

Our Readers Write

Brodhead should continue to revitalize...

Dear Editor and Citizens of Livingston and Brodhead, Today I received my Mount Vernon Signal dated April 18th, 2013. In reading the Signal from cover to cover, as I always do, I saw on the front page of the second section about the Red-bud Bike Riders in Livingston and all that the town did to may it a very enjoyable day for everyone. I was so impressed and have been following what Livingston has done to become a Trail Town. GREAT JOB!!!

I was in Brodhead recently and asked how the committee to revitalize Brodhead was progressing. I was very sad to hear everything seems either to be on hold or has completely fallen apart. I was born and raised in Brodhead leaving when I was 17 but it is still "home" to me. As I was growing up I remember how things really were which was what was going on in all small towns at the time. It was a fun town but I know things change. BUT it seemed, even then, that the 'powers that be in Brodhead' did not want any change. (Most of you will know who I am talking about.) Nothing new as I assume it seemed foreign to the elders of the town. Maybe some aliens from a different planet would move in. Now you can look around you and see what has become of the town because of this action, or lack thereof, and it really hurts when I come back home to visit. Some of you may say 'then stay away' but I keep hoping there will be

something new or plans for something new the next time I am there. This said, why hasn't Brodhead continued with the process of trying to do something to help Brodhead as Livingston has done?? Too much talking about it and not enough action!!!! A park is great for the kids but with no police in town how long will it be before this is graffitied and vandalized. I hope this is not the case.

Thank you,
Judy Fletcher Walker
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“I See It”

(Cont. from A2)

the news but we must remember to pray for those who lost loved ones or who were affected in a negative way.

Many Americans shared their condolences on their social media accounts for the families of the dead and wounded. Several other Americans also shared their opinions on their social media accounts about whether or not lawmakers would try to ban bomb making materials just as congress and our President tried to ban assault weapons after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December.

Quite frankly, I am tired of seeing all the issues of these mass murders being carelessly debated by our puppets (oops, I am sorry) “politicians” in Washington D.C.

Sure, our politicians can ban guns and pressure cooks. But I often wonder if they can seriously sleep

easy at night and actually believe that by banning these items, they have prevented other mass murders from happening in the future. What are they going to do when some of these other imbeciles or terrorists use airplanes, trains or automobiles to kill a large number of people? Are you going to ban those next?

After the September 11 attacks, I don’t remember anyone blaming the airplanes for the murders of hundreds of innocent people. I often find myself wondering what changed our country’s thought process since the September 11 attacks but in every mass murder since then, our country has blamed the weapons instead of the murderers.

I have never understood why some of our politicians, as well as other people in our country, want to continuously blame the weapons for the mass murders instead of the murderers themselves.

It wouldn’t surprise me to hear in the news that some of our politicians are purposing to ban large pressure cookers like the ones used in the Boston Marathon bombings. Seriously, I really believe a lot of out politicians are ignorant enough to propose such legislation!

Sorry to be so dramatic, but I have never been able to comprehend the logic behind trying to ban weapons that people use in mass murders. I understand that they are trying to ban these weapons for the betterment and safety of the people, but I still believe it leaves us spinning our wheels in trying to prevent mass murders from happening in the future.

For these reasons, I believe the issue of preventing mass murders is not being accurately addressed at the “core” of the problem, which are the murderers themselves.

Studies have shown that the majority of people who think about committing these mass murders often leave clues to people who are close to them.

Before the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, Timothy McVeigh sent letters to multiple people explaining his plan about the bombing. He also asked one of friends to participate in

the bombing with him. McVeigh’s friend declined but he didn’t inform the authorities about McVeigh’s plans.

Prior to the 2012 Aurora movie theatre shooting, the sole suspect James Eagan Holmes met with at least three mental health professionals, while he was a student at the University of Colorado. During the meetings, Holmes allegedly left drawings portraying someone shooting other people in a room. However, no one reported the disturbing drawings to anyone.

Details have already emerged about one of the Boston bombing suspects giving clues and hints about his plans for the bombings on his social media accounts. I am sure as the investigations continues, officials will eventually discover that one of the suspects told someone about their plans and that they didn’t tell authorities. This seems to happen every time in mass murders as people always fail to warn authorities about the threats being made.

After studying all these cases of different mass murders, I discovered that the majority of the suspects often leave clues of their plans. This is why I believe we must always take their threats seriously if we want to prevent these mass murders from happening in the future.

When trying to find a solution to these problems, we must remember the simple phrase “weapons don’t kill people, people kill people.” Instead of focusing on the weapons that murderers use to kill people, we should focus on the murderers themselves and try to observe warning signs in their comments and actions before they commit such atrocities. By doing these things I believe we can possibly prevent other mass murders in the future.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

between Crab Orchard and Lancaster to purchase a new whet-stone and one of those dandy little sharpeners for when I’m in a hurry. There’s a bunch of other stuff I need from over there anyway and I’m betting the wrens already knew it.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

few days later in the comic strip.

One additional fact about the bubble gum packages was that the collector could send in for a toy with the required number of wrappers. An example of one of the toys was an official siren ring that could be used to call Bazooka Joe’s Magic Circle Club of friends. I remember receiving one of the rings in the mail. I took it to school to proudly show to my friends.

Bazooka Joe and his gang’s corny humor kept our pink Bazooka bubble gum under wraps inside a tiny

wax paper comic for many years. All in all, the Topps Company published a total of 1,535 comics of Bazooka Joe. At the bottom of each comic, there also appeared a brief “fortune.” It was similar to those found inside a fortune cookie but with a comedic bent.

Joe became one of the more recognizable American advertising characters of the 20th century. It was one that really did stick, too, because to this day, the taste of bubblegum reminds me of that rascal Bazooka Joe.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can also find information concerning my new book, View from the Mountain.)

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Arbor Day and Tree Planting

As much as Arbor Day is in the news, now is a good time to ask where does this holiday come from, and why.

A man named J. Sterling Morton moved from Michigan to Nebraska in the 1800's and found almost no trees. He missed the trees he was used to, and came up with the idea for a tree planting holiday on January 4, 1872. So, the Nebraska legislature took the idea and passed the first Arbor Day law. Arbor Day was celebrated that year on April 10, 1872, and over a million trees were planted in Nebraska on that day.

Today the J. Sterling Morton Arboretum in Nebraska City, Nebraska commemorates and continues the legacy of Mr. Morton.

The Arbor Day Foundation, a 501 (3) c charitable organization, was founded on the centennial of the first Arbor Day. Arbor Day has spread to many nations. In the United States the date is the last Friday in April each year. (Many communities choose to celebrate on other days.) Arborday.org or a search on the web for the Morton Arboretum will give those interested a more in depth history.

Basically, it's the “Tree

City” program that most people seem to be aware of. I suppose this is because of all the “tree city” signs as one crosses into the city limits of many towns across the nation.

No matter where you live or if you live in the Plains where hardly any trees once existed, adding some lovely trees to your landscape at this time of year can be an interesting adventure, contribute to the improvement of your world, and do a bit of good in the big scheme of things as more trees are cut and more land is dozed for development.

(Interesting Fact: You don't think the Plains Indians would have burned 'buffalo chips' for fuel if there was wood readily available do you?)

This spring I invite you to plant a tree. Maybe a shade tree. Maybe a fruit tree. Maybe a flowering tree. (Or all three in one tree for that matter.) And if you don't own a place, maybe you could donate a tree to a city or factory or school near where you live.

Just like the small bare root trees the Arbor Day Foundation sells, you can go small. You don't have to plant a big expensive tree in order to participate.

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