

## Kids and Poison

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A poison is anything that could make you sick if you eat, drink, smell, or touch it. Poisons come in all shapes, sizes, and forms. Many common household products can be poisonous. Your house could be a dangerous place. Medicines, cosmetics, car products, cleaning supplies, arts and crafts materials, food that is improperly prepared or stored, and plants, are just a few household products that can cause poisonings. Bites and stings from snakes, spiders, ticks, and jellyfish can also be poisonous. Each year 2 million Americans are poisoned. These poisonings can be prevented through education and awareness.

Many poisonings occur in children under the age of six. Children are curious. They see adults using certain products and may want to do the same. They may think some poisons are good things to eat, drink, or play with. Adults can be poisoned too. Adults sometimes take the wrong doses of medication, confuse different medications, or may splash a poison on their skin or in their eyes accidentally.

What can I do to protect my family?

- \* Read and follow directions on the label before using drugs and household products.
- \* Store all drugs, poisons and harmful household products out of reach of children and in locked

cabinets.

- \* Keep all household products and drugs in their original containers. Never put chemicals in empty food or drink containers.
- \* Always ask for medications in child-resistant containers (safety-lock tops).
- \* Don't take medicine in front of children and never tell children that medicine is candy.
- \* Remove poisonous plants from the house and yard.
- \* Keep one bottle of Syrup of Ipecac per child in your home. Ipecac induces vomiting. Do not give this medication unless instructed to do so by the Poison Center.
- \* Keep the Poison Center number near your phones and call immediately if you suspect a poisoning has occurred. The Poison Control Center phone number is 1-800-725-5275.

Always be aware of your environment. Accidents happen frequently when people are busy with other things, like holidays, visiting other people's homes, getting ready to move, or simply leaving a dangerous product in easy reach while answering the door or the phone. Don't take a chance. The information on "Kids Do Matter: The Little Book of Parenting." You may get a single copy of this free booklet by phoning the Extension Office at 256-2403.

## Farm News

By: Tom Mills  
County Extension Agent  
for Agriculture  
**Lice Problems on  
Cattle Increase  
During Winter**

Cattle lice populations increase as temperatures decrease, making winter an important time to control these pests, whose biting and sucking can reduce animal performance and stress tolerance. Controlling lice on cattle should be part of a total herd health program. Lice infestations can lower animals weight gain, lead to anemia and reduce their resistance to stresses, such as cold, wet weather.

Lice become a problem in the fall and winter because "if you move from animals on whom they over-summered to others in the herd as cattle bunch together during cold weather. The whole herd might become infested, but usually only few cattle have severe infestations. These animals rub and scratch excessively in response to the irritation caused by lice biting and sucking.

To confirm a lice infestation, carefully examine the most agitated animals by parting hair along the neck, head, around the eyes, and on the withers, brisket and shoulders to look for lice. Sucking lice often occur in patches, have narrow, pointed heads and tend to remain attached to the cow. Sucking lice have a wider, triangular head and are more active.

Several control options are available for lice but the list narrows, as winter approaches. We are past cattle grub treatment date so a systemic insecticide should not be used unless a grub treatment was applied earlier. A whole animal spray provides thorough coverage needed for effective control and is

one of the least expensive treatments. However, it isn't desirable to get animals wet when temperatures are low. Alternatives are pour-ons and dusts, both of which are relatively dry. Consult local vets for products which are working best in herds they work with. Ask for products which can be applied without catching cattle in a head gate. Many products use a heavy mineral oil carrier which, when applied to their back, can be easily seen. On small herds, cattle can be treated as they eat at feed bunk.

For season-long control, treat all animals and re-treat all animals 14 to 21 days later to kill any lice which hatch from eggs. If all animals coming into the herd are treated, then lice should be no problem.

Cattle producers are advised to read labels carefully before buying products to control cattle lice. Two products with the same concentration of an active ingredient might sell for different prices. Compare application rates and methods. Some products have an applicator or measuring device to help you deliver an accurate dose, especially when the rate is just a few cc's per head. Also check the label for cautions or restrictions, such as the time to wait between applications and protective equipment to use during applications.

For more information on controlling cattle lice, consult Insecticide Recommendations for Beef Cattle, ENT-11, which is available from the County Extension Office.

## In & Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Mrs. Dorothy Rideout of Henderson visited her mother, Lillian Anglin and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Anglin recently.

Lillian Anglin and Mrs. Dorothy Rideout were in Richmond last Thursday to consult a doctor for Lillian's eyes.

Lillian Anglin celebrated her birthday November 22nd. We wish her many returns of the day.

Mrs. Sheila Zemi and daughters of Cincinnati, Ohio and Shirley Burton of Brodhead visited Vallie Burton while last Saturday night.

Johnny Eaton celebrated his birthday November 25th. We wish him many returns of the day.

Sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.

Thanksgiving supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Burton were Susan Burton and friend, Sherri of Toledo, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Burton and Dana of London; Mattie Newton of Somerset and friend, Dale Pretry of Science Hill and Vallie Burton of Mt. Vernon.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hurley and children were Lillian Anglin and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Anglin.

