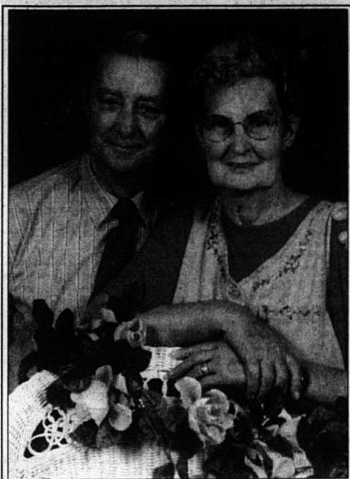




50th Wedding Anniversary

Maggie (Brown) and Donald Cable are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary December 15, 2001. A reception will be held in their honor from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the First Church of God on Highway 39 outside of Crab Orchard. All family and friends are invited. No gifts please. Your presence is gift enough.

"DeBorde"

(Cont. from front)

search for the best possible candidate to fill that void. We listed the opening in newspapers and medical publications across the state," said Keene. "We're very pleased that the ideal individual already lives and works in this community and exemplifies all that we could want in an administrator."

DeBorde has held management positions with the hospital since 1985, when he joined the facility as house supervisor. He has served as Operating Room manager since 1989. In that role he is responsible for scheduling and personnel management for the departments as well as managing patient flow before, during and following surgery.

His background with the hospital provided him with experience in acute care, long-term and outpatient services.

"I am pleased to be given this opportunity to serve the community in this way," said DeBorde. "I share the hospital's philosophy for providing quality healthcare in a family environment, and I look forward to bringing that philosophy with me to the nursing facility."

A native of Rockcastle County, DeBorde attended the state's licensed vocational program for nursing in

Danville in 1980, earned an associate's degree in nursing at Eastern Kentucky University in 1984, then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in nursing from EKVU in 1999.

DeBorde is married to Teresa Gayle DeBorde, who is also a registered nurse employed by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc.

Established in 1956, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center is recognized as one of the nation's top six long-term care facilities for respiratory services. It also operates a full-service hospital that includes extensive inpatient, outpatient, emergency and home health services. RHRCC is accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. For more information about RHRCC, visit www.rockcastlehospital.org or call (606)256-2195.

"Drug"

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executive about his product's promotional campaigns and heard from two Kentuckians who described how OxyContin abuse has devastated their communities.

"I have never seen anything in my lifetime in law enforcement that has taken over a community so fast and has been so devastating," former Hazard police chief Rod Maggard told the committee.

Drug Enforcement Agency Director Asa Hutchinson told the committee that the pharmaceutical company aggressively courted doctors who were prescribing large amounts of pain medication and urged them to begin selling OxyContin.

The Stamford, Connecticut, company gave some doctors free trips and offered vouchers for free medicine to encourage them to prescribe the drug. Approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December 1995, OxyContin sales soared past \$1 billion during 2000.

"I don't believe we've ever seen as aggressive a marketing campaign for a Schedule II narcotic as we've



One Voice, a local Southern Gospel trio, will be in concert during the Southern Lights Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park Theatre in Georgetown on Thursday, December 13th from 6 to 9:15 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-678-8813.

seen for OxyContin," Hutchinson said.

Schedule II drugs have legitimate medical uses, but have the highest potential for abuse and addiction.

The company said the drug was an "ideal choice" to treat moderate-to-severe chronic pain - everything from cancer to arthritis and lower-back pain.

Critics concede the drug has helped ease the pain of severely ill patients. But they say the drug has hooked thousands of Americans and caused an epidemic from Appalachia to New England.

Donnie Coats, a Hazard minister whose son is a recovering OxyContin addict, told the committee about the pain the drug has inflicted on his family. He talked about funerals he's attended for OxyContin victims.

"OxyContin's killing folks and it's killing them right now," he said. "They're good people (but) they're trapped."

OxyContin is suspected of playing a role in 296 overdose deaths over a 19-month period, officials said.

Paul Goldenheim, a Purdue Pharma vice president, said his company is spending \$100 million to combat drug abuse and illegal diversions.

Purdue Pharma also has hundreds of scientists working to develop an abuse-resistant form of OxyContin.

"This is the highest priority of our company. We want this problem solved," he said.

But U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, said that, in some cases, the company was aware its drug was being overprescribed, but failed to confront the doctors.

"People are dying and your company did nothing," Rogers said, his voice rising sharply. Goldenheim told Rogers it isn't Purdue Pharma's job to intervene, saying, "We can't stop them from prescribing our product."

"We can," Rogers shot back. Earlier, Rep. Jose Serrano, R-New York, warned that OxyContin could eventually be banned, if the company doesn't swiftly respond.

But U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Virginia, promised that the product will remain available for those who truly need it. Wolf said the FDA may have erred by allowing OxyContin to be prescribed for moderate pain.

The General Accounting Office will do the study for Congress. No completion date has been set.

Meanwhile, federal drug agents are struggling to crack down on its misuse.

"It started in the rural areas. It has spread to the urban areas," including

Boston and Philadelphia, Hutchinson said.

The DEA, which pursued six cases of illegal OxyContin diversions in 1999 and 37 cases in 2000, already had opened 168 cases by August 2001.

As the scope of the problem becomes better known, some doctors are refusing to prescribe the drug and some pharmacies are not carrying it.

But the demand remains high. People are traveling from Appalachia to Mexico to buy the drug, officials said. Others are ordering it on the Internet.

This week, nine masked, armed robbers stole 31,000 bottles of the drug in Mexico City and DEA officials think much of it will end up in the United States.

The battle against OxyContin abuse is far from over. Says DEA's Hutchinson: "I do not believe we've reached the peak of the problem yet."

"File"

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sentative Danny Ford, District Judges Mike Henry and Walter McGuire and U.S. Representative Harold Rogers will also have to run. Filing deadline for May's primary is January 29, 2002.

Filings must take place in the County Clerk's office. Two candidates withdrew this week.

Gary Wade Mink and Jeff Robinson will no longer be candidates for office.

"Veterans"

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or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie, it is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all our enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood: for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our

country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cooked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things which have deep meaning.

You will see many flags folded in the coming weeks, and now you will know why.

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