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The Ridge Runner

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Toward A Self-sustaining Operation

With the demise of federal funding a few years back we decided to do something different from other funded resource centers which simply closed their doors. We decided to live and do something more-- survive and still have an outreach program that helps others. For surviving we have had to draw on our own resources: volunteer help, making honoraria from talks, calendar and note card sales, our resource auditing service and royalties on books. To do the second thing and that is going out to help other Appalachians in some way help themselves requires some outside help. The question is always how much?

When a group makes most or all its money living on grants, it will most likely die without them. The grants are its life-blood-- and no matter how good the work it flavors the operation. The question which keeps haunting me when I see action-oriented groups completely funded

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Concerned Citizens Hold First County Judge's Forum

This is the year when Kentucky's local and county elections are held. One of the most important elected county positions is the Judge/Executive. In an effort to help educate Rockcastle County voters about the issues and candidates running for this office, the Eastern Rockcastle Concerned Citizens (ERCC) held a Candidates' Forum May 11 in Livingston. As far as we know this was the first time that any event like this was ever held in the county. Over 250 people turned out to hear seven of the candidates talk about how they plan to run the county if they were elected. The topics of the questions ranged from Rockcastle County's garbage problem and

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