qualify to be a member if you were on active duty between Feb. 28, 1961 thru May 7, 1975 (in country) or between Aug. 5, 1964 thru May 7, 1975. We would like to share this chapter with other Vietnam Veterans. To become a member contact Ed Spencer at 256-9819

or Bill Phelps at 256-3149.

Willalla Days
"Pure Country" a local country music group will be performing at Willalla Days on Sat., Oct. 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Citrus Fruit

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau is now taking orders for the Citrus Fruit and nuts. Please call 256-2050 to place an order. Will be taking orders till Nov. 1st.

Portrait Fundraiser

Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department will host a portrait fundraiser. Anyone who contributes \$10 or more will receive an 8x10 family portrait. Pictures will be taken October 27-29th. Thank you for your continued support.

Off-Road Vehicle Meeting

An Off-Road Vehicle Meeting will be held Thurs., Oct. 11th at ASPI Nature Center on Rt. 1329 (Rockcastle River Road), one mile from US 25 bridge.

Holiday Idea Sharing

November 16, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Idea Sharing, at the Extension Office. Bring an idea for show-n-tell, with instructions. Each person attending will receive a booklet of the ideas shared. Call 256-2403 for details.

Cooking School

Wilderness Trail Area Cooking School at the London Community Center, November 20, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Advance tickets only are available at the Extension Office for \$5. Call 256-2403 for details.

RAAP

RAAP will be selling Avon products as a fundraiser through Nov. 7th. Call 758-9202, 758-4318 or 256-5183 for catalog.

Lodge Meeting

All members of Ashland Lodge #640 are urged to attend the meeting October 12th to discuss a merger with Brodhead #566, WM Mc DeBore.

Fish Fry

All you can eat fish fry Saturday, Oct. 13th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the fire station in Conway. Adults \$5 Children \$3. Carry outs available. Call 256-0000. All proceeds go to the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Fifth Quarter

The Fifth Quarter, sponsored by the Youth Group of Our Lady of Mt. Vernon will feature the Christian Band Cornerstone Fri., Oct. 12th after the football game at the church located across the street from Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Snacks and soda will be available. For more info, call (859)625-0995 or 758-8850.



Ralph Edward and Jeanie Lynn Renner are proud to announce the birth of their son, Justus Eli Tad Renner. He was born August 15, 2001 at Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford, J. is weighed 9 lbs. 13.8 ozs. and was 21 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sisters, Sylvia Morgan McGuire and Vina Allyn Renner. His maternal grandparents are Lonnie Alan and Norma Jean McGuire. Paternal grandparents are Robert Foster and the late Vina Lou Renner.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1968

Members of Mt. Vernon High School class of 1968 attended the Mt. Vernon High School Association's annual homecoming dinner on September 8th. The class of '68 was inducted as the newest class into the Association. Pictured above, front row from left: Denver Baker, Oscar Lee Rice, John Parsons, Don Warf and Barry Renner. Back row from left: Joe Ed Hansel, Brenda Durham Estes, Billy Dabson, Ann Stewart Abney, Kay Childress Neal, Suzi Hayes Nelson, Marsha Whitaker VanWinkle, Linda Kidwell Brock and Geneva Gray Hogard.

Flu and Pneumonia Seasons Are On Their Way:

Will You Be Ready?



Kimberly Cornelius, M.D.
Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Dr. Kimberly Cornelius will have vaccines available for influenza and pneumococcal disease (PPV) beginning October 15.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Influenza Vaccines are especially recommended for people who:

- Are over 50 years of age
- Have long-term health problems
- Have a weakened immune system
- Are 6 months to 18 years old and are on long-term aspirin treatment
- Are past their third month of pregnancy during the influenza season

Provide health or medical care to others at risk of serious influenza

PPV Vaccines are especially recommended for people who:

- Are over 65 years of age
- Are over 2 years of age with long-term health problems
- Are over 2 years of age with treatment with a condition or treatment that lowers the body's resistance to infection
- Are Alaskan Natives or from certain Native American population

Stop by to receive your vaccines or call for more information.

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