

Library News

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We are moving right along with the month of November at the Rockcastle County Public Library. Next Tuesday, November 19th at 1 p.m. we will be having a special presentation of "Johnny Appleseed" as part of our Story hour for the preschool children. We look forward to a good attendance. Bring your preschooler out for a wonderful performance from Harold Burdette, who is part of the Storybook Chautauqua Series. Harold will be in full costume as he portrays "Johnny Appleseed." Recently we had an enjoyable evening with three of the presenters from Storybook Chautauqua, and we want the children of this county to be exposed to this creative way to promote education, the arts and literacy.

There are several new book titles that have been processed, cataloged and ready for checkout in the Adult area of the library. Adult Fiction: *Quentin by Maeve Benichy*; *Q is for Quarry* by Sue Graham; *A Parchment of Leaves* by Silas D. House (a Ken-

tucky author); *The Murder Book* by Jonathan Kellerman; *Jordan's Star* by Gilbert Morris; *Heart of a Lion* by Gilbert Morris; *Non-Fiction: Children with Autism: A Parent's Guide* edited by Michael D. Powers; *A Will of His Own: Reflections on Parenting a Child with Autism* by Kelly Harland; *Children with Cerebral Palsy* by Elaine Geras. Biography: *Sergeant York: an American Hero* by David D. Lee.

The Children's Library just received 21 new book titles from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, which were on display at the McConnell Center for the Study of Children's Literature. These books are certainly appreciated and we wish to thank KDLE and our Regional Librarian Ruth Henson for requesting these books for our Library. These books will be processed and ready for checkout in the near future.

Come and visit us here at your Library. We are always ready to lend a hand to help you find the information you are looking for. Connect @ your Library!



My family and I want to thank Jack and Dawn Stallworth for all their love and support over the 2 1/2 years at Conway Baptist Church. We think Jack is a great man of God who goes above and beyond the call of duty as a pastor and friend. We also think Dawn is a wonderful beautiful Christian. Jack and Dawn always show Jesus in their everyday lives. It is an honor to know them and to be a part of their family. There will never be another pastor who could ever take Jack's place in our hearts.
David and Tina, Louise, Jesse

November is gun safety month

In November is Gun Safety month. In a home where guns are kept, the degree of safety a child has rests squarely on the child's parents. Parents who accept the responsibility to learn, practice and teach gun safety rules will ensure their child's safety to a much greater extent than those who do not.

Remember the rules: 1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. 2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. 3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot. 4. Treat all guns as if they were loaded. Other tips: Know your target and what is beyond, wear eye and ear protection as appropriate, never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting. You are responsible for the safe use of all guns which you own, even if one is used without your knowledge. Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Mature, responsible gun-handlers realize that unsafe behavior is not acceptable. A person who knows how to handle and shoot guns properly

does not act carelessly, does not try to show off with guns, does not play unsafe games with guns, does not damage or destroy property, does not disobey gun laws and does not break any of the gun safety rules.

Help support the shooting sports and our Second Amendment rights by taking someone hunting or introducing them to the shooting sports in November.

If you need more information, contact your local gun store owner, the National Rifle Association, the Gun Owners of America, your local Hunter Education instructor, or ask your local sheriff for a list of Certified Concealed Deadly Weapon instructors.

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Hospital announces personnel changes

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. recently announced the addition of two new staff members.

Sybil Forsythe, MS CFJ/SLP, speech therapist, has joined the Rehabilitation Department. Forsythe has a bachelor's and master's degree in speech pathology from the University of Kentucky. She provides speech therapy for patients of all ages to help improve the quality of life for those who've suffered a stroke, head injury, hearing disorder, head and neck cancer, language delays, stuttering, motor speech disorders, feeding or swallowing problems. She is married to Solomon Forsythe.

Lindsay Gabbard, RD, has joined the dietary staff. She is a registered dietitian with a bachelor's degree in dietetics from the University of Kentucky. She assesses patients' nutritional needs and works with doctors to determine the best course of dietary intervention for each person. She is married to Brent Gabbard.

