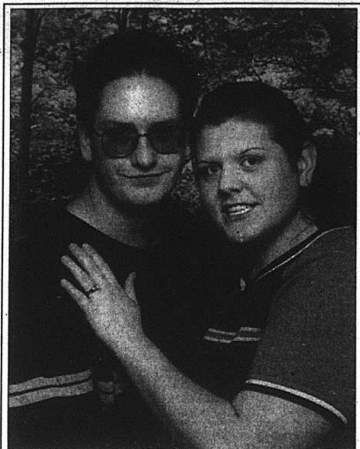


Gary Mink, right, Community Service chairman and Sue Hamm, left, of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club honors Doug Proctor, a very deserving community servant.



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

All friends and family are invited to help Benjamin "Rufus" Wheat and Mattie Ruth Wheat of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church (US 25 North) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th. No gifts required.  
Rufus and Mattie were united in marriage on December 20, 1950. Rufus is the son of the late Bill and Fanny Wheat. Mattie is the daughter of the late Cecil and Francis Rimell. Rufus and Mattie have nine children and 10 grandchildren. Please come and share this "golden" event with them.



### Cromer - Renner

Coy and Gail Cromer, along with Everett and Naomi Renner, all of Mt. Vernon, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Melissa Gail and Randy Lee. The wedding will take place on December 23, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Blue Springs Church of Christ, 7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Sand Springs Rd. Family and friends are welcome to attend the event.

## Kiwanis honors Doug Proctor

By: Sue Hamm Kiwanis Member

Young children are very important to Kiwanis International. In fact, they are so important to us, that we make them our number one priority. In reference to this, Kiwanis of Rockcastle County would like to pay a special tribute to Doug Proctor, who through his volunteerism for the past 14 years has made young children one of his priorities. Doug has been the coach of the Hot Rods since 1986 with the help and support of his wife, Linda. This T-ball team is comprised of three, four and five-year-olds. Ten children signed up for the first team, and now the Hot Rods average 50-60 players.

To see Doug work with these young children is a delight. Each little child is a winner every time! Regardless of how many attempts are made to hit the ball, Doug doesn't quit until success is experienced by that child each and every time at bat.

Not only does he promote good sportsmanship, but his patience, sense of humor, and diligence instill a positive sense of self-esteem in each little child. It's a joy to see the process that leads to the moment when that bat connects with the ball, and to observe the big wide smile of success which says it all.

What has motivated Doug's giving his past fourteen Springs to these young children? His reward comes from seeing the improvement in the children's skills and in watching them gain confidence from hard work. His philosophy has always been that playing the game must be fun for the children because they want to play, not because their parents want them to play.

At the end of his first year in 1987 Doug announced to the team that he wasn't going to coach Hot Rods the following year. He said he felt a tug on his pant leg. Lee Deatherage

looked up at him and said, "You're not going to quit on us, are you, Doug?" The rest-as he said-is history.

Volunteers like Doug Proctor make a positive difference in our

community. Kiwanis would like to express our appreciation to him and to honor him for his unselfish dedication to the young children of Rockcastle County.

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