



David Pelzer to speak at district day

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Police find another meth lab

A Rockcastle County man remains in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$25,000 bond, after police apparently found yet another methamphetamine (meth) lab in the county.

According to police, a joint investigation by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police, led to the discovery of the meth lab and 48 marijuana plants last Wednesday night.

According to police, Deputy Sheriff Doug Thomas and Trooper Scott Miller discovered the lab and marijuana at the residence of Clinton D. McCowan, 30, of Carter Ridge in Mt. Vernon.

McCowan was arrested and charged with cultivation of marijuana and manufacturing methamphetamine.

McCowan is due back in district court on August 6th.

Boil water advisory

Due to low chlorine residuals caused by prolonged heat, the Rockcastle Water Association has issued a boil water advisory for customers on the Sand Springs line, which includes Hwy. 1249 and all side roads.

The boil water advisory is also

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Correction

A story in last week's *Signal* concerning the death of Mrs. Betty Sue Holcomb in an auto accident in Berea on July 26 was incorrect.

The story stated that apparently the wheelchair Mrs. Holcomb was riding in came loose at the time of the accident, but that was not the case.

Detective David Gregory, an accident reconstructionist with the Berea Police Department said that the seat belt on the wheelchair apparently caused the blunt force trauma to Mrs. Holcomb's chest, which was the cause of death. "The wheelchair did not come loose," Gregory said.

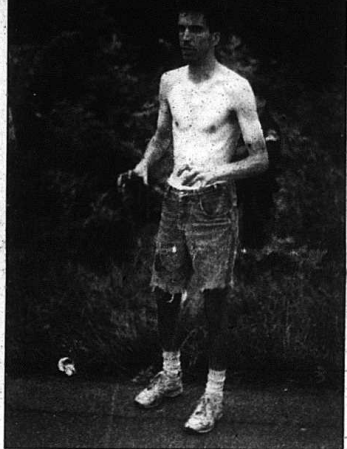
The *Signal* apologizes for this error.



Two lucky Cavers!

Mt. Vernon firefighters and Rockcastle EMS personnel had to use the jaws-of-life to free Karen Bruce, 28, of Milford, Ohio from the above vehicle last Friday, after it left Hwy. 1004 at Orlando. The car apparently flipped at least once, before striking a utility pole. The driver, Randall Jackson, 30, also of Milford, shown at right, told police another car was in his lane, which caused him to leave the roadway. Both Bruce and Jackson were treated at Rockcastle Hospital and released. The two were among the 1,400 cavers who attended a national convention in Rockcastle County last week.

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School begins August 15th

New Brodhead School will not be completed

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County school system will officially open for students on August 15th.

That is all students except those who attend Brodhead Elementary School.

Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Larry Hammond announced Wednesday that students who attend Brodhead will not go to school until August 27th because construction on the county's newest elementary school is not complete.

It is a first for Rockcastle County, but a common practice in other areas of the state when construction is not complete, according to Hammond.

Brodhead students will not be required to make up the eight school days they miss at the end of the year, but will make it up a few minutes each day, according to Hammond.

Actually Brodhead students already go to school each day longer than the required time - so making up the days will not be a problem for them," he said. "Everything we do about making up the missed days will be reviewed by state department officials," Hammond said.

All school personnel at Brodhead will be required to attend during the eight days when students are not in attendance.

The new buildings has been under construction less than one year.

The contract for construction of the school was for one year, so the general contractor D.W. Wilburn is still within the time frame of the construction contract.

Hammond said that problems with the parking lot - mainly the fact that the soil where the old school building sat was too damp was the main delay in opening the school on the 15th.

When school does start at Brodhead the gymnasium will not be completely finished either, but it will be completed soon after the first day of school, Hammond said.

The 60,000 square foot facility is

costing the local system \$6 million.

That figure includes everything from construction to new equipment and furniture.

Bus routes for the school system will remain the same with buses running the same routes and exchanging students at a designated place in Brodhead.

A lot of furniture that was in the old building will be used in the new facility.

District wide day for all school personnel will be August 14th.

School will be dismissed on Labor Day September 3, October 5 for CKEA, November 5 and 6 for election day and November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.

Christmas break will be December 20 through January 1.

Warf gets new liver

An Ohio man who was trying to raise money for a rare surgery that would have given him part of his niece's liver, received a cadaver liver during transplant surgery last Friday.

Surgery on Donnie Warf, a former Rockcastle County resident was performed at the University of Cincinnati Hospital.

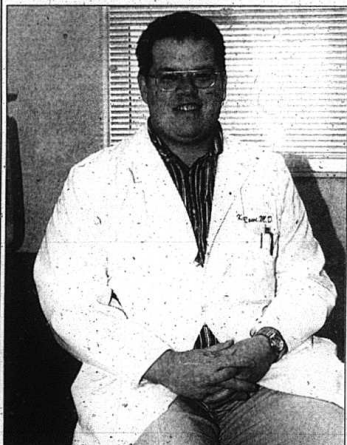
"We are so thankful," said Becky Smith, a Brodhead resident and middle school teacher, who was going to give a lobe of her liver in an effort to save his life.

"They had another patient for the liver but it was too big for that patient and they did not have time to get the donated liver from the hospital in Cincinnati to any where else, so my uncle got the call," she said.

Mrs. Smith said that her family was very thankful for the kindness and support shown to them in recent weeks.

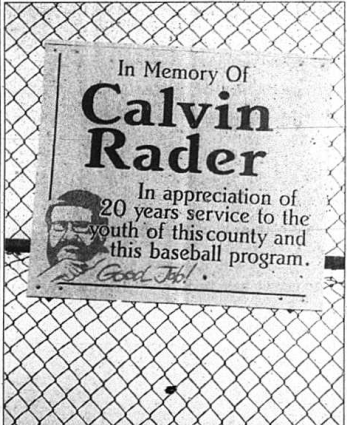
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Dr. Kevin Rowe begins local practice



Rockcastle County native Dr. Kevin Rowe began seeing patients yesterday at the Rockcastle Hospital Medical Arts Building, across from the Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Dr. Rowe is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School, Centre College and the University of Louisville Medical School. Dr. Rowe recently completed a residency in family practice. His office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone (606) 256-4148.

Memorial to the late Calvin Rader



He will always be remembered now that a memorial sign in honor of the late Calvin Rader of Mt. Vernon hangs on the backstop at Thacker Field in Brodhead. For twenty years Rader coached T-ball, Minor League and Little League baseball at the field, touching hundreds of young lives. Rader was killed last August in an auto accident on the Hwy. 461 by-pass.

Kim Owens named new Postmaster



Veteran postal employee Kim Owens, of Richmond, has been appointed as the new Postmaster at the Mt. Vernon Post Office. Mrs. Owens comes from Salvisa in Mercer County where she served as Postmaster for seven years. Mrs. Owens replaces Ben Culbertson, who retired in June. Mrs. Owens has been with the Postal Service for the past nineteen years and served as a clerk in the Richmond office for twelve years before being appointed Postmaster at Salvisa. Currently the Mt. Vernon Post Office serves 1,450 box holders and 3,036 customers on the six rural routes.