

Points East

By
Ike Adams

Usually it takes me until about the first of June to stop doing stuff incorrectly. I normally tend to be mentally stuck in the most recently ended year for several months and I suspect it's because I've spent a great portion of my life signing stuff that required both signature and a hand-written date in case lawyer needed to jog my memory.

"Do you recognize this signature, Mr. Adams?"

"Yep. I'd be pretty hard to forget that one," I reply.

"Then you agree that you signed this document?"

"No doubt about it," I reply.

"And you've dated it February 14, 1998. Is that your handwriting where the date is written in?"

"I'd swear to it," I say.

"You already have," he says.

"Your Honor would you remind the witness that he is under oath."

"Is that your handwriting, Mr.

"Adams?" You are under oath. Just say yes or no," the judge admonishes.

"We're talking about the date and not these lines scribbles in the margin, right?" I want to know.

"Just the date Mr. Adams right after your signature," the judge replies.

"No doubt about it Your Honor. That's my handwriting."

"Address me as Your Honor, not Your Highness."

"How bout if I just call you Judge?"

"That'll work. Proceed," he nods to the prosecutor.

"How come he can call you Judge and I have to call you Your Honor?"

"I ask the prosecutor who now believes that I may have gained an upper hand."

"Your Highness is acceptable to me as long as it's coming from you and that seems like a fair trade," replies the Judge.

Red in the face and a bit put-in-his-place the lawyer then asks, "So

what else did you do on February 14, 1998? Specifically, Mr. Adams, were you in Joe's Bar and Grill at 8:17 PM on that date when Ben Collister was shot down in cold blood?"

"Nope."

"Your Highness, we have here an inculcated, beer-soaked, ink stain from a Joe's Bar and Grill table napkin on the back of this time sheet signed and filled out by Mr. Adams at Joe's Bar and Grill, and dated February 14, 1998. We have reliable witnesses to call who will attest that Mr. Adams is in said bar between the hours of 7 and 9 every evening seven days a week. We hereby offer this evidence

of the fact that he must have witnessed the murder if he did not actually commit it himself."

"So what do you have to say to your self Mr. Adams?" asked the Judge.

"I was off a year," I reply. "It should have said, February 14, 1999. Because on the 14th of February in '99 I was with Tom T. Hall in Atlanta, drinking blended whiskey down when this old gray black gentleman came strolling to the lounge. He said there ain't a thing that's worth a solitary dime 'cept ole dogs and children and watermelon wine."

"Case dismissed," the Judge belted and here I am, a free man today. Still wondering what kind of shenanigans Lomnie Napier and Ed Worley are up to now that the State Legislature is back in session and still trying to figure out what the scam is.

In other news, daughter Jennifer took me out to dinner for my birthday Sunday Evening to Casa Cafe, a Mexican restaurant on the Eastern Bypass near 75 in Richmond Sunday night. (Incidentally I'm 54-not 55 as reported last week as a result of my typographical error). You get huge portions and all the fixings with ever eaten at Casa Cafe and the price is so reasonable that you wonder how

they are able to do it.

So we were just sitting there kicked back after a wonderful meal (t-bone steak with fried beans, rice, guacamole, tortillas, a big bowl of chili and lots of fresh green peppers, onions and tomatoes) when out popped the entire restaurant staff clapping hands and putting HUGE sombreros on our heads they sang birthday wishes not quite in tune with

or the same as the Anglo version of Happy Birthday and presented me with a Polaroid print of the affair as I grinned over, fired ice cream.

The message here, if there is one, is to stay out of court, and the next time you have a birthday in the family, take the celebrant to Casa Cafe. You will be especially gratified by the latter. At least I was—

Taking Care of Fevers

What should you do when your child gets a fever? Does he need to be checked right away or can it be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen?

A fever is merely a symptom which means an infection or occasionally some other illness is going on. Typically, the fever is low grade with viruses and higher with bacterial infection. Generally, the higher the fever, the worse the infection. However, some children will get a fever of 105 with mild infections and very sick children may have only mild fevers.

In infants under three months old, any fever should be considered serious and be evaluated very promptly. In older children, a low grade fever with the typical viral symptoms of a runny nose and cough may best be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen, decongestants and cough suppressants.

If a child has persistent or high fevers, or localized symptoms such as an earache or sore throat, he should be examined to determine if antibiotics are needed.

Once antibiotics and other specific therapies are started, it is wise to treat the fever to make the child more comfortable, help him rest better and help avoid dehydration.

Acetaminophen or ibuprofen should be given on a regular basis to maintain a therapeutic level. Sponge baths may be helpful once the medicines have met the "thermostat" in the brain. Always give plenty of fluids. Although aspirin is normally avoided in children with infections because of the risk of Reye's Syndrome, ibuprofen is safe, effective and long acting, making it a popular choice.



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Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Mission Hours

First Baptist Church Food and Clothing Mission's hours are Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mission is located on 30 Church St. Mt. Vernon.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Jan. 13: No service.

Tues., Jan. 14: Spino, Level Green, Williams.

Wed., Jan. 15: Maple Grove, Orland, Climax, Three Links.

Fire Season

Due to increase in fire activity in Kentucky the Kentucky Division Forestry is now taking applications for fall-fire season. Call Co. Ranger 256-5031, Crew Leader 256-9884 or Crew Boss 256-0725.

Clothing Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of light jackets and jeans to replenish the clothing closet. Please bring your donations

to the Migrant Office across from the Rockcastle Central Office at 245 Richmond St. or call 256-2157 for pickup.

Jump Rope For Heart

The American Heart Association will have a Jump Rope for Heart at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse Telecommunications Center. The public is invited.

Board Meeting

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse Telecommunications Center. The public is invited.

Gardener Class

Master Gardener Class will be offered locally by the Rockcastle County Extension Office beginning in February. For more information, call the Extension Office at 256-2403. Early January registration is required.

Scrapbooking Class

Free Scrapbooking class will be taught at the Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 17. For more details call 256-2403.

Quilted Purse Class

Jan. 17, 11:00 a.m. learn to make a Quilted Backpack Purse at the Extension Office. For a list of materials and to register call 256-2403, inside and to register call 256-2403 for more info.

Sew Turbans

Jan. 21 & 22 you are invited to Sew Turbans for Cancer Patients at the Extension Office. All turbans will be donated to cancer centers. All supplies are provided. Call 256-2403 for more info.

Kiwanis Club

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.

Fish Fry

All you can eat fish fry Saturday, January 11th starting at 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the fire station in Corfay. Adults \$5 Children \$3. Carryouts available. Call 256-0001. All proceeds go to the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.

Watercolor Heart Quilt

A "Watercolor Heart Quilt" will be taught by Cheryl Wynn at the Extension Office on January 24. Class is free. Please stop by the office, or call 256-2403 to register and for a list of supplies.

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