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\$4 million judgement

A Rockcastle County jury awarded the family of a former Sowder Nursing Home patient \$4 million last Thursday, after a five-day trial in Rockcastle Circuit Court.

In their verdict, the jurors indicated that the nursing home, which is now owned by the Rockcastle Hospital, was 70 percent responsible for the woman's death and that local physician Dr. Karen Saylor was 30 percent responsible.

Attorneys for Roberta Powers, a woman in her mid-30s, told the court that she died from Lithium poisoning in 1998 while under the care of the nursing home.

However, an officer with the Fayette County Coroner's office testified that the woman died from an infection.

Both parties found at fault have said they will appeal the verdict.

Dr. Saylor said Tuesday that she is always mournful about the death of a patient, but that she had done nothing wrong and tried every way possible to help her patient.

No local attorneys were involved in the case. The judgement was not the largest ever in Rockcastle County, in a civil case.

Courthouse will be closed

All offices at the Rockcastle County Courthouse will be closed this Saturday and Monday in observance of Memorial Day weekend, according to Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Bruce Carlotta.

Three indicted

Three indictments were handed down by a Rockcastle County Circuit Court Grand Jury recently.

Named in the indictments and their offense were:

Dwight Anthony Mink of Mt. Vernon, charged with the offense of Flagrant Non-Support, by failing to provide for minor children in the amount of \$2,771.48. Bail for Mink was set at \$3,000.

Angela Miller, also of Mt. Vernon, was charged with the offense of Escape, second degree, by escaping.

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Local water association to add new lines

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will construct a new water tank, upgrade existing water lines and lay additional lines with the \$475,000 grant recently received from the state.

According to Randy Corry, general manager.

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In Rockcastle County on Tuesday only 17 percent of the registered voters went to the polls, but Mrs. Marguerite Paynter Robinson was one of those. She is shown above, as she votes at North Mt. Vernon's voting precinct. Only 189 people voted at North Mt. Vernon, East Mt. Vernon also voted at the Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Rockcastle River Day, June 7th

The event will be held on Saturday, June 7th from noon to 5 p.m. (9 a.m. for canoeing) at ASPT's Demonstration Center on the Rockcastle River.

There will be food, music, games, exhibitors, canoeing and tours of ASPT's Appropriate Technology Demonstrations and New Nature Center Exhibits.

New for 2003 is the Zero Waste Event in which the goal is to have no waste at the end of the day, so please do not bring any disposable items and bring your own cups, plates and cutlery (or they will be provided). There will be a silent auction with earth-friendly products by ASPT supporters to bid on and the inaugural Rockcastle River Day Rockathon.

Events will include canoeing, rock skipping, watermelon seed spitting and river cane toasting. Lunch and refreshments will be provided but you may bring a dish. A \$5 donation will be requested from adults not bring a dish but kids eat free.

Camping will be available on land adjacent to the event site. Call 606-256-0077 if you want to camp out on Friday or Saturday night.

Also, the two-hour food paddle from Livingston to the 1-76 bridge begins at 9 a.m. Call Ken Cooke at 1-800-928-0045 for canoe reservations.

To get to the River Day site, from the north or south, take Exit 49 (9009) Livingston (exit) off I-75. Go east less

than a mile to U.S. 25, then turn left. Go about a mile and turn left on KY 1329 (just past bridge). Go another mile and look for the tent on the left. For further information, call Ben or Martha at 606-256-0077 or e-mail benpermy@aia-epi.org.

Blood Drive

Blood is needed everywhere, every day. Rockcastle County Hospital asks you to ensure blood is available for area hospital patients by donating on Friday, May 30 from 2 to 6 p.m. on the CKBC Bloodmobile.

The drive is being sponsored in connection with Central Kentucky Blood Center.

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Chandler is Democrat nominee Fletcher carries Rockcastle, state

Just like the rest of the state of Kentucky, Rockcastle countians showed little interest in Tuesday's Primary election.

Only seventeen percent of Rockcastle's voters went to the polls on Tuesday and only 18 percent bothered to vote statewide as well.

Ernie Fletcher, the former fighter pilot and physician turned politician, easily captured the Republican nomination for governor on Tuesday.

