

Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon set for September 14th

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. A defective gene causes the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus. This abnormal mucus leads to chronic and life-threatening lung infections and impairs digestion. Currently, there is no cure.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-supported scientists, however, are writing a remarkable medical success story. They are quickly translating information from the laboratory — such as knowledge about the inner workings of CF cells — into promising new strategies for therapies. In fact, more clinical trials are underway than ever before.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has consistently been recognized as one of the top voluntary health organizations in the United States for efficiently using its money raised to invest in research and medical programs. According to *SmartMoney*, the magazine of *Yale Wall Street Journal*, the CF Foundation is a charity that "won't waste your money."

By investing the CF Foundation you are helping to fund the landmark research that will, one day, make a tremendous difference in the lives of those with the disease. With your help, we can give the children and adults with CF the quality of life and the future they deserve. Together, we are fighting tomorrow's every day.

Bicycle riders and donations are needed for the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon, Saturday, September 14, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Broadhead School. In case of rain, the event will be held September 21. Come have fun, and help save lives of Precious Children with CF. You

may pick up sponsor sheets from the office at Broadhead School, Nelson Graves at the middle school or at either Citizens Bank. Then collect the money to turn in on September 14. No age limit, you may ride or walk to participate. A parent or guardian MUST accompany child if under 18. Have checks made payable to: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The event will be supervised, and refreshments will be served to all participants. The ones collecting the most money will receive one of the following: 1 of 2 - 26" bicycles, 1 of 9 basketballs, 1 of 3 pizzas (Pizza Hut), Renfro Valley Show tickets, 1 of 4 back packs, 1 of 8 sport watches, harmonica set, 1 of 2 music CD's, 1 of 2 hoop-ropes, 200 and catch game, Spongebowl Ball, 1 of 2 Crazy Crafts Cutters, mini skateboard, mini gumball set, junior bubbles set, jump rope, ink spirograph, mini basketball, door game, nerf basketball game, 50 twenty balloons set, mini chalkboard, 6 pk. hot cars, walkie talkie set, 1 of 2 marble games, kite, ring toss set, super party, 250 pk. water balloons, Lisa Frank beauty set, 2 pk. yo-yo's, jump rope pack, frisbee, 1 of 2 magic mits, Lisa Frank hair wave set, 1 of 2 groovy diaries, Etch-A-Sketch game pen, yard horse shoe set, 1 of 3 puzzles, 1 of 2 gripe-rice balls, 1 of 2 8 pk. water gun sets, hair products from Celen's. The one collecting the most money may choose a prize — then second — third — on through.

In addition the prizes above: Collect \$10.00 and get an ice cream cone from Dari Delite. Collect \$5.00 and receive an CF t-shirt. Plus many other choices listed on each sponsor sheet.

Any questions? Call Clara Proctor at (606)758-8555.

Library News

By Kathy McKibben

At this time again when all of our youth start school here in Rockcastle County! The new school year brings with it some new additions to our collection here at the Rockcastle County Public Library. Recently our Children's Library received fifteen learning boxes from the Rockcastle Community Early Childhood Council in cooperation with the Governor's Kids Now Initiative.

At this time we want to say thank you for the support of your library. The learning boxes are ready for checkout! There are several items in each kit; an exhaustive list comes with each box. At this time we are making them available to educators and day care givers for four weeks at the time. The learning boxes target an audience primarily for preschoolers. Some of the boxes would be advantageous to first and second graders.

The subject areas for the learning boxes consist of language arts, music, science, art and early childhood development toys and activities for infants and toddlers. The library has three boxes that are identical in each

subject area. There are learning games, toys, musical instruments, art supplies, reproducible activity books, board books and toys.

We hope that you will take advantage of these boxes that are being made available. The children's library also has art drying racks and five ways easels available for checkout. We want to work with our community and school educators to instill an appreciation for reading, creativity and the arts. We hope this school year brings a sense of accomplishment to all who serve in educating our youth for a better tomorrow. Working together works!

Mrs. Pam Chaffin continues to serve the community in several ways, one of which is driving the bookmobile to various parts of the county. She is dedicated to service outside the library as well as keeping a tight ship at the Library! We appreciate you!

Our adult library has some new fiction and non-fiction books that have been added to the collection: *The Voyage of Reckless* by Barbara Delinsky, *Morgue* by Terry Brooks, *Red Rabbit* by Tom Clancy, *An Accidental Woman* by Barbara Delinsky and *The Death of the West* by Patrick J. Buchanan. We want to mention a new series for our junior readers that we have recently acquired by K.A. Applegate called "Remnants." K.A. Applegate is the author of the popular series *Animorphs*. This series has a target audience of 9-13 years of age.

Come on in and see what new items are in the adult library as well as the children's library. Also don't forget story hour for preschool age every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. with singing, abc's, counting, recognizing colors, shapes, reading, crafts and snack time. Connect @ your library.

