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Jack Johnson,
Commander

Apologizes for speeding...

Dear Editor,
I would like to take this means to apologize to the citizens of Mt. Vernon for my carelessness in speeding through town. I was caught doing 69 mph in a 45 mph zone and for doing this reckless driving with only an intermediate license.

I apologize for putting the citizens of Mt. Vernon in any danger, I didn't mean to do this, I just wasn't thinking.

It was not intentional. I was on my way home, tired and in a hurry. I was not thinking of anything at the time and now I think of every little thing that could have happened. It has been a learning experience and I hope everyone can forgive

me for my actions that night and I will make sure it doesn't happen again. I'm actually thankful for the deputy who pulled me over and kept anything from happening because I was goofing off.

Again, I am very sorry for my careless driving and ask the citizens of Mt. Vernon for their forgiveness.

Zack Gadd

Before Consolidation-The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to relate some information regarding the book, *Before Consolidation-The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball*. I have been receiving a lot of calls regarding ordering the book. I will not have editions for sale the only way to order or receive the book is to mail in one of the order forms distributed throughout the county at different business locations. Also order forms have been published in the *Signal*. Or get on line at <http://www.mtpublishing.com/> (Click on Need to pre-order Publication.) The deadline to order is July 31st. In order to keep costs down the publisher is only going to print as many books as are ordered.

Numerous individuals have asked me for a brief description of the book. The book has 128 pages and is

divided into four chapters. The first chapter has early history of how basketball began in the county as well as the complete district and region tournament history from 1927 (first year Rockcastle Schools joined KHSAA) to 1972 (the last year before consolidation.). This includes All-District & All-Region Players, Conference alignments, etc. There is a chapter on each school (Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, and Livingston) and includes a school history, campus photographs, reprinted basketball articles from the *Signal*, list of coaches, school fight song, etc... If you played or cheered at any of the three former high schools from the years 1953 to 1972, your picture will be in the book. Anyone playing/cheering from the years 1915 (first year of basketball in the county) to 1952 it is hit and miss in regards to your picture being in the book. Also cheerleading did not start until the 1940s.

The book is in large 11X8-1/2 coffee-table format printed on slick photographic paper so it will be very high quality with the pictures at high resolution. The book is scheduled to ship out on October 1st. If you checked the Library delivery box on the order form you can pick up your edition there. The publisher will provide a roster of names for the staff there for easy pick-up. Or you can have the book delivered directly to your home address. I hope this helps clarify individual questions.

Thanks,
David Owens

Thank you for support in Facebook incident...

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone for the concern and support shown for my grandchildren. The negative and hurtful things posted on facebook are not true and were not posted by Roger Thomas. My grandchildren are fine and well taken care of.

Everything is under investigation and the adults who posted the horrible statements should be ashamed of themselves for humiliating and causing such a mess for the family and young children.

I can assure you my grandchildren are safe and well taken care of. Once again, thank you for all the concern and support for my grandchildren.

Thank you,
Patsy Thomas

We have to do something about city's water...

Dear Editor,

Everyone I talk to seems to still filter their water from our lake. With a bit of research and phone calls we can find that the water cannot be helped very much, according to the info I have gleaned from various sources.

Look at the position of the lake, it drains all the farmland and septic system

that are above the level of the lake. Since water runs downhill, we are constantly adding nutrients to the water which makes algae grow, die and stink. Tastes bad too.

While on the city council, I once brought up the question of aligning with adjoining counties to acquire property and build a super lake. The man sitting next to Wayne Bullock sternly said "Well, good luck with that!"

We need to take matters into our hands as citizens and demand that our councils and fiscal court members work on SOMETHING. Mt Vernon controls both water quality and price county wide. We do not need to wait until some realtor or person with money tells us it is ok. Stop unnecessary spending on goodies such as gatherings and plaques. Surely we have not forgotten how to visit and if we are being paid for a job we do not need a freakin' plaque. We get a check. Welfare anyone?

Ronald Regan said one thing that is memorable, "Anything is possible if we do not care who gets the credit." Hold the photo op and the plaque.

Politicians, after election, spend either 2 or 4 years working to get re-elected, then start the process all over again. They need to work for us.

Years ago my Dad had the franchise to deliver whiskey in Rockcastle and surrounding counties. Politicians were bought off. Ask me and I can give you one prominent name that was a County Judge when they had judicial power. Now if illegal activities work, why not legal ones?

If this makes anyone angry then you need to speak to my mule.

Don Jones
Mt Vernon

"I See It"

(Cont. from A2)

mans can't.

After being required to take all of those personality tests in grade school, I discovered that I always had more introvert tendencies compared to extrovert, meaning that I enjoy spending more time alone than spending time around people. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy spending time with friends and family but I also enjoy my alone time as well.

This is where Fuzzy would always fit into my life. After a long day of being around people and out in the public, I could always come home, escape the real world and unwind with Fuzzy.

Dogs are the only creatures on earth that act like they will never see you again whenever you leave home to go out or go to work. But whenever you come home at the end of the day, they are extremely excited and always act like you are just getting home from a four year military stint.

The only thing Fuzzy required of me was food, water and my undivided atten-

tion. He never talked, argued, complained, or wanted me to do things for him. He just simply wanted to be around me, whenever I was home. Even when I was grumpy and tired, his opinion of me or attitude toward me never changed.

In my opinion, this is the main reason why dogs are called a man's best friend. No matter what we do in life, their opinion of us never changes. All they ever want is our attention and to simply be around us whenever they can.

Fuzzy fit that criteria of a man's best friend to a tee and in a lot of ways he actually did more for me in my life than I did for him.

After nineteen years and over 80 percent of my life spent with him, it's unfortunate that everything had to come down to me having to agree to euthanize him. But it doesn't shock me at all because he was just simply too tough to die on his own.

But I knew it was something I had to do so he wouldn't suffer any longer. As the old saying goes

"sometimes you have to love them enough to let them go."

"On Call"

(Cont. from A2)

was the State Technical Rescue meeting. Several departments from the state were in attendance, including Lexington and Louisville. But, what made us being there unique; Brodhead was the only volunteer fire department. Every other department at the meeting was a paid department. We are the only volunteer department in the state to deal with structural collapse equipment. This equipment requires hours of specialized training to set-up and operate. We are now a part of a special response team for the state. This is an amazing accomplishment for Brodhead and Rockcastle County.

The question the week will tie into next week's column. What two founding fathers of America were volunteer firefighters?

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Mon., July 22nd: Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tues., July 23rd:** Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Road and Sweetwater Road.

RCHS Class of 2003 is Saturday

Rockcastle County High School Class of 2003 will hold their 10 year reunion Saturday, July 20th. The event will be held at the Lair House in Renfro Valley from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening will include great BBQ, live music, games and more. Members of the 2003 class, and their guests, are encouraged to come to what will be an exciting evening. For more information go to <http://rchs2003.eventbrite.com>.

Class of 1977 Reunion

The RCHS Class of 1977 will hold a reunion Saturday, July 27th from 6 to 9 p.m. at El Cazarador Restaurant. all classmates are invited.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, July 18th (tonight) on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m. Please use back door.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

Joe Bussell Birthday Celebration

You are invited to an Open House Saturday, July 20th in celebration of the 87th birthday of former Brodhead Police Chief Joe Bussell. The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at 365 West Main Street, in Brodhead.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Renfro Valley Lodge. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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