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## Rockcastle Manufacturing raises \$10,000 for Relay for Life, August 1

Rockcastle Manufacturing will have two teams participating in this year's Relay For Life, August 1, 2003. The teams will be walking in honor of six cancer survivors in their facility, in memory of family members who lost their battle with cancer and in support of the families affected by this disease.

Rockcastle Manufacturing began fundraising for this year's event after the close of Relay 2002. This effort made by everyone in the plant has afforded them the opportunity to become a \$10,000 contributor! Their hard work and dedication to the cause will help the American Cancer Society continue the ongoing fight against cancer.

Come out and show your support as these teams rally together to celebrate survivorship, remember those who lost their battle to cancer, and raise funds for an awareness of the fight against cancer.

Rockcastle Manufacturing is helping to prove that...together we can make a difference!

## Investiture Ceremony for Robert E. Gillum

The public is cordially invited to the Formal Investiture Ceremony for Robert E. Gillum on Friday, July 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse in the Circuit Courtroom.

Judge Gillum was recently appointed Circuit Judge for the 28th Judicial District, Division I.

## School begins July 30th for teachers; Aug. 6th for students

In an effort to avoid problems encountered last year due to very inclement weather, the Rockcastle County Schools Committee opted this year to begin school on July 30th with three professional development days. District Day will be August 1 opening day in August 5th and enrollment (1/2 day for students) is Wednesday, August 6th.

The first holiday of the year comes on Monday, September 1, Labor Day, followed by CKEA day and fall break day on October 2 and 3.

Students and teachers are off Tuesday, November 4th for election day, followed by the Thanksgiving break on November 27-28.

Winter break (Christmas) is December 22, January 2, Martin Luther King Day will be observed January 19 and Presidents' Day on February 19th.

Spring break is scheduled for April 5-9 and the projected closing day is May 10. Of course, that is without any make-up days figured in.

If more than 10 days are missed for inclement weather or other emergencies, Presidents' Day and Spring Break Days may be used as make-up days.



Lincoln Co. Deputy Coroner Kyle McKnight is shown above walking away from the wreck scene on Hwy. 39 which claimed the life of Rockcastle resident, Artie Mae Thompson.

## GED graduates celebrate success

Almost 32 years after dropping out of school, Barbara Hall walked across a stage and received her General Equivalency Diploma amid the shouts and whistles of friends and relatives.

Barbara was one of 57 members of the Christian Appalachian Project's graduating class of 2003, eleven of whom attended the graduation ceremony held May 29 at Rockcastle County High School.

Speakers at this year's graduation included Rockcastle County Attorney Jeffrey Burdette and Somerset Community College representative Marty Crowder.

Both speakers offered praise for the determination and commitment

demonstrated by graduates and both challenged them to continue to pursue their educational and career goals. Mr. Burdette shared how growing up in Rockcastle County has shaped his vision for the county's future and he thanked this year's graduates for being role models for the community. Mr. Crowder talked about being turned down for jobs she really liked due to her dropping out of high school to get married and start a family. This led her to eventually enroll in an adult education program where she earned her GED. Marty went on to receive an Associates Degree from Somerset Community College and now works with the Educational Opportunity Center to assist non-traditional students in furthering their education. She stated that earning her GED was the first step toward a career she loves and then interjected a note of humor by reminding Mr. Burdette that she had once been turned down for a position in his office.

Christian Appalachian Project is a non-profit, interdenominational organization, committed to serving the needs of Appalachia through a wide variety of programs and services. For more information on obtaining a GED, please contact the Adult Learning Center Manager Bobbie Playforth at 606-256-5307.



11 Members of the Christian Appalachian Project's 2003 GED graduating class took part in ceremonies May 29th at RCHS. 57 completed the course. In the photo are, from left: Russell Duine and Doris Grant, instructors; Misty Newby, Barbara Hall, James Frost, Glenda Allen, Marshall Thompson, Valerie Kirby, Joyce Hoover, Eric Isaac, Ernest Gadd, Jr., Amanda Childers, Corney Cook and Janet Heinz and Keith Gilbertson, instructors.

## Was head of Marymount in London

## Hospital administrator found dead

Linda Culp, president and chief executive officer for Marymount Medical Center, was found dead Monday night near a home she maintained in West Virginia.

West Virginia State Police have issued an arrest warrant for her husband, Gary Culp, who has apparently fled the state. A nationwide alert for Gary Culp has been issued; he is believed to be driving a late-model white Mercedes Benz with West Virginia registration along Interstate 70, toward Utah police said.