Ms. Ora York and son, Albert were dinner guests of Eliza York and Rachel on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II visited Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coulter last Tuesday night.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston were Oscar Saylor, Bud Saylor and friend, Judy of Crab Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Houston.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton, III and children, and Mrs. Mark Eaton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coulter of Mooresville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen, Brian Allen and friend of Ohio, Angie Eaton and her son, David of Midway, Patricia Holland and Alene Eaton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Eaton and son, spent a few days with her parents in Harlan.

## Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chastean

Hello to everyone.

This Monday morning is sunny, but cool. But after summer, comes a winter. So we take whatever God sends, whether it's hot or cold. And, after all there is nothing we can do about it. After all God knows best.

Rev. Albert Griffin, "our Interim Pastor", filled his regular appointment at the Fairview Baptist Church over the weekend with good attendance. Sunday School attendance was 136. It is so good to see people assembled in the House of the Lord, especially children and young people. We love them and want to help them in any way we can.

Just hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. We all have so much to be thankful for. I couldn't begin to mention all the great blessings we receive from God everyday. One of our earthly blessings is our Christian parents who taught us right from wrong. Thank you Lord for my parents, Eugene and Liddie Reppert. Hubert and I had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of our daughter and son-in-law, R.J. and Janet Ridgell. Other guests were her son, Ricky Adams and her daughter and family, J.W. and Connie Lewis and darling baby boy, Caleb.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of

Mrs. Hallie Alexander were her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Alexander of Mareburg, and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rex (Jewell) Davidson. Other guests were Chris Kirby and Jason Rawlings.

Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Isaacs and two small sons.

Mrs. Mary Cope was Thanksgiving dinner guest of her daughter, Helen Powell of Berea. Also Mrs. Cope and her son, William Cope of Eubank had supper with her other son, Buddy Cope and family.

Rev. and Mrs. John Dodson recently visited Mrs. Hallie Alexander. Guests at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Glen Ponder for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ponder and son, Scott, Edith Rae Pulliam and daughter, Glennys, Mr. and Mrs. David Eaton and family and Chris Ponder.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Sherry McCuddy of Winchester visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Ridgell and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chastean Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Case and family visited Mrs. Mary Cope on Friday.

Please remember Church and Sunday School. God bless you all.

## Eller completes basic training

Army Pfc. Travis L. Eller has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military jus-

tice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Rick Saylor of Copper Creek and Tanya Eller of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Eller is a 1999 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

## Christmas Breakfast

Saturday, December 2nd  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Brodhead Fire Department

Menu: Ham, Sausage or Bacon, Eggs, Fried Potatoes, Gravy, Fried Apples, Discuits.

Drinks: Coffee, Milk, Tomato Juice  
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Parade at 3:00 p.m.

# Christmas Sale

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Friday, December 1st  
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## Veterans' Field Rep. here on December 5th

You may be entitled to receive benefits from the Federal Veterans Administration that may include compensation for disease or injury received while in service. Pension for wartime Veterans, survivor benefits and assistance with medical expenses. Rockcastle County receives over \$2 million per year from Veterans benefits. The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs provides counsel-

ing and assistance to Veterans and dependents in filing claims for state and federal Veterans benefits. This is a service provided by the Commonwealth. There is no charge or fee of any kind. A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Court-house on December 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For further information, please call 1-877-773-7747 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

## Tribute to RCHS Football Team

Thank you Lord for a winning season. Seniors - keep your heads up. You have nothing to be ashamed of. You represented Rockcastle well.  
Diamond Dave  
P.S. Please pray for me to get rid of my laryngitis.

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June 23	..... Ray Price
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July 21	..... Gene Watson
August 4	..... All Night Gospel Sing
August 18	..... Jeanne Robertson
September 8	..... Sammy Kershaw
September 22	..... Legends Fest 2001
featuring - Ralph Emery, Little Jimmy Dickens, Jack Greene & Jeannie Seely	
September 28 & 29	..... George Jones
October 5	..... Connie Smith
October 6	..... Mike Spider
October 13	..... Ricky Van Shelton
October 19	..... The Isaacs
October 20	..... Chuckwagon Gang
October 20	..... The Bishops
November 1, 2 & 3	..... Carl Hurley
November 9 & 10	..... Loretta Lynn

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## Every community has its heroes

By Col. Joe Brydon, U.S.M.C. Ret.  
This is the story of one such hero. He lives in a small town in Eastern Kentucky called Mt. Vernon. His name is Carl I. Wilson. I mention his last name because I know he never liked to draw attention to himself. Carl joined the Marines at the age of sixteen, before his next birthday he was fighting in the jungles of South Vietnam. Although he was very young, all of his fellow Marines knew who he could rely on no matter how bad it got. On the 20th day November,

1970, Carl saved nine U.S. Marines from certain death. I was one of those nine. Carl would not want me to go into the details of that day, however, I will say that he did what was impossible for one man to do, but he did. Carl, if your local newspaper *The Mt. Vernon Signal*, prints this and you read it, please know that from those of us who were there that day, we will never forget. Heaven holds a place for you, because you've already been to Hell. God Bless.

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