The hospital also announced the following promotions:

Courtney Sumner, RN, has been named director of Home Health Services. She began her career at RHRCC in 2001 as a Home Health nurse. Sumner earned a nursing degree from Eastern Kentucky University. RHRCC's program is the only Rockcastle County home health service that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. She has a daughter, Chelsea.

Carmen Poynter has been promoted to director of human re-

sources. Poynter is a 19-year employee most recently serving as administrative assistant and personnel manager. She previously served as payroll clerk. She is married to Dwight Poynter and has two sons, Dustin and Devin.

Melissa Brock, formerly accounts receivable manager, is now administrative assistant to CEO Steve Estes. Brock is a five-year employee beginning her career through the high school co-op program. She earned an associate's degree in business and office systems from Eastern Kentucky University. She and husband, Jason Brock have a daughter, Ashlyn.

Sharon Bishop has been named accounts receivable manager. A 23-year RHRCC employee, Bishop most recently worked in the outpatient billing department. She is married to Robbin Bishop and has one son, Quenton.

Janice Mullins, RT (R) (M), has been promoted to director of radiology. Mullins has been a radiology technologist for the hospital, where she has worked for 18 years. She has an associate's degree in radiology science from Lexington Technical Institute. She is married to Doug Mullins and has two children, Sarah and Christopher.

Founded in 1956, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., is a not-for-profit community hospital and healthcare organization. For more information about any of the programs managed by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., visit www.rockcastlehospital.org or call (606)256-2195.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

It's me again, Linda McWhorter, last week, my daughter wrote a letter to the editor. I had nothing to do with it. She was wrongly accused of something she did not do as was I. She quit her job. I agreed to say I was told I was a valued employee and

that they didn't want to lose me. Then tonight 11:40Z the day after the paper came out. I was told to hand over my keys. I asked why. I was told it was because of the letter my daughter wrote. I told them I had nothing to do with the letter. They said she would have known it would jeopardize my job. Therefore I turned over my keys and left. So if you go into the shop please don't ask where I am, for you will just be told lies. For I did not steal or quit my job. I was fired because of a letter to the editor.

Linda McWhorter
Renfro Valley, KY

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CLARICE RENNER KIRBY

Thank You Mt. Vernon Voters

I appreciate the trust you placed in me on November 5, 2002 by voting me Mayor-Elect for 2003. I hope I'll never let you down. I will always work hard to do the right thing.

Congratulations to all the other winners. I look forward to a good working relationship for the benefit of all.

Again, thanks and may God bless each and every one of you all. The first thing I said was, I thank God, if I have won.

As always,
Clarice Renner Kirby

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help other people with their taxes in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program sponsored by Kentucky's Communities in Action (K.C.E.O.C.) in Barbourville.

Volunteers provide free assistance to taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax help, particularly those who file basic returns. Volunteers assist those with special needs, including persons with disabilities, non-English speaking persons and

older taxpayers.

TCE/VITA assistance is provided in neighborhoods at libraries, community centers and schools which are conveniently located for taxpayers.

Interested applicants need to apply before January 20th, for free tax preparation courses scheduled there after. Inquire about volunteers reimbursement and mileage.

Persons interested in participating in the TCE/VITA program should contact Brenda Moses of K.C.E.O. at (606)546-3152.

Attention - Homeowners

The Richmond Local Office of USDA Rural Development in Kentucky announces funds are available for very low income homeowners to make general repairs to their homes. Basic qualifications for this type assistance are as follows:

- Applicant must own and occupy the home being repaired.
- Have an adjusted annual income not exceeding the very low income limit set for the area.
- Have an adequate and dependable income to repay all planned obligations.
- Have an acceptable credit history.
- Be without sufficient resources

to provide the necessary repairs without the loan.

• Be a citizen or be legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

The maximum loan assistance cannot exceed \$20,000; the interest rate for all Section 504 loans is one percent per annum. Loan terms cannot exceed 20 years, and will be based upon the borrower's repayment ability.

Rockcastle County is served by the Richmond Local Office of Rural Development. To inquire about a housing loan you may contact the Richmond Local Office at telephone number (859)624-1982 ext. 4.



Courtney Sumner



Melissa Brock



Sharon Bishop



Lindsey Gabbard

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