

Election nears, let's all be friends



The county election is drawing oh so near and for the most part it has been very quiet.

One good thing about this job is that you are somewhat involved.

Actually I love politics and always have.

At times it can be hilarious, at times frustrating and at times you get kind of aggravated because no-

matter what, we have every intention of treating people, all people, fairly.

In our bunch, we all have definite opinions about what should happen at the polls and who would do the best job for the general public.

We all don't necessarily agree, but we don't get mad about it and we don't hold grudges.

I think we all are intelligent enough to make up our own minds and to vote, for the person we think will do the best job and not the person who we think will do the most for us individually or for the person who has done things for us in the past.

The bottom line is that we all still have to work and live together when the county election is over.

And people will vote for whoever they want to for whatever reason. That is the way it is and the way it will always be and there simply should be no hard feelings.

One politician, he or she may be in office now or may not, I'm not going to say, but I've been told on several occasions, "Whatever I can do to help you - just let me know."

The only thing I'm going to say about that is: Mrs. Norma Houk has been in office for twenty years.

She doesn't have any opposition again because she apparently does a very good job.

She has always helped us with whatever we needed and at times she has gone the extra mile to provide information for us. The information is of course public record anyway.

But not one time in twenty years has she ever initiated a conversation that started with, "Whatever I can do to help you, just let me know."

It is my belief that she knows she is doing her job correctly and that by doing that she doesn't have to make such comments.

The point is - "just do your job."

I will say that I admire people who are willing to run for office. I know that in my hard headed bunch, (mainly the Anderkins and Taylors), defeat of any kind is not something that we take easily - we really don't care for it. We wouldn't kill anyone over a defeat (I don't think), but we simply don't care for it.

There are going to be a lot of losers come May 28th and again I admire those people who are willing to lose. At least by them getting involved it shows that they

care about what is going on in this county.

On a personal note: Mrs. Nancy Hale buried her mother Mrs. Betty Bruce on Monday.

While I did not know Mrs. Bruce very well, I do know Nancy Hale and I do know what a positive influence she has had on my children, especially my son.

My deepest sympathy goes out to her and her family.

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"Brothers"

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sent the Grand Jury on May 22nd. Burdette nor Matthews had any comment after the hearing. Caldwell is charged with felonies in Rockcastle County, one for assaulting a police officer.

"Award"

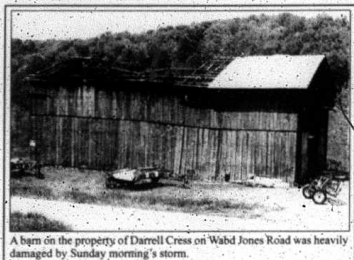
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I do. I am blessed in that I knew Betty Lewis as my friend, and I am humbled in receiving this award.

named in her honor. Because, I know how much she loved, and served children and I have done nothing close to what she did for our community's children. I miss her, and wish she were here with us today.

Others nominated were: Jack Stallsworth, Cheryl Franklin, Barry Adams, Gary and Sharon Langford and Twila Burdette.

Classified deadline is Noon Tuesday



A barn on the property of Darrell Cress on Wab Jones Road was heavily damaged by Sunday morning's storm.

2002 Children's Miracle Network Children's Picture Contest

Where: Rite Aid in Mt. Vernon
Entry Fee: \$5.00

How to Enter:
• Bring a child's (6 to 10 or 11-17) picture to Rite Aid. Starts May 8 to 11.
• Winner will be chosen by number of votes received.

Come vote for your favorite picture
Vote today at Rite Aid
Votes are only \$1.00

* Contest winner will receive a trophy on May 10

* All Proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network *

Contest ends on May 10

Rockcastle County Middle School School-based decision making: a parent's role:

School-based decision making was created in 1990 to involve teachers, parents, and principals in the process of helping all students reach higher standards of achievement. School councils have legal authority to make important decisions about teaching and learning in their own schools.

This opportunity for parents to be key decision-makers in schools is unique in the nation. No other state requires virtually all schools to have councils with parents as full members and with legal decision-making authority.

Parents should:

VOTE - in school council elections.

