# Points East

By: Ike Adams

Don't tell Chet Copeland, the State Farm Insurance Agent in Berea, that I sometimes forget to lock my truck when I dash into Wally World or IGA because I'm advised that the theft coverage on my truck would not be in effect if were stolen under circumstances that might have been prevented.

And Heaven knows that there are all kinds of thieves hiding in the shadows and in the trunks of nearby vehicles just waiting for some overly-trusting, gullible hillbilly to leave an old pick up with a little over 200,000 miles on it unattended.

But who knows? Maybe there is a market for plastic bed liners and even a warped plastic tool box that I have mounted right behind the rear window so that folks who see me on the road might be led to assume that I'm a mechanic or carpenter. Doesn't everybody need a disguise now and then? Actually I have three concrete blocks in the tool box to keep it from blowing away on those occasions when I'm going down hill and get up to 45 MPH and that's why it sags in the middle.

Actually, it doesn't sag anymore. It has set out in the sun so long that it is permanently bent but it gives the impression of being loaded with armloads full of expensive tools. Pity the poor fool who drives it off and discovers a set of jumper cables that cost $2.99, two rusty screwdrivers, a pair of vice grips with the spring broken which means that they don't grip after all and the aforementioned concrete blocks.

The bed liner is in pretty good shape but it only fits a 92 long-wheelbase Chevy and let's face it. How many such trucks have you ever seen without a functional bed liner? If you have a truck without one, let me advise you to just paint the inside of your bed with road tar because that will serve the same purpose and it's a lot easier to install.

The HVAC control panel has gone out on my truck. It's actually a computer that lets you switch from air conditioning to heat and defrosting by clicking a button and then adjusting the temperature control with one of those little touch-control digital gizmos. It's a fine apparatus when it works, but since July it hasn't. One local mechanic told me that it was invented for a Cadillac and that General Motors bought way too many of them and they wound up in the Chevy trucks for a year or two.

What I know for sure is that when they go out, replacing them is about twice as much as the Blue Book value of your truck.Ately I've taken to plugging a hair dryer into an outlet in my garage and then sticking it, running full blast, through a window and into the cab of my truck. It'll dry the frost off the wind shield in no time but when the weather gets a little colder, I'm gonna have to have a better system and I can tell you for sure that a new computer ain't gonna be it. I'm seriously considering putting a kerosene heater on the passenger side and running a stove pipe out the window and just ignoring my co-workers who will be sniffing around and gagging at the office when we meet in close quarters because they can smell the smoke on my clothing.

They'll be suggesting that it's about time I bought a new vehicle and I'll be insisting that this one is just now broken in. She doesn't burn any oil and she's got good tires and, as most of you readers know without me telling you, that accounts for 99% of knowing whether or not you have a good vehicle.

In the meantime, we had good crowds at Matt Paul's Family Music Hall Friday and Saturday nights of last week but The old Colonel would have been proud but it ought to be selling out (and darn near did on Saturday).

Folks, Matt personally booked, before his death on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, all the bands that will be showing up until December 21, which will be the last show this calendar year. It's the best of the best in Bluegrass and if you had been there last weekend you would know what I mean. We expect quality from the big names like Dale Ann Bradley, but you had to be there to get the thrills that Dave Evans provided on Friday along with warm-up (heat up is more appropriate) Cumberland Grass. Dale Ann was nearly upstaged on Saturday night by a band called Unlimited Grass who hail from that Tennessee/Kentucky borderland in Bell County. I pulled off to the side to the road on the way home to listen to Unlimited Grass's CD. Incredible is an understatement.

It's Larry Sparks this coming week end (Dec. 7) along with Phillip Akeman on Friday night. On Saturday (Dec, 8) night its Bill Renee & Cumberland Gap along with Autumn Haze as the warm up band. Autumn Haze is a brand new band led by Mike French and Mike Anglin. French is one of the finest vocalist in the business, has been a regular acoustic instrumentalist/vocal harmony at Renfro Valley for years, and played both banjo and mandolin for Dale Ann Bradley until recently. Mike Anglin was a mainstay vocalist and bass player with Continental Divide until recently and is Matt Paul's son.

Here's betting any amount of money that if you come out and hear Autumn Haze this weekend, you will have the privilege of being able to tell your kids and grand kids that you heard one of the best Bluegrass bands to ever grace a stage the first time they played on one together. These guys are destined to be the darlings of the festival circuit over the next few years and I can't wait for their first album.

I'll be at Matt's Music Hall if I have to walk Saturday night. (It's only 14 miles) I'll drive if Betty can guarantee me a way to plug in my hair dryer so I can see how to defrost and get home come midnight.

If you need directions, go to www.mattpaul.com or call the Berea Tourism Commission at 859-986-2550. If you can read a road map, take Highway 1016 out of Berea for 2 and a half miles toward 421 and look on your left.

And finally, put more water in the soup, there's better times a coming.

## Dr. S.K. Prasad opens practice in Mt. Vernon

Dr. S.K. Prasad with office manager Gina Tincher

**Dr. S.K. Prasad, a Board Certified Internist with extensive experience as an Internist for approximately eight years, opened his practice for Internal Medicine at 225 Richmond Street, next to the Board of Education, on Monday, December 3rd. The office is open Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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# Rambling on and on . . .

Richard Anderkin
Editor
Mount Vernon Signal

My Mom sometimes writes a column in this publication called ramblings - and what is about to follow should probably be labeled that as well.

First and foremost, as a parent of a Rocket football player, I want to say thank you for the support shown to this team this season, especially during the playoffs.

Any player or parent who has participated in this program knows the sacrifices and hard work that goes into a season.

This year was an exceptional season that ended on somewhat of a sour note, but I know that everyone involved with the program truly appreciates the attendance at Saturday's game.

We also appreciate the community pep rally and the attendance at the pep rally following that good old fashion beating we took on Saturday.

I think that the attendance on Saturday night at the football field healed a lot of wounds, especially for the fine senior class.

Being around those kids, coaching many of them in grade school and coaching against the rest of them, following them through high school, just as I have other Rockets for years - I know that they are a great group and deserve to be runners-up in the state and they should hold their heads high.

Again, thank you for your support and on a personal note I would like to thank all of Aaron's family supporters who always stand behind him even when he does serve up six INT's.

**This family** also would like to extend some other thank yous for things that are more important than a sports program.

My dad has been very ill and my wife's grandfather died two weeks ago.

We all, the Anderkins, Browns, Taylors, Bryants, Piatts, Benges, Coguers, Hansels and Staton's appreciate the words of sympathy, kindness, cards, letters, flowers and many other things that have been extended to us.

For those who have asked and there have been so many, my dad is at home, but still in poor health, but very slowly recuperating.

Pappaw (Roy Brown) had a heart attack on a Saturday night and died on Monday.

The number of people who attended his visitation was very comforting to the family and the amount of food, flowers, kind words etc. were certainly appreciated by everyone, especially his wife of 64 years and three daughters.

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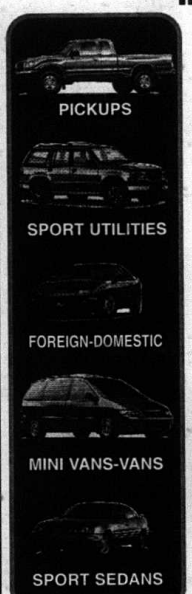


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