With the local backing of most office holders in Rockcastle County, Fletcher beat his closest competitor here by more than 1,200 votes, Steve Nunn.

Nunn is the son of the last Kentucky Governor, Louie B. Nunn and a state representative from Glasgow.

Fletcher garnered 1,331 votes to Nunn's 111 in Rockcastle.

Statewide Nunn ran third, behind former Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jaskon.

Fletcher, 50, a Lexingtonian, is considered his party's best hope in a generation to capture the governor's office and he will face Democrat Ben Chandler of Versailles in the Nov.

ber General Election. Chandler defeated Kentucky House Speaker Jody Richards Tuesday by 11,000 votes. Chandler is the grandson of former Governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler and is currently the state's Attorney General.

Fletcher's campaign was plagued by a legal challenge that forced him to change running mates and fight to keep his own name on the ballot. But he attracted support with themes of changing leadership and "restoring hope" in state government.

In Rockcastle County, Fletcher got 247 votes, compared to Richard's 114.

Rockcastle County voters also voted heavily for a former University of Kentucky basketball star, Richie Farmer, for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Farmer got 989 votes in Rockcastle County. His closest Republican opponent was

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Coffey resigns

The resignation of Johnnie A. Coffey as Rockcastle County Middle School principal was announced at last week's meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

Mr. Coffey, who has served as principal for the last two years, resigned effective June 30, 2003.

The school's Site Based Decision Making Council will now undergo training for the selection process involved in hiring a new principal.

Coaches hired

Three coaches at the Rockcastle County Middle School were hired recently, on the recommendation from the school's SBDM Council.

They are: Les Scaff, head football coach; Becky Smith, 8th grade girls basketball coach and Ken Mattingly, 7th grade girls basketball coach.

Also hired at the middle school was Robin Fain as secretary. Mrs. Fain was formerly a clerical assistant at the school.

Five nominated for high school SBDM council

Five parents have accepted nomination to the RCHS Site Based Decision Making Council.

They are: Lillie Berge, Kathy Bobo, Renee Burdett, Beth Carpenter and John Polley.

Three parents, Cindy Anderkin, Lajay Graves and Melinda Kincer, declined nomination.

A meeting of parents is scheduled for Thursday, May 22 (today) at 6 p.m. in the school's library. Two parent-members will be elected from the five nominated for the 2003-04 school year.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the school conference room.

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RECAPITULATION SHEET

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A101 North Brookfield	118	3	2	4	41	30	11	21	21	4	11	26	57	17	2	16	10	6	4	2
A102 North Mt. Vernon	151	4	0	9	36	41	10	52	26	4	10	27	55	24	0	11	9	4	10	10
B101 South Mt. Vernon	59	2	0	4	20	17	10	23	14	3	10	12	45	16	0	4	1	6	4	2
B102 West Livingston	29	1	1	4	14	5	4	14	10	1	1	4	23	3	0	0	2	0	2	0
B103 West Mt. Vernon	158	13	0	11	42	57	10	40	35	17	11	34	123	29	0	12	5	11	12	1
C101 Brent	137	4	2	12	42	50	18	63	25	12	10	35	101	42	3	21	13	12	11	1
C102 West Brookfield	121	7	0	11	40	57	12	40	35	9	12	23	70	29	0	25	12	14	18	1
C103 Subur	40	4	0	2	7	10	3	7	7	6	4	5	23	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
D101 Conway	98	9	0	15	30	32	14	30	24	4	15	25	70	16	0	5	6	10	1	1
D102 Roundstone	137	3	5	10	42	43	12	51	31	12	12	27	105	29	0	11	13	6	10	1
D103 Clinch	44	3	0	4	16	13	1	13	11	1	7	32	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
E101 East Mt. Vernon	94	4	1	10	32	19	6	21	15	4	14	13	67	10	0	1	4	4	4	1
E102 Ontario	72	5	2	3	19	24	9	24	15	4	7	10	59	18	0	5	3	10	5	1
E103 East Livingston	63	2	0	4	15	11	5	13	11	2	0	9	51	7	0	3	1	2	4	1
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Absentee Total	14	1	0	1	4	7	0	4	4	0	4	2	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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