

Family Court offers programs

A recent drug raid in this area revealed that Ecstasy was among the drugs confiscated. The Partnership for a Drug Free America reports a 71% increase in the use of Ecstasy in the past two years. The bid myth of a safe and fun drug is being sold to our youth. The drug is noted as being a builder of confidence and self-esteem. This has special appeal to youth who have problems fitting into the social schemes of the youth culture.

The main concern is that this drug is a neurotoxin that affects the brain. Immediate signs of this effect are, not remembering things recently said or done, loss of coordination, depression, confusion, sleep problems, chills or sweating, and slurred speech. Parents need to be vigilant for these signs.

More serious consequences from higher doses are: serious breathing problems, coma and even death. A serious outcome from use can be unprotected sex and subsequent diseases and pregnancy. Recreational use, but it is almost certain, that long term effects occur. Early intervention would certainly be needed to prevent loss of physical and mental function.

The Drug Court for the 28th Judicial Circuit has a program that combines the best features of criminal justice and treatment. The program provides structure, consequences and rewards (for staying drug free) to juveniles who have problems with drug addiction or abuse. The program educates juveniles and their parents on the legal and the medical problems stemming from drug use. It can also provide parenting skills for the family and life skills for the juveniles. It gives a structured, intensive plan for youth damaged by drugs. Frequent drug testing ensures that the program participants are making progress in staying drug free.

Parents often think that having their kids involved in the court system will leave the kids with a criminal record that will affect the kids' future. Juvenile court records are sealed when the kid becomes 18 years of age. This information can be released to anyone. It is important that we deal with drug problems before the kids reach 18 to prevent the kids from having a record.

Information on Ecstasy and other drugs is available at our new office

at 103 South Maple Street, Somerset. We are available to speak to youth, educational or parent groups. Phone (606) 677-4186 ext. 19. Contact Kati Creekmore, Drug Treatment Coordinator or Tonya Alger, Court Case Specialist.



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On April 1st, 2002, we will be relocating to 795 Eastern By Pass, Medical Office Building #2, Suite 5. Our mission will remain to provide quality and compassionate health care for women in this region and the surrounding areas. Our office staff will support this mission by providing friendly, timely and courteous service.

We will be accepting appointments starting March 18th at 625-9450. Office hours will be Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Most insurance is accepted and new patients are welcome.

Cemetery Notices

Pine Hill Cemetery

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of Pine Hill Cemetery please send to: Lorene Ponder at 314 Jessica Circle, Richmond, KY 40475.

Briarfield Cemetery

We are having to purchase a new The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for the following project: A newly (90) foot box beam bridge, sixteen (16) feet wide, on two (2) A-400 Abutments, with height equaling existing bridge over Roundstone Creek, located on Mullins Station Road (CR 11403). All materials and workmanship must meet or exceed the requirements specified in the highway Department's specifications for road and bridge construction, edition of 1994 state specifications and must meet or exceed an H-20 loading. All bidders must be prequalified by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the successful bidder will be required to begin construction within thirty (30) days of acceptance by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, and must be completed with the work within sixty (60) days. Bids must be received by the County Judge-Executive's office by 11 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2002 at which time the Rockcastle Fiscal Court will open and read the bids.

Buzz Carlotti
County Judge Executive

riding mower for the cemetery this spring.

We need donations at this time from all who have loved ones buried in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Our fund is low because of having some landscaping done and some dead trees removed.

We are all proud of our cemetery, and glad of all our support in getting it to this point.

Let's not lose interest in supporting this worthwhile cause so we can

keep our cemetery looking good.

Please get your donations to us as soon as possible. If we can buy the mower now we might get it at a better price.

Sincerely your caretakers:
Edward Baker, Roger Ely & Lonnie McGuire

Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Edward Baker Rt. 5 Box 61, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Committee is taking bids for the mowing and upkeep of The McKinney Cemetery located in the Blue Springs area of Rockcastle Co. Anyone interested in the mowing and upkeep of the McKinney Cemetery should send their bid, name, address and phone number to the McKinney Cemetery, PO Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 by March 21, 2002.

Brodhead Dairy Mart



Shown above from left: Paul Rice, Citizens Bank President Keith Smith and Roger Isaacs

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We applaud the efforts of business people like Paul and Roger and wish them the best of luck in their new business venture, Brodhead Dairy Mart. Dairy Mart is located on Hwy. 150 and are open seven days a week until midnight.

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