

Free videoconference

Free videoconference for grandparents raising grandchildren will be held on Tuesday, February 27 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. EST.

Raising a child is never easy, but the task may prove more challenging when the primary caregiver is actually the grandparent, many years removed from childbearing, but for one reason or another, doing it again. One in ten grandparents have been the primary support of a grandchild at some time in their lives, and currently six percent of children live in a grandparent headed household. While this situation can be a blessing for many, challenges abound.

Through this national videoconference, grandparents raising grandchildren and the professionals who serve them will come together at local sites to share experiences, explore options, and discuss potential local or state action. The program will include on-site activities, panel discussions and pre-recorded videos.

Topics to be discussed include the similarities and differences among various forms of custodial care, a review of the ways in which legal and policy issues affect grandparents raising grandchildren, and strategies for effective working relationships between grandparents and professionals and community resources.

Participants will explore the implications of various forms of informal and formal custody arrangements, understand how laws and public policies impact custodial caregivers, improve skills for interaction between grandparents and professionals and organizations, and learn to design and implement changes in legislation at the state level.

While this informative teleconference is free, spaces are limited, so call the site you wish to attend to reserve your seat. In Rockcastle County, the teleconference will be held in the Rockcastle County Court house. For more information call (606)256-8007. The site will be located at The Center for Rural Development in Pulaski. For more information call (606)677-6000 or visit www.uwex.edu/grg.



Cards of Thanks

Nellie B. Asher

The family of Nellie B. Asher wishes to express their deep gratitude to the many people who helped so much during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to Larry Oswley, the Wayneburg Rescue Squad, the Rockcastle Co. Hospital medical personnel and Dr. Karen Sawyer for your kindness and caring. We would like to thank the staff of Dowell-Martin Funeral Home for everything they did to help ease our loss. Thanks to Bro. Charles Carr, Bro. Nathaniel Fugate and Bro. Dan Gutenson for giving the service and their words of comfort to us. Thanks to the many people who brought food and sent so many lovely flowers. Thanks to the Crossroads Assembly of God Church and all the good people there who did everything they could for us. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls and home visits. Thanks to the hundreds who came to the visitation and though we could not speak to each one personally we know that you care. Due to various circumstances, many were unable to visit at the church, but thank you for thinking of us. We are deeply thankful to Jerry Denney, Shannon Bishop, Sid Hines, Steven Ramsey, Roger Short, for keeping the light night vigil and allowing us as much rest as was possible. Thanks to Robin for taking such good care of us. We thank everyone for keeping us in your thoughts and

prayers. We want to thank the many people who loved Nellie and knew just how special she was. We have not acknowledged half the many acts of kindness done for us, but please know that we appreciate all that everyone has done to comfort us in our time of great sorrow.

Regina Roberto
& the Bishop Family

Regina Roberto

The family of Regina Marie (Remmer) Roberto wants to thank everyone for their love and support, all the pretty flowers, food, money, cards and phone calls. You'll never know how it feels until it is one of you own. Keep us in your prayers, her parents, Lloyd and Lillian Remmer and her grandparents, C.S. and Marie McKinney.

Church News

Singing

Skaggs Creek Baptist Church will have a singing Saturday, February 10th at 7 p.m. featuring The Smith's Sisters. Pastor Bill Mink and church welcomes everyone.

Pine Hill Cemetery Note

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of Pine Hill Cemetery please contact Loraine Ponder at 859-986-7756 or mail your donation to: 143 Mason Lake Rd., Berea, KY 40403.

Farm News

By: Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Tobacco Producers are invited to the Annual Production Meeting Monday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Rockcastle County High School Cafeteria. Speakers at this year's meeting will include Dr. Gary Palmer, U.K. Extension Specialist; Danny McKinney, Executive Director for Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative; Larry Sweater, Rockcastle Tobacco Seed Company; and Tim Mills, Extension Agent for Agriculture.

Changes in the Tobacco Industry are on everyone's mind. Speakers at this year's production meeting will share information on Kentucky Production, Burley Belt Production, as well as Worldwide Production.

To assure that the Young Farmers Association can serve everyone, please register with the Extension Service (256-2403) office by Friday, February 16th.

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TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Broadhead. For more info. call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-9497.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome.

Bookmobile Schedule
Tentative Schedule
Mon., Feb. 12th: Broadhead and Copper Creek.
Tues., Feb. 13th: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Rd., and Respiratory Care.
Wed., Feb. 14th: Mt. Vernon, Madison, Day Health Center, Hummel Trailer Court and Brindle Ridge.
Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather
Conway TOPS
TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly). For more info. call 256-8632, 256-9448 or 1-800-932-TOPS. TOPS meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at BRVED.

Marine Corps League
Blugrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every fourth Thursday of the month at the Ugly Club at the Blugrass Army Depot. For more info. call Jack Danner at 369-7310 or Nathan Seals at 256-0741.

JobStart
Want to earn great prizes while learning new skills and increasing your chances of getting a job? For more info. call Jennifer at 256-9612 or fax her at 256-8232. E-mail: jobstart@ksh.net

R.A.A.P. Meeting
Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pet Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Help build an animal shelter in Rockcastle County. Call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie at 256-5183 for directions.

VA Rep.

Bill Livings will be at the VFW Post every 2nd Sunday of the month from noon to 3 p.m.

Class of 1981

Class of 1981 Reunion Meeting for 2003 reunion, Saturday, February 24th, 7 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School. For more info. call 256-4200.

Tobacco Production

Rockcastle County tobacco producers are invited to the annual production meeting Monday, February 19th at 7 p.m. at REHS Cafeteria. Please register with the Extension office at 256-2403 by Friday, February 16th.

LEAP meeting

LEAP meeting, February 12th. Potluck dinner 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. All members and board urged to attend.

Fish Fry

Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will have an all you can eat fish fry Saturday, February 10th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the fire station in Conway. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$3. Carry-outs available call 256-0000. Menu includes fish, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, desserts and drinks.

Board Meeting

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Area Technology Center office. The public is welcome to attend.

DEAR Meeting

The Rockcastle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet in the Fellowship hall of First Christian Church Tuesday, February 13th at 7 p.m. Following the ritual and business meeting the chapter will be presented with a new book honoring historical events in the life of President Abraham Lincoln. Jim Sayre, known as The Great Promoter, will be portraying Lincoln. Students, members, and other persons who are interested in this time period of American history are invited to attend.

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