

Irene Burke named Nurse of the Year

For the second time, Irene Huff Burke, LPN, has been selected as Nurse of the Year at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc.

The 27-year nursing veteran follows a philosophy of care similar to the Golden Rule.

"I try to treat everyone as if they were a member of my own family," she said. "I ask myself what kind of care would I want for my family, and that's what I try to give."

Burke followed her four sisters into nursing, earning a nursing license from the Danville School of Nursing in 1970.

"It was just kind of a family thing," Burke said.

Currently, she works with residents of the hospital's long-term respiratory care unit, but Burke has worked in acute care, emergency department, obstetrics, operating room and pharmacy.

"I feel like I'm rewarded daily for what I do," she said. "I love my job here and all of my friends."

Although she loves her work and her second family at RHRC, Burke said the two main loves of her life are her husband Roger and son Vince. She also has two stepsons and a step grandson.

As Nurse of the Year, Burke receives special recognition by her peers and supervisors.

"It's a big honor to win," she said. "Apparently they think highly of me, and I certainly think highly of them. People here really care about each other."

Betty Purcell, RHRC's chief nursing officer, said the Nurse of the Year Award is a hospital tradition that is celebrated annually during National Nurses Week. This year's theme is Nurses: Lifting spirits, touching lives.

"Our nurses certainly do lift the spirits of our patients and touch their lives," said Purcell. "The nurse-patient rapport can have a positive impact on patient care, and many lasting relationships have been formed between our nurses and patients. Our patients rely on nurses to be their advocates."

Purcell said because of the national shortage of nurses, her staff used Nurses Week this year to pro-

mote nursing careers.

"We took this opportunity to tell young students more about nursing," she said. "The staff created a special nursing coloring book, and we made a visit to a local elementary school to teach them about nursing. We believe in starting early to educate and encourage young people to think about a nursing career."

Although one week in May is set aside each year to honor nurses, Purcell said nurses deserve our praise and honor throughout the year for their tireless day-to-day devotion and commitment to their patients and the organization.

"All nurses are special people who deserve our thanks and recognition for their many contributions," Purcell said.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit community hospital that operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, 60 long-term care beds for ventilator-dependent patients, a home health care service, the Medical Arts Building and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, Inc. The hospital was established in 1956, is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and treats patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states.

For more information, log on to www.rockcastlehospital.org.



Nurse of the Year Irene Burke

Elliott - Gibson

Shirley Elliott and Brian Gibson would like to announce their engagement. Brian is the son of Corbett and Diane Gibson of Mitter, La. and is employed by L3 Communications at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Shirley is the daughter of Elva Mullins of Rt. 3 Berea and the late David L. Mullins and is employed by the Madison Co. Health Dept.

The wedding will be held May 24th at Dixie Park Cornerstone Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has donated \$1,000 as a corporate sponsor for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. Pictured with Ms. Melissa Brock, at right, representing Rockcastle Hospital, is Danielle Blanton, at left, sponsorship chairperson and Kelly McClure, middle, event chairperson. The hospital will be represented in the relay with team memberships as well.

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor please call Danielle at 758-4581 and leave message or Kelly at 256-4122.

Relay for Life needs you

Over 2 million volunteers work in communities like Rockcastle County to reduce the threat of cancer through the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life. You, too, can help conquer cancer by participating in Relay For Life.

All funds raised at Relay For Life benefit those touched by cancer. The American Cancer Society works to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through research, education, ad-

vocacy and patient services. Please help the dedicated volunteers in your community fight this disease as they gather on August 1 at the Rockcastle County Middle School for Relay for Life.

For more information about participating in Relay For Life, please call Kelly McClure at 256-4122. If you or your business would like to help sponsor this year's event, contact Danielle Blanton at 758-4581.

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"This picture worked so good last week--I think I'll do it again!"
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Sportsman's Club

The Rockcastle Sportsman's Club will be meeting Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. For more information, call Perry Mink at 256-5198.

MVVFD

Portrait Fund Raiser

The Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Portrait Fund Raiser. A \$10 contribution gets you an 8x10 family portrait. Pictures will be taken May 30 - June 2. Firemen will be conducting door-to-door solicitations. Authorized to collect money are: Ronnie Mize, Woody Watkins and Matthew Parsley.

Parker Seal

Retirement Dinner

The Parker Seal Retirement Dinner will be Tuesday, May 13th at the Dinner Bell in Berea at noon.

Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, May 12: No service.
Tuesday, May 13: Bloodhead and Copper Creek.
Wednesday, May 14: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Rd. and Respiratory Care.

Project Graduation 2003

The next Project Graduation meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th at 7 p.m. in the Rockcastle County High School cafeteria. This will be the last group PG meeting. Meetings will be called by the committee chairs (if necessary) to organize for the Big Event! There will be a final planning meeting Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the RHCS cafeteria. All committee chairs and people signed up to work need to be present at this meeting. Baccalaureate Date: Sunday, May 25th at 2:30 p.m. - Renfro Valley New Barn. Graduation: Saturday, May 31st at 4 p.m. - RHCS Gymnasium. *IGA (Brookhead/Berea) you can donate your points to

Project Graduation, which will be used to purchase food. Furniture raffle. \$1 a chance on both pieces. Drawing will be held Monday, May 12th at the PG meeting. *Mortized Scooter Raffle - \$1 a chance. See Keith Smith at Citizens Bank or a senior parent. Drawing will be on May 12th at the PG meeting. *Candles - You can pick up candles at the RHCS Youth Services Center starting May 6, 2003.

CAP - Job Start

Are you looking for a job or just want to find a better job? At JobStart, we offer a 12-week job training program that combines classroom and computer instruction with group discussion and hands-on activities. Our program will help you develop new skills while building on your existing talents. For more information, please call 256-9612. Classes are free. All supplies are furnished.

GED Graduation

GED Graduation will be held Thursday, May 29th at RHCS at 7 p.m. Rockcastle County Attorney Jeffrey T. Bordette will be speaker.

Free Screening

Free Mammare Breast Cancer Screening classes for any ladies groups offered by the Rockcastle County Health Center. To schedule a class, call 606-256-2242 and ask for Ruth Lantz.

Fish Fry

There will be a Fish Fry at the Brindle Ridge Fire Dept. at Conway, on May 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. The menu will consist of fish, fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, dessert and drink. \$5 adults and \$3 children.

Historical Workshop

The Rockcastle County Historical Society meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be Saturday, May 10 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the RHCS Garage on Spring Street in Mt. Vernon. All interested persons are invited.