

Library News

Summer reading sign-up has ended and the race is on here at the Rockcastle County Public Library! Books are being checked out like crazy! Remember the first five books you read will get you a free Jr. Frosty at Wendy's. Every ten books you read you will receive a free Personal Pan Pizza at Pizza Hut!

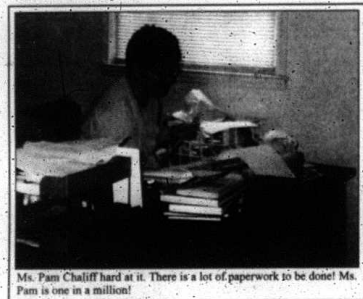
Don't forget about Story Hour every Tuesday at 1 p.m. This is for pre-school aged children. We have a craft time for the children that are second grade through sixth grade at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. This intermediate craft time will go on during the duration of Summer Reading.

There are a few new book titles that have been added to the adult collection: *The Sinister Pig* by Tony Hillerman, *The Face* by David Koeztz and *The Wandering Hills* by Larry McMurtry. A new trilogy by Emily Rodda has been added to the juvenile fiction collection called *Delphi Shadowlands*. Reading audience for these books appeal to the

10 to 14 year old boys.

The library staff has been working very hard to provide an exciting and fun Summer Reading Program for all ages. There are so many extra jobs to do during this time and everyone pitches in. Sometimes things get a little hectic because of it being so much busier during SRP. We appreciate your patience with the library staff during this busy time. I would personally like to thank Ms. Jennifer Alsip and Ms. Stacy Richards for their work on the circulation desk and helping me with some special projects for SRP. Ms. Pam Chaffin works diligently to give direction and provide leadership here at the Rockcastle Library, as well as driving the Bookmobile out in the county. The library staff appreciates you!

Come on in and get started taking advantage of all of the free activities and resources this summer! Contact @ your library!



Ms. Pam Chaffin hard at it. There is a lot of paperwork to be done! Ms. Pam is one in a million!

"Court" Cont. from Front

yet but the local Soil Conservation Service must adopt the proposal before the total \$10,000 grant would be available.

Also discussed was the program whereby all improper septic systems, both straight pipe and underground, are being mapped by the federal government through via satellite.

Carloftis said there were 100% funds available for those who qualify through the PRIDE program. Carloftis also said that homeowners with illegal systems were being notified and that when the mapping was complete, fines would begin being levied. Improperly working systems pose a danger to ground water and cause disease.

Magistrate McKinney said he had been told that Sandy Whitaker with the Soil Conservation Service had personally signed up more people than any other county.

Hal Holbrook, emergency management director, told the court that a truck to pull the decontamination trailer would be given the county by the federal government if the county would agree to provide insurance and maintenance of the truck, valued at over \$70,000. The truck will be housed at the Brindle Ridge fire department. The court agreed to this proposal.

The court also agreed to look into a request by Dick Artley to work on the hill going to his home. The road is not a county road, Carloftis said, and reminded the court that any road worked on must have a 30 ft. easement (a state requirement) and have at least four residences on the road.

The court also voted to issue a "Resolution of Appreciation" to Bill Mink, who resigned this week as Chief of Police.

"Mink" Cemetery Cont. from Front

"He did not want to leave and I'm sure he was willing to work for the lesser pay, because he wanted to work in Mt. Vernon. But the way I remember it, I was told he would be laid off by the Mayor and I always tried to take care of the people who worked for me. I felt it was my obligation to tell him, so that he would have an opportunity to find other employment," Mink said Tuesday.

At last week's city council meeting, the Mayor said Jones left for better pay and said he should be required to pay the city back for the cost of his training.

As to Mink's comment, Kirby, disagreed, saying he did not intend to lay him off.

Several local officials made comments this week about Mink's resignation and the resignation of the other officers.

"Our office regrets hearing of the resignation of Chief Mink and the other officers. Chief Mink has proven invaluable to our goal of creating a team approach to effective law enforcement," Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said Tuesday.

