

Our Readers Write

Appreciate Veterans's Day at RCMS...

Dear Editor,

I do not have the words to express my deep appreciation to the Rockcastle Middle School and Roundstone Elementary school for the Veteran's Day celebration. My husband, Luther Isaacs, was drafted into the Army. We were married 11 days before he left for Vietnam, a long fearful year. His unit was the one devastated on Hamburger Hill. It was a very unpopular war but he did what he was ordered to do to serve our great country. Several times he came very close to being killed, but Thank GOD he was spared. When he returned to the states, the military was so hated, they had to land in Seattle Wa. at a closed down airport, because protestors spit on them, kicked them and cursed them. I was not told this for several years. He

served from 1968 'til 1970. The FIRST gratitude and appreciation he ever received was from my niece Kara Canterbury when she invited him to the RCMS Veterans Celebration in 2005. He did not want to go but she begged him and if you know Kara, she doesn't accept no easily. I will never forget how the student body stood, clapped and cheered as they did today as long as there was a veteran walking in. My eyes are filled with tears even now again as I write this. He shed tears that day as well. We have attended almost ever year since. The children involved are precious, so respectful, thanking him every time he turned around. He is so humble and this touches him much more than you all will ever know. America has her faults and problems, but it is still the greatest county in the world. Instead of criticizing our nation, pray for her, get involved, above all VOTE. Some of the great-

est people in the world have died or been captured to give YOU that right and many others. I could say a lot more, but I will stop now as my tears make it hard to see. In closing, every time you see a Veteran, Policeman or Fireman, hug them, say a quick prayer for them and their safety. They face risks and dangers every day for me and you!

P.S. I hope someone from each school will make sure the students get to read this or hear it read.

Again THANK YOU.
Nancy Isaacs

RCMS appreciates Veterans...

Dear Editor,

Over the past decade, Rockcastle County Middle School has had the distinct honor to celebrate Veterans Day with the men and women of Rockcastle County, surrounding counties, and other states, who have served in the United States military. We want our Veterans to know how much we appreciate the sacrifices they have made to keep our freedoms secure.

We have a great group of people to work with at Rockcastle County Middle School and would like to thank the staff for recognizing the importance of Veterans Day. We also appreciate the following businesses, organizations and individuals that made Veterans Day 2013 so special:

RCMS Staff, RCMS students, Spark's Flowers and More, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon Florist, Mrs. Emily Pensol, King Bottling, Pepsi Cola, Berea College GEAR-UP, R.C.M.S. Youth Services, WRVK – Saylor Broadcasting, Mr. Robbie Phillips, American Legion Post 71, Rockcastle County Chapter of the DAR, Brad McNew and the Woodmen of the World, EKV Methods Students, Fall 2013, RCHS Color Guard, R.C.M.S. Leadership Team, R.C.M.S. chorus and band, R.C.M.S. "Lunch Ladies", Mr. Johnathon Shell and Mr. Shawn Burdette.

Most of all, we want to say THANK YOU to the veterans and their families for what they have done for our county and our country,
Thank you,
Rockcastle County Middle School
Social Studies Department
Lions Club thanks supporters...

Dear Editor,

The Livingston Community Lions Club wishes to express out sincere thanks to those who helped make our recent "Rockcastle's Got Talent" show a success.

Our many thanks to the following sponsors: Rockcastle Veterinary Clinic, Bishop's Outdoor World, Karen K. King Income Tax Service, Coffey & Ford Attorneys at Law, Town & Country, James Miller, Citizens Bank, Rockcastle Professional Pharmacy, Dari-Delite, Ford Brothers/Weichert Realtors, Owens Home for Funerals, Lone Star Farm & Home, Cox Funeral Home, Pam's Flowers & Gifts (also sponsored stage décor), Red Hill

Horse Camp, Mahaffey's Quick Lube, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Main Street Pharmacy, TransAmerica, Limestone Grille, Jack's Pro Hardware, Main Street Diner, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Sparks Flowers & More, White Star, Timeless Tattoos, and Bishop's Tire and Auto Care. We also wish to thank Rockcastle County High School and employees, *The Mount Vernon Signal*, WRVK 1460, WLEX Channel 18, our judges and Master of Ceremonies, and especially those who performed on stage.