Culp's body was discovered July 21, buried near her home in Kenna, West Virginia, after police began investigating a missing person's report, called in after she failed to report for work at Marymount Monday morning.

Culp worked a full day Friday before heading to Kenna, said Suzanne Sizemore, public relations

director for Marymount where several from Rockcastle County work.

Hospital employees were notified Tuesday morning that Culp had not reported for work Monday and had been reported missing but were given no details about the disappearance. They were told to refer all questions to Sizemore.

Prior to coming to Marymount, Culp had worked for 31 years at St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Kenna, West Virginia is a smaller community located along I-77 about

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3 a.m. Saturday morning.

## Local woman killed in wreck in Lincoln Co.

A Brodhead woman died early Saturday in a one-car wreck on Ky. 39 near Dog Walk, five miles south of Crab Orchard.

Artie Mae Thompson, 55, of Hwy. 70 died instantly when her car hit a driveway culvert just north of the Mount Zion Church of Christ at Ky. 39 and Ky. 618, according to Lincoln County Deputy Coroner Kyle McKnight.

McKnight said that Mrs. Thompson apparently fell asleep while driving home from work at American Greenings in Danville. He said Mrs. Thompson had gotten off work at 2 a.m. and stopped at Wal-Mart in Danville, which is open all night, to purchase supplies for a family reunion scheduled for the weekend. The deputy coroner said her store receipt showed she made her purchases at 2:57 a.m.

A call about the wreck came into the 911 communications center in Stanford just before 5 a.m., or two hours after she left Wal-Mart. Passing motorist, Mark Davis of Highway 328 saw the Thompson car and called 911.

Sheriff Shelby Lakes said it is unknown exactly when the wreck occurred but he estimated the time at 3:40 a.m. in his official report on the accident.

Mrs. Thompson's 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass was southbound on Kentucky 39 when she apparently fell asleep and the car ran off the left side of the highway. It traveled along a drainage ditch for 113 feet before striking the culvert and bouncing back up onto the driveway. There were no skid marks at the scene.

Mrs. Thompson was wearing a seat belt.

McKnight said preliminary indications are that Mrs. Thompson suffered a broken neck and death was

instantaneous when the car hit the culvert.

Mrs. Thompson was buried Tuesday at the Providence Cemetery in Quail following funeral services at the Providence Church of Christ, where she was a long-time member.

A complete obituary can be found on page A-3.

## Gospel Singing for Relay for Life

A Gospel Singing to benefit The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School.

The Singing, sponsored by the Relay for Life-Teams of Rockcastle County Hospital and Rockcastle County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Featured singers will be: Patty Halcomb, Jennifer Brown, Brenda Dalton, Family Ties, The Gift of Grace and The Calvary Echoes.

Admission will be \$5 for adults with children 10 and under free. Concessions will be available. For more information or tickets, call 256-2878 or 256-7704.

## Florida man arrested here after chase

A Hollywood, Florida man was arrested Friday by Kentucky State Troopers Tommy Comes and Coby Smith after a pursuit which began in Whitley County and ended in the Brush Creek area.

Arrested was Jeffery M. Brazil, 34, of Hollywood, Florida. He was charged with receiving stolen property.

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## Cox appointed to new Drug Abuse Task Force

Local attorney Jerry J. Cox has been appointed by the Kentucky Bar Association to the state's newly-formed Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force.

The task force was established by the 2003 General Assembly to review the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) program and propose legislation to the General Assembly on:

(a) Improving the KASPER program's efficiency in recording information and responding to requests for information.

(b) Increasing the enforcement of reporting requirements of dispensers and prosecution for violations thereof.

(c) The use of data compiled by KASPER to isolate illegal drug diversion trends and to identify patterns of illegal drug diversion, and

(d) Enhancing the overall utility of KASPER for law enforcement and drug prevention purposes.



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Mt. Vernon Elementary School held new student enrollment day Wednesday. At right, Treva Thomas is shown with MVE's Guidance Counselor, Linda Reak, enrolling her daughter, Whitney, in kindergarten. School begins earlier this year than every before with teachers reporting July 30th for three days of professional development and students first day is a half day Wednesday, August 6th.



A hay spill Friday tied up one end of Godfather's parking lot for several hours while workers reloaded 280 bales of hay. The men were on their way from Paris to the Lily landfill to spread the hay when their truck got hot. The men pulled off the interstate to check the problem when they dropped a back wheel into a drainage ditch and the trailer tilted, spilling the hay. Working to clear the spill onto a different truck were: Freddie Crump, Steve Miller and Simone Crews.