"With his leadership and that of others we were able to combine the knowledge and experience of federal, state, county and city officers to more effectively deal with issues facing our communities," he continued.

Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan said, "the recent loss of Chief Mink is surprising and he will truly be missed. I have worked with Chief Mink for many years and his vision helped all of us in our service to Rockcastle County. He knew how to be a law enforcement officer and how to be Chief," Doan said.

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Nathaniel Price also indicated at Tuesday's Fiscal-Court meeting, that Chief Mink was a future in local law enforcement. "He has been here long enough to know who to talk with to get things done. Whether it was the Sheriff's department, the state police or federal authorities everyone knows and respects Chief Mink. His shoes will be tough to fill," Price said.

Price is also a former Mt. Vernon officer who worked under Mink.

"Personal" Cont. from A-4

Samah and Jack's friend Ann and girls, Jessie, Alexis and Marissa; Mrs. Eunice Craft and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Parker of Ohio and great granddaughter.

While in Ohio, C.S. and Marie visited their children's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Renner and family and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney and family in Reading, Ohio.

Cemetery Notices

Thank You

The Johnetta Cemetery, inc., board of directors, want to say Thank you to all who attended the Memorial Service and for the donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery.

Thanks Again,

Harold Ballinger, Board Member
High-Dry Cemetery will be removing decorations four weeks after Memorial Day. If you would like to keep your decorations, please get them before June 21st. Hanging baskets and headstone arrangements will not be removed. Any questions, please call 256-4847 or 256-5990, could be removed by June 7, 2003.

USDA has funding for environmental quality incentives program

USDA has announced the nationwide availability of more than \$700 million in funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). These funds are a result of the 2002 Farm Bill. Of this amount, Kentucky will receive \$6,854,500 to provide cost share assistance to farmers. This is nearly three times what Kentucky received when EQIP was first authorized in 1996. Last year, Kentucky entered into EQIP contracts with landowners providing them over \$4.9 million. In addition to the cost-share funding, Kentucky will receive funding to provide technical assistance to landowners.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality. Farmers may receive financial and technical assistance for certain conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

"These funds will enable farmers to enhance and protect our nation's soil, air and water resources for the future by implementing sound conservation practices today," said David Sawyer, state conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS administers the program. "Farmers and ranchers are the best stewards of the land and USDA continues its strong

commitment to providing additional tools to enhance conservation efforts on working farmsteads."

This year's funding will be available statewide. Earlier this year, local groups met to identify and prioritize the natural resource concerns of their areas, and the conservation practices needed to address those concerns. The state has been divided into 14 ranking areas, based on similar concerns. Each of the areas will receive funding; applicants will be scored according to local ranking criteria and ranked against other applicants in their area. This will be done so that applicants in one region of the state will not have to compete against a different region, but only against applicants with similar resource concerns.

Although EQIP has a continuous application period, cut off dates are set in order to rank applications. The next cut off date for ranking applications in Kentucky is July 11, 2003. Persons interested in signing up for EQIP should visit their USDA service center as soon as possible.

For more information about EQIP and other conservation programs, please contact Randall Templeman, District Conservationist at 256-2525, ext. 3. Information also is available

on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002>
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Shown above from left: Citizens Bank Vice-President Connie Graham and Dr. Max Meyer

Small businesses in the United States are the backbone of our economy. Besides providing much needed goods and services they also provide employment opportunities—which are a must in small rural counties such as Rockcastle. But small businesses don't run themselves, it takes a lot of hard work and determination and it takes people like Max and Rey Meyer.

The two have opened Mt. Vernon Chiropractic and Pain Center on School Street (former KU building) in Mt. Vernon.

We applaud the efforts of business people like Max and Rey and wish them and their family the best of luck in their new business venture, Mt. Vernon Chiropractic and Pain Center.

Call Mt. Vernon Chiropractic and Pain Center at 606-256-1986 for an appointment.

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