RUN - for school council positions as candidates.

PARTICIPATE - in the school council committee structure, by volunteering to serve on a committee or attending committee and council meetings.

You can serve if you have a child who will be enrolled in the middle school for the 2002-2003 school year and do not have a relative employed in the school.

SBDM: definition of relative - father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.

PARENT SBDM Elections

Monday, May 13 - Last day to nominate a parent. Submit nominations in writing to the principal. You must have a child who will be enrolled in the middle school next year before you can nominate or be nominated.

Tuesday, May 14 - PTC will conduct parent elections at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, would like
to nominate _____
for the position of parent member of the Rockcastle County
Middle School SBDM Council for the 2002-2003 school
year.

Date: _____
Signed: _____

PLEASE NOTE *Parents of fifth graders are eligible to vote, nominate, or serve if the student will promote to middle school this year.



Re-Elect CARLOTTIS County Judge-Executive

Progress is made by working closely with
other officials

I publicly thank our State Representative, Danny Ford, for helping to secure the state grant funding for many of the projects the county has worked on while I have served you as County Judge-Executive. The Livingston School Project is moving forward, and I have directed our jail's work release inmates to assist in the work to keep costs down. This work-release program began while I have been in office, and this project shows that, by using free inmate labor, we can make our grant funds go farther. I think this is a wise use of man-power. My opponent was mistaken when he informed you that our contractors were non-professionals. They are licensed and certified professionals from Brodhead, Mt. Vernon and Livingston.

While in office, progress has been made as follows:

1. Has brought in the largest amount of grant money ever in Rockcastle's history (\$5.8 million dollars). This does not even include the funding for water projects.
2. Changed 28 wooden bridges to concrete structures.
3. Has been the only County Judge-Executive who has personally worked alongside the Road Department in every snow storm to assure that roads are cleared.
4. Established the Jail Inmate Work Release program.
5. Has laid the largest amount of blacktop ever on Rockcastle County's roads.
6. Gained membership in the National Flood Insurance Program so Rockcastle's residents can, for the first time, get flood protection insurance.
7. Successfully worked to make the largest ever expansion of waterlines to serve rural residents.
8. Began the cemetery clean-up program.
9. Wrote the only parental responsibility ordinance ever in a Kentucky county in an effort to protect Rockcastle's taxpayers from staggering juvenile criminal detention bills.
10. Constructed the new football field at Roundstone Elementary School.
11. It made no sense to Calhoun to have Rockcastle's money going to another county to house our prisoners, so he expanded our jail in order to bring state money to Rockcastle at the rate of \$55,000 per month.
12. Established a county-wide emergency communications center.
13. Continues with his efforts to blacktop cemetery roads.
14. Worked to construct new baseball field at Brodhead.
15. Received federal and state funding to establish, for the first time, an emergency operations center in the county.
16. Worked to construct a new Industrial Park.
17. Provided for the public library's expansion.
18. Lowered unemployment insurance rates the county had been paying by changing business practices.
19. Made major reconstruction of several roads.
20. Established a new Road Department garage.
21. Has brought more positive statewide newspaper attention and coverage for Rockcastle County than ever before.
22. Was the only Kentucky County Judge-Executive chosen at a state convention to be interviewed by National Public Radio.
23. Worked to see that the courthouse is extraordinarily clean.
24. Provided for increase of county funds to fire departments.
25. Remodeled several courthouse offices for better efficiency.
26. Was chosen by neighboring County Judges to serve as chairman of the Executive Committee of the region's Community Action Agency.
27. Worked with the Rockcastle Development Board to establish the only Video Telecommunications Center in a courthouse in Kentucky with free public Internet use.
28. Worked to establish first ever health insurance for employees.
29. Stood up for the Republican Party's principles by speaking on statewide television against the consolidation of counties because it would have weakened the citizens' voice in local affairs, led to a tax increase, and concentrated political power in the hands of a few.

"With your continued support, I will, as County Judge-Executive, keep doing the work you have entrusted in me with fairness, honesty, and unquestioned integrity. I need your support to keep the good work moving ahead."

Buzz Carlotis
County Judge-Executive

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