

Our Readers Write

Recent upgrades to boat dock are a welcome sight...

Dear Editor,

I want to congratulate the City of Mt. Vernon, Mayor Bryant, and the new operators of the boat dock, Teresa and Lester Radcliff on the recent improvements to the Lake Linville area. I have lived at the lake for over fifteen years and have always thought it was an under utilized resource for Rockcastle County.

The recent upgrades to the parking facilities at the boat dock, the beautiful new restaurant and in particular, the improvements to the playground are a welcome sight. I have seen many parents with their children at the new playground and my grandson loves to play basketball at the recently in-

stalled basketball goal which was donated by the Rockcastle Kiwanis club.

Lake Linville is a beautiful resource for all of us and I am very pleased that Mt. Vernon is taking steps to keep it that way. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy our own little bit of heaven.

Dr. Larry R. Smith

Pleased with progress toward activities for children...

Dear Editor,

As a parent of a child who is less than 4 years-old, I would like to point out a relatively small but significant change in our community that I hope points toward even more progress. I am very pleased to note, after living in Mount Vernon

for several years, progress toward providing activities for our children.

The construction of a new boat playground near Lake Linville was a brilliant idea. It is a valuable addition to the community, especially for those of us who have no extended family in this county and who have little children not yet of school age. Since the construction of the playground, the number of parents bringing their children to the new facility to play outside has increased dramatically. It is a great place for social interaction for the children and for mutual parental support. I have spoken with many parents since the addition of the new play area and they are uniformly complimentary of the changes. Children too often are forgotten in the search for progress.

I would like to thank Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant for making it possible for our children to

have a new and safe place to play and I, like many parents, am looking forward to more additions to the community that will benefit our little ones. Thank you, Mayor Bryant for your leadership and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Silvia Coldiron

Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

Seeburgs, and Rock-Ola machines which reigned at our favorite hangouts. And on the rare occasions when we run into them today, we somehow feel like we are awfully close to home.

(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. Your texts, emails, calls, and letters are a source of ideas for me.)

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

day evening. Bases loaded. Tyle ris the last batter. Grandpa yells, “kill that ole ball TKO!! You da man!!” The Grandmas plead, “you can do it Tyler” and clap their hands.

My champ stands away from the tee, takes a few practice cuts, steps back up to the tee and scowls until the ball has been properly stared down. And then he connects with the ball on his first mighty swing. The ball has not been hit this hard all evening and it goes though the defense like a bullet through a hornets’ nest.

“Run Tyler! RUN! RUN! RUN!” But TKO needs no encouragement. He’s off like as shot. He passes the first of his fellow base runners at second and picks up speed. He passes the next one just after rounding third. If he’d had another three steps he would have beat the whole pack home.

Okay, I admit that this was not in strict adherence to the rules of the game but hey, it’s tee ball for crying out loud and they don’t keep score so what are they gonna do? I give the kid two thumbs up. Tyler grins and nods his head and mouths, “I know.” And I’m thinking that life doesn’t get much better than this.

Coming next week, The Lone Star Kids raid Paint Lick.

“On Call”

(Cont. from A2)

use these gloves in vehicle accidents or rope rescue. These gloves do not provide the same protection as structural firefighting gloves but they do provide protection from cuts and punctures. They allow for more dexterity and tactile feel of the tools. This is important when you are tying a knot in a rope or making a cut on a vehicle.

The last piece of the puzzle is the foot protection and is one of the most important pieces. You can imagine what we as

firefighters walk and step on during a structure fire. There is fallen debris, glass, nails and copious amounts of water on the floor. There are 2 styles a firefighter can wear, leather or rubber. Rubber boots are the more traditional style and are very reliable however leather boots are now very popular amongst firefighters. Leather boots are more comfortable than rubber. If you are going to be at a structure fire scene for hours you definitely want your feet to be comfortable. While you are in the academy at Lexington you are issued a pair of rubber boots because it is tradition. While rubber boots are comfortable, they are not as comfortable as leather boots. At least in my opinion. Both styles provide the same protection. They must keep your feet dry and protect you from burns, punctures, cuts and crushing injuries. The boots have a steel plate on the bottom to protect you from these injuries.

Well that is the complete turnout gear worn for structural firefighting. Other types of turnout gear include wildland, aircraft firefighting, hazardous materials and technical rescue gear. Personal protective equipment is designed for a

specific purpose. You would not want to wear structural turnout gear to fight a wildland fire or wear a hazardous materials suit for technical rescue.

Next week I am going to discuss the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or SCBA. I am also going to talk about some of the atmosphere we encounter in a structure fire. For this week’s question let’s focus on an SCBA question. Brodhead uses Scott air packs as our primary SCBA. The cylinders on our air packs are designed to hold how many minutes of air? Is it 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 45 minutes or 60 minutes? The answer next week.



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Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Sept. 9th: No service. **Tues., Sept. 10th:** Spiro, Level Green, Willailla and Country Care. **Wed., Sept. 11th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick. **Thurs., Sept. 12th:** Cave Valley Apts., Lisa's Little People and Child Development.

Boys Basketball 5K and 2 Mile Walk
The Rockcastle Boys Basketball 5K and 2 Mile Walk will be held Sat., Sept. 14th, beginning at 8 a.m. at Brodhead Elementary School. Cost is \$15 for pre-registration by Sept. 6th and \$20 day of race. For more information, e-mail scspragens@gmail.com for form or pick up form at Rose's One Stop in Brodhead or Wendy's in Mt. Vernon.

Livingston School Reunion
The annual Livingston School Reunion will be held October 12th in Livingston. All former students, teachers, family and friends are invited to attend. This year, graduates of the classes of 1953, 1963 and the junior class of 1972 will be recognized. Registration information has been mailed to previous attendees. If you have not previously attended and need information, call Barbara M. Castleberry at 256-91188 or Doris Thompson at 256-1843.

Join the Girl Scouts
Come join the fun and excitement for Girl Scouts K-5. We have storytelling, camping, swimming, singing, cooking, acting and many more fun activities. For more information, contact Terry Brewer at 1-606-878-8535 tbrewer@gswhrc.org or Vickie Chasteen at v_chasteen01@yahoo.com

Attn: RCHS Class of 2013
If you purchased a 2012-13 yearbook, inserts are available to be picked up in the RCHS front office.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau 2013 Annual Meeting will be held Friday, September 20th at Roundstone Elementary School. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the business meeting will convene at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by His Heart Quartet. All KY Farm Bureau members are invited to attend.

Bittersweet Festival
The Bittersweet Festival has been scheduled for October 4th and 5th. Vendor applications can be picked up at City Hall.

CVFD ATV Benefit Ride
Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will sponsor an ATV Benefit Ride on Saturday, Sept. 7th. The ride will start at the 4 mile marker, Climax Road (KY Hwy. 1912) at the home of Ken and Carolyn Holt at 10 a.m. The ride will return at approximately 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided after the ride. For more information, Brian Wynn 859-358-0955, Dennis Clark 1606-256-3257, Darren Stone 859-314-1465 or Ken Holt 606-256-4475. If you don't ride an ATV, come and join us for food and good fellowship, a silent auction and an update on the fire department after the ride.

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.

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.