



## CAP and Rockcastle Jail celebrate education and graduation

"It's believe for Christmas thanks to finishing my G.E.D. and completing my sentence," stated Wade Peters, a state inmate at the Rockcastle Jail, and recent graduate of the G.E.D. program through the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). His educational endeavor enabled Wade to escape sixty days from his sentence

and receive an early release. James Miller, jailer for Rockcastle County, was instrumental in first contacting CAP about having an instructor teach GED courses to the state inmates lodged there. As the inmates themselves had expressed an interest in completing their education, State inmates are provided various

services and programs, such as recreation, church and education.

As the inmates proceeded into the courtroom, in traditional cap and gown, to a musically uplifting triumphant procession, their presence in front of the witness stand was under very positive circumstances, as opposed to previous visits to the bench.

Equipped with only a seventh grade education and recently acquired English language skills, Carlos Martinez proudly accepted his diploma. It was noted by one of the staff at the Rockcastle facility that

Carlos was a very valuable resource, as he has provided interpretation with many Spanish speaking inmates. Carlos was able to take four of the tests: Math, Social Studies and Science in English but requested that the writing portion of the test be composed in his native tongue of Spanish.

Three inmates received diplomas. A fourth graduate, William Campbell, completed his sentence earlier and made parole, but returned for graduation. William is gainfully employed at a local radio station.

The brains that we have are a gift from God and we must use them to the fullest," said Buzz Carlolito, Rockcastle County Judge Executive, addressing the courtroom of supporting friends, family and local officials. "If you live to be 100 your education should never stop," continued Carlolito in the graduation class.

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian service organization, committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than seventy programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the thirteen Appalachian states.

Putting them in my first cutting of hair before the day was cut. And the grass was tall!"

Evidently with the intention of getting me hurt or killed or my disc mower destroyed.

Also I have a tree top in my hay field from his property.

But no one in Rockcastle County has seen this as being a crime. Including Mr. Jeffrey Burdette, County Attorney's office.

And as for Mr. Jeffrey Burdette's comment to me about a Big War Hero, Yes, I am a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

And as a Grunt "I did receive medals for Heroism and Valor". And I am real proud to have served my country!

What war did you serve in Mr. Jeffrey Burdette?

As for Mr. Moss' understanding, Mr. Burdette's frustration trying to prosecute cases in the county. I must be a big boy trying to decide who gets the commonwealth as an attorney and who has to hire a private attorney.

And who to "throw out" of Mr. Burdette's office when one does not agree with him.

Yes, I have also been asked to leave Fiscal Court too, because I opposed a tax increase in the county reason being the two county workers wasting the taxpayers money.

I was told by Mr. Carlolito to take my \$12.00 and get the "hell" out of Rockcastle County if I didn't like the taxes in the county.

Mr. Moss that is the Buzz Carlolito and Jeffrey Burdette that I have dealt with.

I felt that you and other tax payers should know what I have been through.

So maybe in the May Primary, we can remove at least one of the two. And any others not doing a fine job for fine people in a great county. Thank you for listening. Gary Mason Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

### Through CAP

## Education provides source of hope and purpose to female inmates

Among them, they are mothers, wives, homemakers, students and for the coming months, they are also prisoners. Incarcerated for various felonies, the women are state inmates and currently housed at a local county jail in the CAP service area, a facility that accommodates those convicted on state charges, in addition to individuals brought up on local offenses.

Once a week, Janet Heinz, a CAP employee, who teaches adult education, passes through heavily secured, reinforced metal doors and proceeds to a small windowless room where she is equipped with a two-way radio that communicates with the guards out front.

The women arrive to her "classroom", one by one. The "classroom" space also serves as a weight room, a church, an AA meeting room and a place for contact visits. It is sparsely furnished with a metal table and a row of barbell.

Prison is not necessarily conducive to education; however, it is a place of self-reflection, introspection and the opportunity to take inventory of what one might improve upon. With that in mind, CAP volunteers and staff like Janet Heinz offer a presence and a purpose to well-meaning individuals who are trying to better themselves and need a place to start.

"She takes time for each one of us and doesn't look down on us just because we are in here," remarked Wendy, one of the inmates.

