

Rockcastle Hospital announces new nursing scholarship program

Nationwide, hospitals are feeling the pinch of the nursing shortage, and Rockcastle County is no different. In response to the growing need to hire qualified nurses, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., is announcing a new nursing scholarship program.

The hospital will award three scholarships each year, beginning in the 2001-02 school year, to residents who have been admitted to the nursing program at Somerset Community College. The scholarship will cover half the cost of the program. Recipients must agree to work at RHRCC for a minimum of two years upon completion of an associate degree in nursing.

"This is National Nurses Week and there just couldn't be a better time to announce our scholarship program," said Betty Purcell, director of Nursing. "It is a win-win plan for the hospital and the community that will help deserving students complete

their nursing education."

Lee Keene, president and CEO and people who choose to go into nursing can earn a good living.

"We're very pleased to offer this scholarship that will help many Rockcastle community who have the desire to become a nurse and who want to contribute their skills to our community," Keene said.

For more information or to receive an application, call Betty Purcell at 256-7704.

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RHRCC honoring employees this week

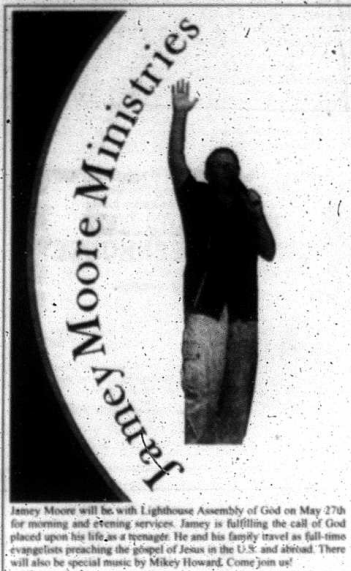
Caring People. People Caring. That's the theme of this year's National Hospital Week, which runs from May 6 through May 12. It is a program that reflects the dedication of the employees at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. who put the "care" in healthcare.

"Technology, medicine and advanced procedures are wonderful tools, but they are not nearly as effective if they are not accompanied by the simple act of caring," said Lee Keene, president and CEO. "We are focusing this week on our more than 350 caring employees who have the right attitude and commitment needed to make our hospital and our community a better place."

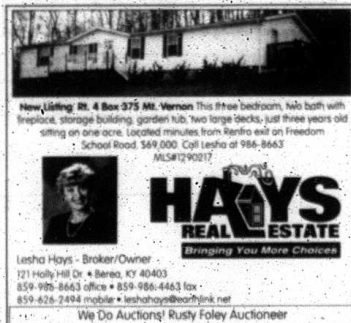
National Hospital Week began 80 years ago in an effort to change the

image that stigmatized healthcare facilities in the early 20th Century. Now, people have begun to identify hospitals not with sick beds and illness, but with the people who provide their care. RHRCC will celebrate this national event with a staff picnic on Friday.

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Jamey Moore will be with Lighthouse Assembly of God on May 27th for morning and evening services. Jamey is fulfilling the call of God placed upon his life as a teenager. He and his family travel as full-time evangelists preaching the gospel of Jesus in the U.S. and abroad. There will also be special music by Mikey Howard. Come join us!



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The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club inducted new member Libby Hammons into the club on Thursday at the regular meeting at Kastle Inn. Libby is certainly no stranger to public service. She and her husband, Jim Earl Hammons, have operated J&L Oil Company in Mt. Vernon for over 24 years. She has four children and eight grandchildren. Although Libby wasn't born in Mt. Vernon, she has lived almost all her life here and is very well aware of the many needs in this community and has stepped forward to join with this local organization to assist in their projects. This growing club is pleased to have Libby join hands with them in their efforts. Please feel free to visit the Kiwanis Club on Thursdays, 12 noon, at Kastle Inn Restaurant in Mt. Vernon. Interesting speakers are scheduled most every week. Don't miss the upcoming play Friday night at the RCHS Auditorium, "Just Desserts". You will need reservations. Pictured with Libby Hammons, center, is Martha Cost, sponsor and Donald Coyle, Kiwanis president.

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