

"Relay"

(Cont. from Front)

was the car to be driving. There was actually shows on television that had morals and good clean family fun. Yeah, those were the days for some of you.



The Rockcastle County Republican Party donated \$500 each to four Republican candidates on Monday night. Above, State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon, right, is shown receiving his check from Republican Chairman Alonzo McCollum. Ford, who has served ten terms in the State House, faces opposition from Lincoln County lawyer, J. Paul Long.



Former State Senator Barry Metcalf, left, receives his check from McCollum. Metcalf is trying to unseat incumbent Democrat Ed Worley, whose wife, Jamie, is a native Rockcastle County. Both Worley and Metcalf live in Madison County. The party also presented \$500 checks to Rockcastle third district magistrate Bill McKinney and first district challenger David Gibbs.

You see, I didn't have much of an opportunity to enjoy these simple pleasures that some of us often take for granted. I had a unique childhood because on Valentine's Day in 1985 I was diagnosed with leukemia. I was just your regular 5-year-old before disaster struck. I enjoyed playing with hot wheels in the mud and picking fights with my older brother. It

only took one day to change it all.

My mother had just finished her boards in nursing school and had noticed some peculiar physical changes in my body. Paleness, weakness and things of that nature. The symptoms only got worse, so I went to make a visit with the pediatrician that she was working for in Berea. He had some blood work done and officially diagnosed me with leukemia. This was worse than anything we had ever expected. He recommended St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and had made arrangements for us there. The next thing I know is that my mother, father and I were making a trip to a place that seemed days away. The doctors there initially thought that if the cancer wasn't stopped soon that I may only have months to live.

Luckily, I came from a strong Christian family and we knew what to do in this situation. Prayers of those in my family and pretty much the whole state finally paid off when I was put into remission in the spring. Doctors and researchers at St. Jude did a commendable job in assuring that there were no signs of my cancer. All together I was in an isolated room for about seven months, and received over 300 chemotherapy treatments, not to mention all my hair fell out twice. Sure I have left out quite a few details in my story, but most things are hard to remember. I could only consider it a gift of God in not letting me relive such traumatic events.

This gift came along with many others. While suffering with my ordeal, I received a set of drums. This was only thought to be therapeutic. Nobody thought that God would bless me with the ability to actually play them at age 5, but he did. I am still playing drums along with guitar, piano, mandolin and bass. I also sing and write songs. I have wonderful health, a loving family and great friends (one in particular). I am not bragging, only counting my blessings.

I am a very lucky person, I try not to take a lot of things for granted and I try to make each day better than the last. I hope that I can make someone's day a little better because you never know, cancer may stick its ugly head into their lives tomorrow!

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Death Notice

"Buddy" Adams

John "Buddy" Adams, 74, of Ormond Beach, Florida, and formerly of Brodhead, died Sunday, July 7, 2002 in Florida. He was the son of the late Alfred and Bertha Moore Adams. He was a supervisor for the Fox Paper Company for 40 years and Navy Veteran of WWII having served in the South Pacific.

Survivors are his wife, Pat Adams of Ormond Beach, Florida, five brothers, Ronnie Adams of Brodhead, Jack, Charles, Jim and Butch Adams; a sister, Carolyn McKinney of Brodhead. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Adams and two sisters, Juanita Browning and Annamarie Valasquez. Services were Friday, July 12, at the Vorhis Funeral Home in Lockland, Ohio. Burial was in the National Cemetery in Dayton.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

"Gregory"

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story telling. It's an act written, produced and performed for an audience of people who bought a ticket. In my view, these are not fans, they're customers. Anytime I'm on stage they're getting their money's worth. If that's so, they'll come back again. And they've been coming back again and again for a lot of years now. For which I am grateful," Gregory stated. Gregory will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$20 and \$22 plus tax and handling. For reservations and information call 800-765-7464 or (606)256-2638.

"Budget"

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rowed money from the water and sewer fund to balance the books, but she says because of the payroll and

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net profits tax that did not happen this year.

The payroll tax generated approximately \$178,000 and the net profits tax only just over \$10,000.

The council has met several times concerning the budget and when they meet on July 15th, there will no doubt be another budget showdown.

Mayor King and council members Clarke Kirby and Jackie Renner are all candidates for Mayor in the fall election.

Other candidates for Mayor are Doug Bullock and Jody Adams.

"Arson"

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Benge said that hay at the farm of Donald Norcetta Thompson was also intentionally set on fire Tuesday morning, but that the fire department was not called.

Thompson had helped firefighters at the Harst farm move round bales with his tractor to create a gap.

"There is no doubt someone set those fires," he said.

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