

Gift card grant program available to area residents

Financial Assistance Network has a gift card grant program to help consumers who need to stretch their gift giving budgets. The gift cards can be used to purchase cameras, audio systems, luggage, jewelry, office and desktop electronics and more from Internet and catalog merchants.

To qualify, individuals must have income of less than \$32,121. Families will also qualify to receive a \$150 gift card package if they have over \$7,500 in credit card balances and the balance is not getting paid off due to high interest rates. Seniors and the disabled can qualify for up to \$250 in gift cards. Volunteers can also qualify to receive a \$250 gift card package if they promise to give the gifts they receive to at least two people in need.

"Financial Assistance Network has hundreds of thousands of gift cards that will be distributed to consumers before the end of the year," says Gary Compton, a volunteer at the not-for-profit agency. "We are very excited about the gift card giveaway program because several gen-

erous individuals and companies are also buying gift cards at national retailers for us to distribute to needy individuals and families. In addition to the catalog and Internet merchant gift cards, we will also be distributing gift cards from many national retailers including Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Blockbuster Video, Borders Books, Circuit City, Eckerle, GAP, GNC, Hollywood Video, Home Depot, JC Penney, K-Mart, Olive Garden, Payless Shoe Source, Radio Shack, Red Lobster, Sears, Staples, Target, Toys-R-Us, Wal-Mart and many more. We expect to distribute at least \$4,000 gift card giveaway packages in the Lexington area before the end of the year."

Individuals that qualify can receive a gift card giveaway package by sending five first-class stamps to: Financial Assistance Network, Gift Card Giveaway Package GCG-05M, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-882-6000 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet website: www.GiftCardGiveaway.com.



Renee Burdett and Teresa Viehle, teachers at Roundstone Elementary, are shown with American Patriot handbooks presented by Jean Towery, field rep for Woodmen of the World.



Zandell Hasty and Patty Renner are shown with the American Flag presented to Roundstone School by Woodmen of the World field rep. Jean Towery.

Nurse Practitioner joins RHRC staff

Nurse Practitioner Debbie Wesley, APRN, DC, has joined the staff at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (RHRC).

A 20-year employee of Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., Wesley earned a master's degree from the University of Kentucky in family nurse practice in May.

In her new position, Wesley makes rounds each weekday morning at the nursing facility and interacts with patients to determine their needs. She then consults with physicians regarding treatment and standards of care.

"Debbie adds another important dimension to the care we provide residents," said George Griffith, M.D., the facility's medical director and one of five physicians serving the facility. "A team approach in medical care is truly important and Debbie's expertise brings a welcomed addition to the team at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center."

Wesley admits that it is sometimes confusing for patients, who presume she is a doctor.

"Sometimes patients call me 'doctor,' but I'm quick to tell them I'm not a doctor, and I prefer they call me Debbie," she said. "I am a nurse who is also a primary care provider. I can examine them, assess their needs and make sure they get the care they need, whether it's from a doctor, me or another member of our team."

Administrator Mike Deborde said Wesley's interest in older patients and her advanced degree made her a great find for Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center.

"Having a nurse practitioner on staff really sets us apart from other

long-term care centers," said Deborde. "Her expertise as well as her long history with our doctors and people in the community increases the quality of care each patient receives."

The Broadhead facility is licensed for 114 beds and provides nursing and rehabilitation services for patients. The facility recently received accreditation from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Only about six percent of the state's long-term care facilities are accredited.



Debbie Wesley

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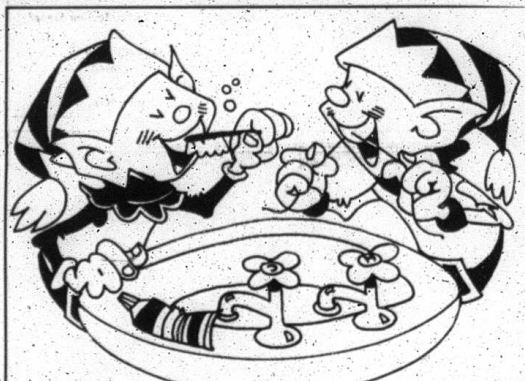
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Back row from left: Sandy Bowles, Cheryl Brown, Brenda McKinney and Linda Wilson - RDH

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