

A good friend of public dies



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Former Jailor and Sheriff Billy Kirby died this week.

His family is grieving and our thoughts are with them.

He was a genuine person, who did a great job as Jailor and Sheriff and he was very compassionate to even his inmates that no doubt sometimes did not deserve it.

He took his years of service to the county very seriously and he and his wife, Gladys, were true public servants.

As a young person, who did not always check everything out because of inexperience, I assumed one time that he had posted a bond

for some of his relatives because I saw the name Billy Kirby on a bond at the clerk's office and I printed that.

Big mistake!
I should have known better or at least checked it out. He was quite upset and should have been, but after he talked with me and pointed out my error, he just basically laughed about it.

He realized that I had not intentionally tried to cause him any problems and he was very cooperative. We had become good friends ever since.

He will be missed.
On a different note, a local attorney pointed out to me that the Bill of Rights was not implemented for the majority, but for the minority, and we when we actually think about it and research the matter you realize that he is correct.

The U.S. takes into consideration everyone's rights and, well they should.

"Owens"

(Cont. from Front)

rent member of the school board from division three said this week that he is not filing for re-election.

Dr. Griffith has served on the school board for 10 years and has been chairman for the last eight years.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments the Rockcastle County School System has made in the past several years," he said.

"The system works very well and children always come first," he added.

The filing deadline for school board races is August 13th.

"Council"

(Cont. from Front)

of having enough money to operate the city, but some members of the council are not willing to approve a tax increase of any kind.

Mayor King and the council agreed to form a committee which includes all council members to review the budget again. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday night at 7 p.m.

"Child Support"

(Cont. from Front)

Performance Enhancement, Division of Outcome Based Contracts in Frankfort, found that Burdette's office was in total compliance for the year. There were zero deficiencies found in both the monitoring of child support, as well as the financial records of the program.

The collection of delinquent child support payments statewide is an efficient system that reaps nearly seven times that the state invests into it, according to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, whose office collects delinquent child support payments. During fiscal year 2001, county attorneys collected more than \$63 million from the delinquent child support payers.

"County attorneys who collect delinquent child support payments have increased collections over the last several years," Burdette said.

Contracting official and county attorneys receive only about \$9 million in funding from the state budget for child support collections efforts, according to Burdette.

"The fact that we return more than \$63 million is a testament to those who work so hard for the children. That means we returned nearly seven times what the government invested in the program," Burdette said. "There aren't many businesses that can earn seven dollars for every one dollar they are given."

"These figures are clear indicators that county attorneys are making a difference in children's lives across the state," said Steve O'Connor, president of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association. "Burdette is part of the leadership in the Kentucky County Attorneys Association," he added.

Burdette said his office becomes involved in child support collection after a parent falls behind in payments or when there needs to be an order establishing a child support obligation. County attorneys do not ordinarily involve themselves in visitation disputes, but instead devote

their efforts entirely to child support issues.

"The legislature sets the guidelines, we enforce them and the judges interpret the applications we make," Burdette said.

"It takes a lot of research and preparation to get children the support they deserve," Assistant County Attorney Bill Reynolds said. "In a perfect world, we would not need this service because provisions would be made for all children. But until that day arrives, we are willing to do our part and even more to help the children of Rockcastle County and Kentucky."

The child support programs are graded monthly on their performance, and since taking office in 1994, the Rockcastle Program has consistently scored in the top ten percent statewide. County Attorney Burdette and assistant Reynolds attribute the success of the program to their staff. "Patty Hayes, Julie Adams and Kathy Robinson make our job easier by truly caring about the work, and the needs of these children. Always there are those that still need help so the job is ongoing," Burdette said.

Patty Hayes, senior child support caseworker is slated to leave the Child Support Office near the end of the month to pursue other interests, and spend more time with her family. She has been with the County Attorney's Child Support Program for nearly seven years. "Both Billy and I are thankful for Patty's contribution to our community's children, and as we do, she has viewed this job as a mission field. She will be missed," Burdette said.

"Stewart"

(Cont. from Front)

Center, Inc. It will be surveyed by JCAHO later this year.

The hospital was established in 1956 and treats patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states. For more information, log on to www.rockcastlehospital.org

"Survivor"

(Cont. from Front)

you seriously. GO to other doctors! You know your body more than anyone, just keep going until someone will run the tests that are needed to find your problem," Martha said.

"I've been treated for cancer, weekly for the last two years. I'm here today by the Grace of God! By the time my breast cancer was diagnosed, it had already spread to my liver, lungs and bones. The Lord is the Great Physician, he can perform instant miracles, but He also works through doctors, nurses, knowledge that He gives us to use His creations of plants, etc. to make medicines, prayers and angels on earth known as friends who pray for us. I have been truly blessed! In addition to my family and friends who support me, pray for me and take me to Lexington for my chemo treatments, I have a great oncologist at Markey Cancer Center and a new drug, Herceptin. It's produced in our own bodies, and wasn't available for treatment of cancer until just a few years ago.

In other words, if I had gotten my cancer a few years earlier, I'd be dead. So, as you can see, we need to keep researching for new drugs to help find a cure for this disease that touches ALL our lives. Please get involved in the "American Cancer Society Relay for Life," the life you help save may be your own!

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