All those Hollywood stereotypes one would expect soon dissolve, the hardened criminal, trash talking, seasoned and soured. The women Janet teaches could easily be mistaken for a group from a church bible study, or a tight knit bunch of friends swapping stories about their children over soup and salad. They are polite, soft spoken, kind to one another and their teacher. More definitive of the group is that they are easy going, somewhat shy, demure and delighted to speak with. Each one, eager to pursue their education and make it count toward their future.

Aspirations of the class vary from nursing to architecture to elderly care. Their studies encompass reading, science, mathematics, literature, history and social studies. Each will advance at their own pace, some will finish while incarcerated, while a few may complete their testing on the "outside". It's difficult to study; everyone is on a different schedule. Some of the women provide some functional duty, or rather, hold a job within the jail, whether it is working in janitorial maintenance or preparing the meals that will be consumed by the inmates and staff. Some work well into the evening, while others keep

a more conventional eight to four regiment. Regardless, with ten to eleven women in one common living space and each inmate maintaining a somewhat different schedule, finding quiet concentration

time is very difficult. This impediment does not deter the women from continuing to pursue their studies, as they come to class prepared and eager to learn.

"For them to have a fresh start, the education piece is so important," Janet continued.

"During a typical day we will review reading assignments, do some games, some individual study, some work on math, some are testing, it goes very fast," said Janet. "A guard that works third shift has been very helpful to them with homework, although everything on staff is supportive of the program. They genuinely want them to succeed," Janet continued.

"We try to talk a lot about options, career choices, things available. I want them to be encouraged that there's a bright future waiting for them and this is providing a very good start," Janet concluded.

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization which works to help the people of Appalachia help themselves by providing physical, spiritual, and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services.

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## "Letters"

(Cont. from A2)

The story of school attendance was asked about, the story of his life was not. Maybe his life wasn't as newsworthy as his absence from school.

Let me tell you a little about Aron's short fifteen years on earth. In 1980, his dad was critically injured in a logging accident, Aron was four. In 1993 complications from the injury took his dad's life. Aron was seven. In 1996, Aron lost his Papaw, a man who had cherished every look of the boy's hair. Aron was ten. In 1997 he lost his grandmother, Aron was 11. In 1999 he lost his mother after a terrible traffic accident. Aron was 13.

Now, we have lost him, Aron was 15.

"His nickname was A-rab. I called him Ron. Through all the tragic events in this remarkable young man's life, he still possessed a beautiful smile and a caring life others unmatched by anyone I've ever seen. He was a typical teenager who liked girls, video games, riding motorcycles and cars. He loved to drive. He had decided to return to school the fall. He was behind and he wanted a fresh start. Ask anyone who knew him and they'll tell you, all you had to do to ask him once for help and he was delivered. He was a free spirit whose short life was harsh, but he made and lived the best of it. A beautiful, young man who will be missed more than he would have ever guessed.

It is the newspaper's job to sell papers. It is mine to protect the memory of a wonderful, sweet young man who never met a stranger and possessed a smile that could brighten up the hardest of hearts.

He deserved better than he received.

We love you Aron, and we will never forget... Kathy, Doug, Ann, Doug, Darin Poyner

Dear Editor, This letter is in response to Mr. William M. Moss, Sr. "Letter to the Editor."

Mr. Moss has nothing but praise for Mr. Buzz Carlolito and Mr. Jeffrey Burdette.

I have the exact opposite opinion, reasons being:

Mr. Jeffrey Burdette, county attorney, issued a summons against Mr. W. Mason for criminal mischief 3rd degree, and criminal trespassing 2nd degree - "For Hiring a dozer to push brush on my own property." Case # 00-M-00577 Common Wealth Versus Gary Mason.

Served February 25th 2000, had I been guilty of such charges it should have been a civil matter but Mr. Jeffrey Burdette charged me with criminal charges with what evidence? I never found a law enforcement agency that gave Mr. Jeffrey Burdette any evidence against me.

And Mr. Jeffrey Burdette will not answer me when I asked him how he went about filing criminal charges for a civil matter. Evidently it was based on the word of a county employee? I had to hire an attorney and a surveyor to prove that I was innocent.

I had to appear in court twice, miss my father's open heart surgery because of the malicious prosecution.

February 8th, 2001 while we were



Pictured left to right, Janet Heinz, CAP Adult Education Teacher, stands with a few G.E.D. students, Tammy, Vanessa, Wendy and Jailer James Miller.

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