

As Kentucky's next Governor

Dr. Fletcher would probably do a good job



Sunday, United States Congressman Ernie Fletcher, a Republican, brought his gubernatorial candidacy to Rockcastle County to the old barn theatre in Renfro Valley.

Fletcher is obviously running for Governor of our great state. "I'm using the term 'great' lightly here."

As most of my family members know I have never been one to just line up along party lines.

But this time, after reading a lot about Fletcher, listening to him speak and seeing who is backing him and who are willing to stand up for him in a primary election (other office holders mainly because that can be political suicide), I think he would make a good Governor.

I also think change is good at times and we all know what kind of shape the state is in.

Fletcher appears to be a very honest, intelligent man, who really wants to help his fellow Kentuckians.

Congressman Fletcher is a doctor and one of his biggest political contributors is the health care industry.

However, one of the first votes he had to make as a U.S. Congressman was on a bill that would help their industry and he voted against it because he said he thought it would hurt the average working American.

It takes a lot of guts to stand up to an industry who have and continue to donate heavily to his campaign and many of them who helped him to get elected to Congress, but he did it anyway.

You never know, but Fletcher can certainly do no worse than his predecessor and I hope he can do some what better for the Commonwealth, that has been done in the past few years.

The only thing I hope is that Senate President David Williams does not have too much influence with Fletcher, but from what little I know about that I don't think that will be the case. Williams is also a Republican and apparently very hard to deal with. The Primary Election is Tuesday.

Changing gears just a little - there are some policies in the

Rockcastle school system that I personally think are not appropriate.

The Prom at RCHS is Saturday night and many juniors and seniors from the school will attend, but many will not.

The school policy states that freshmen and sophomores from RCHS are not allowed to attend the prom, but that anyone else, including freshmen and sophomores from other schools can attend the prom if they are with a junior or senior from RCHS. The policy also does not prohibit a junior or senior from bringing a 40-year-old man or woman to the prom as a date.

Again, the SBDM council at the school should certainly take another look at the policy.

Nominations being sought for Brown Award

Nominations for the annual Everett C. Brown Award are being requested by the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club.

The award was established by the family of Everett C. Brown as a memorial to his life's achievements.

Mr. Brown lived in Rockcastle County as a child and retained a strong feeling for his birthplace throughout his life. Upon his death, his family established the award in 1978.

The award is presented by the Kiwanis Club and has been managed by them for several years. The recipient receives a \$50 savings bond from the Brown Family and the Kiwanis Club purchases a plaque with the recipient's name on it. In addition, the recipient's name is engraved on a permanent Everett C. Brown Award plaque displayed at the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please forward, in writing, to Rockcastle County Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1334; Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

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Whoever borrowed my food warmer/chaffing dish, please return.

Thank You,
Barbara Russell
256-0601



As part of Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education) Congressman Hal Rogers and Chief Justice Joe Lambert held a meeting with circuit and district judges from Eastern Kentucky to encourage the formation of drug courts. Family Court Judge Debra Lambert attended the meeting where a panel of experts answered questions about the drug court system. Drug courts give non-violent offenders one last chance to turn their life around before going to jail. In the photo from left to right: Chief Justice Joe Lambert, Judge Debra Lambert, & Congressman Rogers.

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