

Stolen horses recovered by Sheriff's Department

A mare and colt, stolen from the farm of Ben Richardson in the Sweetwater section of Rockcastle County, was recovered two weeks later on a Madison County farm.

According to Deputy Ken Holt, who investigated the theft, about twenty leads were followed up on, some as far away as Tennessee and Indiana. The two animals were finally located at the farm of Phillip Duff, in the Red Lick section of Madison County.

Duff told authorities that Richard "Dallas" Helton of Garrard County, had brought the horses to his farm,

earlier and offered them for sale for \$1,500. Duff said Helton left the horses at his farm & see if he (Duff) was interested in buying them.

"Ramsey"

(Cont. from front)

only six months ago and actually made his home in Madison County after leaving prison.

"We certainly think other people are involved and we are making every effort to get this case to the court system as soon as possible," Lane said.

Ramsey is being held in Madison County without bond pending court proceedings there and, in Rockcastle County, according to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

Not the one

John Rodefer of RRR Cleaning is, not the John Edgar Rodefer listed in the indictments printed in the August 14th issue of The Signal.



Several Mt. Vernon police officers were on hand for the swearing-in Monday morning. In the photo are, from left: Asst. Chief Eddie Delaney, who is still on light duty because of an injury, Chief Terry Jackson, Mike Peters and the newest addition to the force, William Barrett. Mr. Barrett began his law enforcement career in New Jersey and then spent many years in Colorado where he was chief of police in Eagle, Colorado and then retiring from the Colorado Springs force. Two officers were not present, Ed Robinson and Roy Gambriel. Mayor Clarice Kirby said Wednesday that there are still two vacancies on the force which she is waiting to fill, pending the outcome of a COPS Grant application.

any problems with the West Nile Virus. The request was made by the Cumberland Valley District Health Department.

Carloftis said that another case of West Nile Virus had been found in the state and that he felt strongly that this was an expense the court needed to allow to control this public health menace. The money will be used to help fund spraying/fogging operations and will allow a second spraying operation in August and another in September.

After Carloftis made a motion to allow the unbudgeted expense, Magistrate Ralph Allen, saying that if the spraying would keep one person in the county from contracting the illness the expense would be worth it, seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The court also:

Accepted the Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle, "County Tourist Commission's budget for 2003-04;

Accepted the fiscal year '04 budget of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority;

Appointed Cletis G. Collins to replace Serena Stratton as board member of the Rockcastle County Public Library;

Approved the purchase of envelopes (\$450) and stamps (\$3700) for the sheriff's department to mail tax bills in October;

Authorized the transfer of up to \$30,000 from the Road Fund to the General Fund for cash flow purposes with the transfer to be repaid to the road fund by June 30, 2004;

Accepted the tax rate for the Rockcastle County Public Library of .02 cents per \$100 assessed valuation of real property and 2.72 cents per \$100 assessed valuation of personal property.

Accepted the tax rate of the Rockcastle County Board of Education of 40.7 cents for real estate; 41.8 cents for tangible property; 47¢ for motor vehicle taxes and utility taxes were set at 3% of the total tax bill.

Additionally, 6.6 cents of the total property tax levy has been committed by the school board to the building fund of the school district.

The court also got a financial update through August 13 from County Treasurer Joe Clontz. According to

the report, the county's finances are in good shape with the exception of the General Fund which had a balance of \$32,170.05. The court made the authorization for transfer of funds from the road fund, which had a bal-

ance of \$404,309 on the 13th, to the general fund if needed.

Clontz also made mention that funds needed to start being reserved for the upcoming payment on note on the detention center.

needed to be put in the position of caring for their parents.

The danger in this is that the children will grow up to be codependent. Codependents are fixers and caretakers. They want to help and often end up in relationships with people who need a great deal of help. Codependents try to fix these people and find it very frustrating when the addict continues to be an addict in spite of all the codependent's efforts.

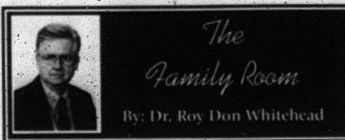
What is happening to Sue is not uncommon, but kids need to be kids. Having to grow up too quickly can be a handicap rather than a blessing.

Rockets football season opener is at Piskin Classic

The 2003 regular season opener for the Rockcastle Rockets football team will be this Saturday night in the Cumberland Falls Piskin Classic at Corbin.

The Rockets will play the first game, at 5:45 p.m., against Lane Co. and the second game will begin about 8 p.m. between Corbin and Somerset. The games are being played at Campbell Field at the old Corbin High School.

Tickets will be sold at the gate and will be \$8 each with six and under free. The ticket will be good for both games.



Children Are Not Growups

"Sue is my best friend," Wanda told me. "We do everything together. I tell her how her father has hurt me. She understands like no one else. I confide in her and she confides in me. She would rather spend time with me than with her friends. I don't know what I would do without her." Sue is Wanda's eleven year old daughter. (All characters are fictitious.)

"You treat your child more like an adult than a child," I pointed out to Wanda. "How do you think this is affecting her?"

"I think it is good for her," Wanda answered. "She is learning about life and responsibility at a young age."

She thought for a moment. "I don't think so," she replied. "It seems to me it will help her later in life."

Sam has had several affairs over the fifteen years they have been married. Wanda has no qualms about discussing all the details with her eleven-year-old daughter. Sue has little to say to her father because she blames him for the tension in their home.

"Wanda," I said, "let me raise a couple of issues to think about. One is that Sue is learning to take care of people at an early age. In some ways she sounds like she is your counselor. Eleven year olds who counsel their parents have the situation reversed. It is much better if the parent is counselor to the child."

"But I do counsel her," Wanda objected. "She talks to me about all her problems."

"My concern is that Sue is growing up to be someone who finds her identity in taking care of other people," I explained. "She could end up in relationships with people who need taking care of. She may marry someone with an addiction problem." Sue looked shocked.

"Also," I continued, "she may be missing out on childhood. Children who grow up too quickly miss out on the opportunity to be a child. An eleven-year-old who handles too much responsibility does not get to

play and grow the way children need to."

"Now I am not saying you need to stop talking to your daughter," I added. "But perhaps you can find an adult to confide in about your problems with Sam. Talking to a counselor may be just the outlet you need. This will take part of the burden off Sue."

"I could tell Wanda did not like what I had said. As she continued to be quiet, I asked her what she was feeling. 'I don't like your insinuation that I am not being a good parent to Sue. She is all I have and we are going to stick together. Maybe if my husband would talk to me, I wouldn't have to confide in her, but he's not going to do that. I need her.'"

Wanda never came back to counseling after that. Perhaps I spoke too bluntly. Perhaps I should have waited until she discovered these truths herself. While I question my timing, I believe the basic truth of what I was saying to Wanda: children do not

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