

Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil held Thursday in Mt. Vernon



The RCHS Marching Band Color Guard received "Best Color Guard" at the South Laurel Invitational last Saturday. Once again, they finished with a distinguished rating, which has broken the record for the most "Best Color Guard" awards and the most distinguished ratings. Their average scores from the 2003 marching season could make them eligible for out of state competitions for their upcoming winter season. Members of the record breaking Color Guard are shown above, front row from left: Elizabeth Bobo, Lori Miller, Kasara Smith, Nikki Mullins, Samantha Anglin, Courtney Rose, Hillary Davis, Jessica Norton and Krystal McFeron.



Linda Blackwell, Republican candidate for State Auditor, also visited with the Fiscal Court Tuesday while visiting Rockcastle County Tuesday. Ms. Blackwell is shown seated in the photo alongside County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotti. Also in the photo are, back row, from left: County Attorney Jeff Burdette; County Finance Officer Joe Clontz and magistrates Ralph Allen, David Gibbs, Bill McKinney, William Denney and Fred Mullins.



A candlelight vigil was held on Tuesday night on the steps of the Rockcastle for Domestic Violence Survivors and Victims. Shown above is Republican Linda Blackwell, a candidate for State Auditor in next month's election. Also shown with Mrs. Blackwell is State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon. Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby and her husband Paul. At right, is local minister Cledith Thacker, who gave the opening prayer for the Vigil.



Display a purple ribbon Raise awareness about domestic violence

What began two decades ago in scattered communities, as a visible gesture of support for survivors and victims of domestic violence today, has become one of the most widely-recognized symbols of domestic violence movement.

Across the country, families and friends of victims have adopted the purple ribbon to remember and honor their loved ones who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted. Domestic violence programs use the purple ribbons to raise awareness about the crime of domestic violence in their communities.

In addition to the demonstration of support for victims and advocates, the display of purple ribbons throughout a community conveys a powerful message that there is no place for domestic violence in the homes, neighborhoods, workplaces or schools of its citizens.

The Family Life Abuse Center and the Kentucky Foster and Adoptive Support Network are asking local businesses, organizations and the citizens of Rockcastle County to display purple ribbons throughout the month of October.

Please help raise awareness of domestic violence and show support for individuals who may be affected by this issue. The Foster Parent Association will be distributing ribbons throughout the community. Remember, domestic violence is everyone's business. Together we can make a difference.

For more information, please con-

tact Shana Goggins at 606-256-0591 (outreach educator w/ the Family Life Abuse Center) or Malinda McGuire at 1-877-70HEART (Rockcastle County representative with the Kentucky Foster and Adoptive Support Network).

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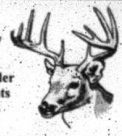
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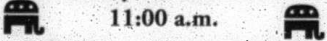
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