

"Letters"
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ways to get around that little problem.

The courtroom has come to the classroom. It seems as if every day the schools and the government is merging into one big happy family. It's the children, who are being manipulated and victimized by the social engineers and the "It takes a village to raise a child," mentality that is being forced upon us. "Hillary's Village" is certainly in full operation in Rockcastle County. The children are constantly being monitored and evaluated, looking for some form in their personality or some other anti-social behavior; as they're being sized up for some special education, counseling or some other social program; and it becomes a part of their permanent record. The schools are one big social program with counselors, programs and social workers.

Most people seem to think it's just wonderful, one lady told me a white back boy she was expecting a great future to break out in the school system just any time now, that many of the teachers and school employees were now "spirit-filled." Some of them are "spirit-filled" all right. I think I may know one or two that have several of them.

They now have video cameras in the hallways. The children are constantly aware they're being watched (except when they're using the restroom and I'm not too sure about that).

When I was a child we were always being warned about God's all-seeing eye, but we were never told about "big brother" all seeing.

The school children are not the only ones living in a fish bowl. We are all being monitored for anti-social behavior. Our society has gone program happy and counselor crazy. If you've got a problem, we've got the program. There are more counselors than counselees. We've got rehabs, therapies, support groups, shelters and counseling programs unlimited. As our president likes to say, "We feel your pain," and we got the program that will change your life. As if people can be reprogram like a computer.

People cannot change themselves. They may change their environment, circumstances or lifestyle, but they cannot change their wants, desires, lust and cravings. We were born in the image of the "first man Adam," the only way we can change is be born again "in the image of the second man, Adam," people cannot be reprogrammed.

I know of a couple of cases of couples who filed for divorce then soon after changed their mind. The judge wouldn't drop the case and ordered them to counseling. Not only did they have to listen to some State-appointed Psychotalk about "the joys of marital sex." They had to pay the bill. It's a money racket. The judge, lawyers, counselors and everybody gets to make a little money from "feeling your pain." Maybe that's why the economy has been doing so well. If only we could just keep up the pain, and create a new program for every pain.

It seems to me that we're on a slippery slope. Every time we turn around, another program is being implemented. The more government intrusion into our lives, the more people seem to like it. Which leaves me to wonder what their response will be when the proclamation is made that a new program is being implemented that all those that buy or sell or participate in the economy will have to take a mark in their right hand or in their forehead.

Bill Mullins
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the officers and members of the Rockcastle County Middle School Parent-Teacher Group I would like to thank Mr. Andy Beicher, Ms. Drama Gentry and the Gear Up staff at Berea College for the generous donation in the amount of \$1,168.00. This money was provided in the form of matching funds to reimburse PTG for award trophies handed out to academically deserving students at the end of 1999-2000 school year. This has permitted us, as an organization, to begin the new school year on a positive note financially.

We are very proud to be affiliated with a program like Gear Up. We feel that together, we can help any student in this county achieve what they all deserve - and that is to have a chance at success in life after leaving middle and high school. The best thing we can give our children is an education, in addition to preparing them to be responsible adults. This is what Gear Up and PTG are about.

The mission for the RCMS PTG is to act as a liaison between parent and teachers, to enrich the education of our children and recognize achievements. We shall also work to keep open lines of communication between parents, teachers and the community.

Thank You
Ray Hensley
President, RCMS PTG

Rockcastle Hospital cholesterol screening popular with community

Rockcastle Countians have been paying attention to the health warnings about high cholesterol and heart disease. Last month, nearly 550 took advantage of free cholesterol screenings offered by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. The test usually costs \$70. "We are overwhelmed by this tremendous response," said Lee Keene, president and CEO. "It demonstrates just how eager our community is to participate in preventative health measures. The cholesterol screenings are one of many that we offer throughout the year, and our goal is to meet the healthcare needs of our neighbors in as many ways as possible."

The next test offered by the hospital is scheduled for October, when

mammograms will be available at a reduced cost in conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To schedule a mammogram, call 256-2195. Each participant will receive a gift bag full of health information and other items.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., is a not-for-profit community hospital, which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, 60 long-term beds for ventilator-dependent patients, and a home health care service. The hospital was established in 1956 and treats patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and several other states.

Rockcastle Hospital receives large grant from WHAS Crusade

For the first time in the nine years of participating in the WHAS Crusade for Children, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., has received a full grant from the event. Hospital officials have been notified that they will receive \$411,112, the entire amount requested.

The grant will be utilized for a variety of therapy materials that will benefit pediatric patients who are receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy or speech therapy at RHRCC. Some of the items include:

- A portable bathing system that allows patients to be lifted into a tub right in their rooms.
- A wheelchair accessible swing that will be installed outside the hospital.
- A portable pediatric ventilator.
- A library that will provide books for parents on caring for children

with speech and language problems. Rockcastle Countians donated a total of \$4,000 to the Crusade this year. Local donations play a role in determining the grant amounts, which must be used to benefit children. "As in the past, we wholeheartedly thank the community for its support and donations to the project," said Linda Gregory, directory of speech therapy. "This is truly a community effort, and without our local businesses, friends and neighbors it would not be possible."

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Noon Tuesday**



Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in Brown precinct in the General Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, November 7th.

Norma Houk, County Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

DEMOCRATIC PARTY Straight Party Button		GENERAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000
REPUBLICAN PARTY Straight Party Button		Circuit Clerk (Vote for One)
NATURAL LAW PARTY Straight Party Button		Teresa VANZANT NATURAL LAW PARTY 35
LIBERTARIAN PARTY Straight Party Button		WRITE-IN 36
NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT		
GREEN PARTY Straight Party Button		Circuit Judge (Vote for One)
CONSTITUTION PARTY Straight Party Button		Michael Louis DUNCAN 39
REFORM PARTY Straight Party Button		Debra Hembree LAMBERT 40
President & Vice President of the United States (Vote for One)		
9 Al GORE DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Joe LIEBERMAN REPUBLICAN PARTY	WRITE IN 41
Constitutional Amendment 1		
George W. BUSH REPUBLICAN PARTY	Dick CHENEY REPUBLICAN PARTY	YES 46
John HAGELIN NATURAL LAW PARTY	Neil GOLDBADER NATURAL LAW PARTY	NO 47
Constitutional Amendment 2		
Harry BROWNE LIBERTARIAN PARTY	Art OLIVER LIBERTARIAN PARTY	YES 50
Ralph NADER GREEN PARTY	Winona LA DUQUE GREEN PARTY	NO 51
"SCHOOL CANDIDATES"		
United States Representative in Congress (Vote for One)		
Sidney Jane BAILEY DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Harold "Hal" ROGERS REPUBLICAN PARTY	YES 54
Member of Board of Education (Vote for One)		
Lawrence KUHLMAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Eddy Frank MONTGOMERY DEMOCRATIC PARTY	YES 55
State Senator 21st Senatorial District (Vote for One)		
State Representative 60th Representative District (Vote for One)		
Commonwealth's Attorney 29th Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)		
WRITE-IN		

WRITE-IN WINDOW

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