

Rockcastle Hospital joins SCC in new radiography program

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. (RHRCC), CEO Steve Estes announced today that the Mt. Vernon-based healthcare organization had committed its financial and clinical support to Somerset Community College (SCC) for the creation of a new health occupations program in radiography.

"We are dedicated to providing quality healthcare services to the people of this region so they don't have to travel far for the care they need. To do that, we must have highly-trained professionals in a number of fields," Estes said. "SCC has demonstrated that it does an excellent job of training local people for local healthcare jobs and we are pleased to again partner with them to make the radiography program possible."

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, 60 long-term beds for ventilator-dependent patients, 105 long-term nursing care beds, a home health care service, and a state-of-the-art medical office building, all of which are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

"This generous gift will allow Somerset Community College to add a seventh career field to our Health Division," said Jo Marshall, the President and CEO of Somerset Community College. "Communities in this area are currently experiencing a shortage of qualified technologists. I think it's wonderful that Rockcastle Hospital has made it possible for us to fill that need with SCC graduates. Rockcastle Hospital has been and continues to be a valued partner in the education of the citizens of South Central Kentucky."

Three additional area hospitals also have made funding pledges for the new radiography program. They are Wayne County Hospital, Clinton County Hospital and Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

The radiography program will prepare an individual to become a radiographer, whose primary function is to administer ionizing radiation for medical diagnostic imaging. The program will emphasize quality patient care and radiation protection. The Associate of Applied Science Degree will feature a course of study concentrating on radiography, basic science and mathematics.

The program at Somerset Community College, like the other six health occupations programs, will employ a selective admissions process. Students wishing to enter the program will be required to submit a separate application. The program will then select students based upon standard criteria.

A survey conducted by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists shows that more than 80 percent of those radiographic technologists surveyed reported earning more than \$40,000 per year.

Employment opportunities in radiography are expected to be very favorable. There are some shortages of qualified technologists at the present time. Hospitals are the principal employers of radiologic technologists, however, a number of new jobs are expected to open in doctor's offices and outpatient clinics over the next 10 years.

According to Somerset Commu-

nity College's proposal to begin the radiography program, which was submitted to KCTCS earlier this year, six other KCTCS colleges currently have the program. Those programs are located in Louisville, Madisonville, Elizabethtown, Owensboro and Bowling Green. The proposal records that all of the graduates of the other program obtained employment within three months of graduation.

The first students are expected to be admitted to the Somerset radiography program during the Fall semester of 2003. However, prospective applicants for the radiography program could begin their general education courses as soon as the Spring semester in January 2003.

RHRCC is a non-profit organization that serves patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states. It was established in 1956.

For more information, log on to www.rockcastlehospital.org or call 606-256-2195.

Fife graduates

Army Pfc. Geoffrey W. Fife has graduated from the wire systems installer/multichannel communications equipment repairer course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia.

The course provided instruction for soldiers to install, operate and perform operator and organizational maintenance checks and services on voltage and current protection devices, telephones and auxiliary equipment.

Fife is the son of Colene R. Roberts of Mt. Vernon.

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deadline is
Noon Tuesday**



The Crossroads Assembly of God will be having a Special Service and Dinner in Honor of all Veterans on Nov. 10. Service will begin at 11 a.m. with dinner being served immediately afterwards. S.F.C. Ron Fugate will be the Guest Speaker. He has served in Desert Storm, Haiti and Kosovo. He is currently stationed in Georgia, where he teaches R.O.T.C. at N.W. University of Georgia. All Veterans are welcome, so come and enjoy your special day. You served our country, now let us serve you.

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on Amendment #2

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Sylvia Lowery is the Executive Director of Kentucky League of Cities.

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Citizens and Voters of Mt. Vernon! The time is here to cast your vote for our future. I would like to, once again, state what I believe our city needs and my views on these issues. Many of these issues have been voiced by you, the voters and citizens, throughout this campaign. Your priorities seem to be as follows and, if I am elected Mayor and with your help, these issues will be addressed with the utmost urgency:

1. Audits of city spending over the last few years. The first week in office will be devoted to getting all documents ready to give to our auditor.
2. More jobs for our community. I plan on getting very aggressive in the search for new factories for our city. We need the natural gas pipeline to draw them here since so many people have said they want to work. It may take tax and or water deferments also, but we need places for our people to work.
3. Street repair. 5 more streets have been added to the number of streets that already needed repairs and resurfacing. With winter coming up, there will be a need for snow scraping and I hope to add to our list of needs to keep city streets clear also.
4. Ditchlines. As I have gone around, I see many ditches that are running over, even with a small rain. The street at Carter's Market can be easily made to drain, along with so many others. I have made ditch lines along many other state highways so I know what needs done.
5. Police Patrol. After discussing this with individuals and police patrolmen, I feel changes can be made to where we could have patrols in many areas that have seen vandalism and thefts. And, if needed, Sheriff-Elect Donnell Dean has promised back up.
6. Sewer Plant and Sewer Lines. Many residents have complained about the smells and, to combat this, there are chemicals that can be added. But, another solution would be, due to the future growth I foresee, to move the sewer treatment facility further down away from residential areas and also make it larger for the growth. Also, I would like to see, in the next two years, all homes on city sewer instead of septic tanks.
7. I do have a concern with doubling the water pumped from our lake since, in the summer, there are places you can almost walk across. So, I think this should be researched and discussed more.
8. Cablevision. I want to make sure that people are getting fair rates and the right programming from Charter Communications.
9. I would like to install an early warning siren system for severe weather or, the unthinkable, leakage of gases from the Richmond Army Depot.

I would like to address all these issues and budget items, without cutting any jobs or benefits. I need your help and vote to try to make all these things possible for our city. I have always given 110% of myself to a cause. I am a member of Central Baptist Church where I have held the offices of treasurer, assistant treasurer, song leader and trustee.

May God bless each of us. Thank you again for your kindness.

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