With our thanks,
The Livingston Community Lions Club

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

outdoor premises at Telford on it but I kept calling it a roter-tiller because it sort of felt like my Troybilt. Lee Ann has promised to come out and run the real thing when it gets dry enough to plow next spring. I told her we could grow sweet corn and now she's ready to buy a freezer.

And speaking of get well cards, unlike Christmas cards, I don't believe anybody expects to get one back. However if you sent one and I find out that you're laid up, I'll send you one then.

Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

Another popular singer, John Mellencamp, also wrote about the small-town life. His song, *Small Town*, expresses his thoughts. The following is the last verse: *Well I was born in a small town*

And I can breathe in a small town

Gonna die in a small town

Ah, that's probly where they'll bury me.

I am totally in agreement with Mellencamp.

I lived in Lexington for several years before Kathy and I returned to small-town life. (She is from Owingsville, in Bath County). And I never want to return to the city. One certainly can breathe in a small town, and there is where I want my final resting place to be.

Two young men from Mt. Sterling wrote a popular, regional song a few years ago expressing their love for the local high school in the 60's and early 70's. Jeff Vice and Justin Wilson thought Mt. Sterling High School (MSHS) was the epitome of high schools in Kentucky. The mascot for MSHS was a Trojan warrior. The first verse of *Smalltown America* expresses their love of the Trojans.

There used to be a football field across the street where I watched Johnny Breeze throw a touchdown. The crowd went crazy and the band played the school's fight song...everyone sang along yeah...

I was just a kid playing in the dirt wearing

A Trojan's shirt in small town America.

I was a member of the football coaching staff at MSHS, where we won the 1969 Class A State Football Championship. That old football field is gone now, but the memories that were made there are lasting. Its stands were always packed full and running over with fans, old and young alike. We all recall the thrill of watching Johnny Breeze throw a pass or the unbelievable footwork of Charlie Bill Owens as he ran for a touchdown. I thoroughly understand how the two young men feel about the history of the Trojans. I know that there are countless numbers who can relate to the last verse of that song: *Look no further than your own back yard.*

Times were simple... everyone worked hard...

Sunday dinners after church...

a little piece of heaven down here on earth.

(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.)

“On Call”

(Cont. from A2)

mind. You think about the crew that did respond to the

scene. They kept their composure and saved individuals from the other three vehicles involved. You have great individuals volunteering at your local fire station, not just in Brodhead but Mt. Vernon, Livingston, Brindle Ridge, Pongo, Western and Climax.

So far this year Brodhead has responded to a total of 103 incidents and here a few days ago we responded to what was dispatched as a structure fire ended up being a fully involved home that resulted in a fatality. We had crews from Mt. Vernon and Brindle Ridge helping on the fire. Being a firefighter is one of the most rewarding professions you can have but at the same time it can be one of most disheartening professions. Thankfully more often than not it is very rewarding.

I know this has been a little bit of a detour from my normal weekly column but I wanted to give an update of events coming up at the firehouse and what we have been doing. Next week we'll get back on track where I left off. The question I had left you with was in the fire service we have building construction listed into different classes. How many classes are there? Don't forget you can email your questions to oncall139@hotmail.com

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Mon., Nov. 18th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Wed., Nov. 19th:** Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Road, Sweetwater Road. **Thurs., Nov. 20th:** Brindle Ridge and Seek 'n Learn.

Republican Cook-Off

The Rockcastle Republican Party will hold a Chili Cook-Off Saturday, November 16th at the Brindle Ridge Fire Department. \$5. Bring chili to enter in the cook-off or just come to enjoy some great food and support the local GOP. Call GOP Chairman Travis Burton at 606-308-1204 for more info. The event starts at 6:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner at Livingston

The City of Livingston will host a Spaghetti Dinner Friday, November 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Livingston Homecoming Room.

Livingston Fire & Rescue Turkey Shoot

Livingston Fire and Rescue will hold a Turkey Shoot on Sat., Nov. 16th and the 23rd at 10 a.m. at David Mason's garage, north of Livingston on U.S. 25. \$2 a shot. 410-16-20-12 gauge shotguns only. No custom guns. Shells furnished by fire department. Concessions will be sold.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, Nov. 21st on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m. Please use back door.

Upward Cheerleading

Upward Cheerleading, for girls kindergarten through 5th grade is being organized. There will be a cheer clinic on Saturday, November 23rd from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$75 per child and includes the mock turtleneck.

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.

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