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Relay for Life, Aug. 2

The next Relay for Life planning meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, at 5:30 at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the courthouse. Please talk with co-workers, neighbors, church members or friends and consider forming a team to walk in the event. If you are interested in forming a team then please attend this meeting to receive your team packet. If you have already signed up to be a team captain then you will also need to attend this meeting.

If you could provide entertainment, such as bands or individual singers, at the August 2nd event then please call Sandra Bullock at 758-8058, Robin Rumsey at 256-0088 or Mary Ann McNew at 256-4046. You may also contact these ladies if you are a survivor of cancer.

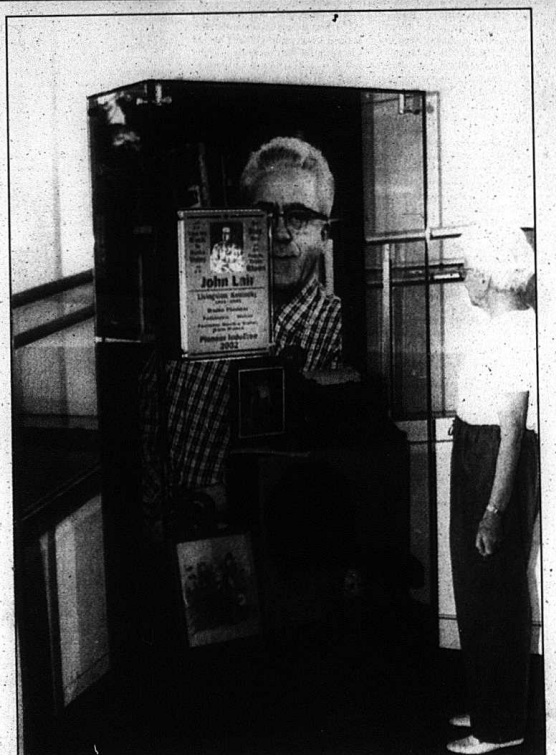
The Relay for Life event will be held at the Rockcastle County Middle School football field on Friday, August 2, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. It is an overnight fundraising event filled with activities, entertainment, food and community spirit. Relay for Life was originally created as an overnight event in 1985 to represent the fact that cancer never sleeps. A cancer patient endures months and sometimes years of treatment and life changing issues. Staying overnight at the Relay for Life is one small way that we symbolize and support the struggles of cancer patients and their families.

The theme for the event will be Rockin' Relay. If you have any questions about the event or how you may help then you may call Kelly McClure at 256-4122, Danielle Smith at 256-3907, Tom & Darlene Larkey at 878-9412, Darlene Mink at 758-9700, Jill Ponder at 256-3615 or Cynthia Rogers at 679-3287.

Mrs. Dean Singleton, was diagnosed with breast cancer in February of 2000. "I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. By the 25th of February, I had surgery followed with chemo treatments and 35 radiation treatments," Singleton said.

"With the help of doctors, nurses, prayers and much encouragement from family, church friends and school friends, I am now in remission. Thank the Lord. The support and encouragement of our community for this event would be greatly appreciated," she added.

Cancer Survivor Dean Singleton



Rockcastle County's newest tourist attraction is the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum, which is located in Renfro Valley. Among the first Hall of Fame inductees were Mr. John Lair, founder of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance. Shown above is his daughter, Mrs. Ann Lair Henderson, looking over his exhibit in the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. For more information call (606)256-1000.

Devolpment board looks to future of Rockcastle

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held its regular meeting on Tuesday.

Because fiscal years end on June 30, Executive Director Bige Towery of the Rockcastle County Development Board and Chairman John Clontz of the Industrial Development Authority gave an update to the fiscal court's magistrates on the status of development potential in the county.

Clontz and Towery spoke of the work that has been conducted by several Development Board Task Forces that have been meeting on a regular basis on everything from garbage collection and beautification to education and business/job creation.

Their report suggests that more activity has been generated by these working groups than perhaps ever in the past. A notable accomplishment expected to be delivered in written form to the fiscal court in October or November will be the Rockcastle County Long-Range Community Comprehensive Development Plan, which has been in the works for a couple of years and will be the result of community meetings that were held at the high school, the city halls and the courthouse and that were attended by hundreds of citizens.

Meetings are still being held toward this effort. One of the major results of having such a comprehensive plan for Rockcastle County will be the increased acceptance to all the communities' requests made to the state and federal government funding sources, according to Towery.

Another item discussed by Towery and Clontz was the work of the Kentucky Renaissance's local board in Mt. Vernon, in its effort to bring a revitalization of the Main

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Marijuana found at Livingston

Twenty-five marijuana plants were found in Livingston last week by Livingston police officer William Harris and Kentucky State Police Officer Coby Smith.

According to a news release, Smith and Harris were investigating a complaint at the home of Amanda Beautin, 20, Livingston, when they found the plants growing in six different pots behind a storage bus on Beautin's property.

Harris said the plants have been sent to the Kentucky State Police lab for analysis and that no arrests have been made.

Harris said the case would be presented to the Rockcastle Grand Jury.

One month left to apply for assistance because of storms

Rockcastle residents and business owners who suffered losses in the severe storms, tornadoes and floods in April and May have one month left in which to register for state and federal recovery assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will accept applications through July 8 for those in the 32 disaster-designated counties. The deadline for submitting loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for flood-related losses to real and personal property is July 6.

"We want people to understand that these are application deadlines," said Mike Bolch of FEMA, the federal coordinating officer. "The requests of individuals who have already applied will continue to be processed. But by law we can't accept any new applications after the July 8 date."

State Coordinating Officer Cash Centers said he hoped the commonwealth and FEMA had been able to reach everyone who needs recovery assistance in this latest of Kentucky's disasters in 2002.

"We're in constant contact with the news media and community relations personnel are reaching out to people in isolated areas," he said. "But we depend a lot on friends, family and neighbors to urge people who have suffered losses and need assistance to call the FEMA number."

Bolch and Centers urge those who have not yet applied to do so as soon as possible by calling the toll-free registration line at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may call the TTY registration number at 1-800-462-7585. Phone lines are open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Oaks here Saturday

The Oak Ridge Boys are scheduled to perform two shows at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center on Saturday. At this stage in their career, the Oak Ridge Boys have garnered more musical achievements than they have had hot dinners. Three decades

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Lion's Club Events

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club announced last week the gift of a cornea transplant to Mr. James Bragg of Conway. Mr. Bragg received his operation on his cornea and is doing very well with great improvement of eyesight. Pictured with Mr. Bragg, center, is at left: Lions Club president David DeBoard and at right, secretary Cledith Thacker.

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club presented the Roger and LeeAnn's Grand Illusion Magic Show at Mt. Vernon Elementary on June 1st. A large crowd turned out for the event.