



The Junior ROTC from Estill County High School assisted with the Hospice 5K Color Run/Walk on Saturday.



All shirts were white at the beginning of the race. By the time, the participants walked or ran the 5K, they were all different colors.



Gearl Denn Puckett demonstrated basket making skills at Saturday's Old Time Days at the historical society museum.

High Demand Swamps Caregiver Program

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

The Government Accounting Office report "Actions Needed to Address Higher-Than-Expected Demand for the Family Caregiver Program" is grim. The report assesses the program that was established in 2010 to support family caregivers of seriously injured post-9/11 veterans.

The program was to include a stipend equal to the cost of home health assistance, respite, training, health insurance for the caregiver and mental-health support. First, however, a caregiver must be approved and the veteran assessed.

Fact: The Veterans Health Administration guesstimated that 4,000 caregivers would be approved for the program. Already 15,600 caregivers have been approved. The Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers haven't been able to keep up with the workload. They put ONE support coordinator staffer in each medical center. Additionally, onsite nurses and physicians were to handle home visits and medical assessments within a certain time frame. They weren't ready either, and some 500 caregivers are being added to the roster every month.

Fact: The staff didn't have access to the workload data they needed to monitor the effects of the program because the software was developed to handle a much smaller program and therefore might not be reliable.

Fact: Since officials can't get good numbers and stats out of the program, they're trying to get another IT system ... but don't know when they'll get it.

Fact: At some clinics there just isn't enough staff to make home visits for the assessment. Directors see the caregiver program as even more work and not a high priority. At one facility, "the director refused to have nurses conduct home visits for the Family Caregiver Program." And "the number of physicians willing to conduct medical assessments for the program is limited."

To read the whole report, go online to gao.gov and put GAO-14-675 in the search box.

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Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

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This young lady somehow ended up all pink following the walk/run on Saturday.

Citizens of Estill, Lee and Owsley County On November 4th who will you elect as your next Circuit Judge?

Before you vote, consider these facts:

*Michael Dean has 26 years of experience and is the only candidate with experience trying all of the kinds of cases which the Circuit Judge must preside over, including felony criminal trials, civil suits, divorce, child custody and adoption



*Dean is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Civil Engineering and the University of Virginia School of Law, one of the top 10 law schools in the Country

*Dean is a licensed civil engineer who worked in the coal industry prior to becoming an attorney

*As an attorney, Dean has had numerous high profile cases in both State and Federal Court, many resulted in important legal precedents and published decisions in both civil and criminal areas of law

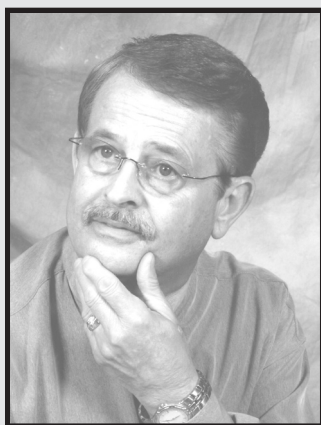
*Dean will ensure that justice is swiftly, fairly and firmly applied, and that all cases, criminal, civil, and family law, are promptly resolved

*Consider Dean's performance as Master Commissioner and Domestic Relations Commissioner and contrast that with his opponent's job performance as Commonwealth Attorney

Make the right choice. On November 4th, vote for Michael Dean, the only candidate who does not need on the job training, who has the qualifications and experience to get the job done

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