"Letters"

(Cont. From A-2)

Saturdays or seven days a week, but if you don't live a Christian life, you are not a Christian.

6. You need to get down on your knees and pray to God to forgive you for hurting your neighbor. You need to ask her to forgive you for hurting her like you did.

7. We know the names of everyone involved in this petition causing hurt and pain to this person.

8. This person is not a well person and to cause her this much pain is unforgivable.

9. How do you sleep at night?

10. No one ever complained before you all moved there.

11. Have only pity for people like you.

12. This used to be a good town before you moved here.

13. I regret ever moving here.

14. The people in my hometown always tried to help people not deliberately hurt them.

15. Why don't you go back where you came from, then maybe our town will be decent again. Your other so called friends can lick you blankety blank if they want to, but not me. You were wrong to do what you did. Dead wrong.

Mayzell Ries
Broadhead, KY

"AAA"

(Cont. From Front)

and on foot. All motorists are being reminded that most kids have little experience in dealing with traffic situations and drivers must use extra caution during the first week of school. Chief Mink is encouraging citizens to anticipate being delayed by school buses loading and unloading, and to allow extra time for their morning or afternoon commute.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 14 years of age and under. One-fourth of all children who die in these crashes are pedestrians.

"Everyone needs to take extra precaution during this hectic time of the year," said Lilla S. Mason, Director of the Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation. "Often, parents can become distracted by excited children and trying to get to work on time, and children are distracted by the excitement of the first day of school."

AAA's annual School's Open - Drive Carefully campaign reminds all that school children travel the roadways on a regular schedule. Adjusting your schedule by just five or ten minutes can help you avoid busy pedestrian zones and frequent bus stops.

During this campaign, AAA and the Mount Vernon Police are noting that drivers should recognize that it is more difficult for a child to judge traffic situations because their potential vision is one-third narrower than an adult's.

Challenges lie ahead for mayor



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The race is definitely on for the Mayor's office in the City of Mt. Vernon.

Six challengers who have met the qualifications will try and unseat the current incumbent Mayor in November and whoever comes out the victor has a big job in front of them. There are budget problems; personnel problems and other various problems, such as street problems the next Mayor will have to address.

One thing the next Mayor should keep in mind is how important economic development is to the city and Rockcastle County as a whole.

The last budget passed by the council and Mayor only a few weeks ago did not have enough money in it to meet the city's promised financial payment to the Rockcastle County Development Board.

The Development Board works hard to attract jobs to the county, which is of utmost importance if the county is going to continue to grow. With the loss of jobs recently at one of the county's largest employers it is more important now than ever.

In order to have a good, progressive county, people must work and live in the county.

Last year the council voted to provide \$25,000 in the county board each year, to help keep the Development Board in proper financial shape.

This year's budget appropriated only \$13,000.

The \$12,000 cut was made because the Mayor and some council members said it would help balance a strapped city budget.

NEWS FLASH!

The budget doesn't really balance anyway.

Whoever the next Mayor is, he or she must know what is most important and economic development is at the top of the list.

The council is obligated to provide services, but in most cases, citizens of Mt. Vernon pay for those services anyway.

The next Mayor and council should also remember that people can't pay taxes and for services if they don't have a job. Rockcastle County residents and especially those in the Livingston area should know that the old school property is being renovated.

I visited the facility this week and although there is an enormous amount of work to be done, the Rockcastle Fiscal Court and Judge-Executive should be commended on the effort they have put forth in restoring the property.

When the county took over the property and State Representative Danny Ford obtained a state grant in the amount of \$100,000 the property had almost completely been destroyed.

The county has gone in there and done an excellent job of getting started on a complete renovation.

It is amazing what improvements have taken place, especially in the old gym, where there will once again be basketball during the annual homecoming.

With the help of local Jailer James Miller and the supervision of Bill Sowder, James Renner and Judge Carolotis, the county has stretched the grant money as efficiently as possible.

Most of the work that has been done at the property has been done with work release prisoners, which has cut the cost of the project tremendously.

If you had seen the property before work began, you would be amazed at the improvements.

The county should be proud of what they have been able to do at the site.

"School"

(Cont. From Front)

building, in addition to the preservation of its historic era status, will be a very good addition to Rockcastle County.

"We hope to see it used by all of Rockcastle County's residents for indoor recreation and maybe even a place for family reunions," the Judge said.

"In all honesty, it's looking better than I had thought possible," he said. The gym will be used for the annual Old Timers game during the Livingston Homecoming during Labor Day weekend.

"Raid"

(Cont. From Front)

also found, including parts to a 1999 GMC truck, which had been stolen from John Hamm Auto Sales in Rockcastle County a few weeks ago.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette confirmed that he wrote search warrants for the house on Paul Street and police said that State Trooper Life Owens was heading both investigations.

No arrests have been made.

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