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Council discusses important issues

The Mt. Vernon City Council had several items of interesting business on their agenda last week.

Those items included presenting officer Barry Adams with a Governor's Award for his number of drunk or impaired driving arrests. It was his sixth straight year to be recognized.

The council also discussed a \$65,000 grant for Halcomb East and Maple Grove Road, which will extend water lines and a \$110,000 grant for the city's raw sewage treatment plant.

Mayor Karen King and the council also discussed recent expansions by Charter Communications, which have also raised the price of cable for local residents.

Mayor King read two letters from disgruntled customers and the council agreed to ask a Charter representative be present at the next meeting.

Mayor King also said that she would ask city attorney John Clontz

to review the county's agreement with Charter before the next meeting.

The Mayor also outlined some goals she thought the council should have and ones that should be completed in the next year or so.

They include: making the mayor's

job a full-time 35 hour per week job, with that person on site.

It was also discussed raising the salary of the council members of \$100 to \$200 per month.

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Daughter of former RCHS teacher dies

The daughter of a former Rockcastle County High School teacher died in a tragic accident last week.

Samantha Tillery, 6, died after being run over when she fell off the tailgate of her father's pick-up truck, according to police reports.

Her father, Gary Tillery, 31, was driving the truck and had taught at the Rockcastle County High School for approximately five years, before returning home to teach at Jackson County High School.

family is building a home.

Samantha was riding on the tailgate, along with her sister, Kimberly, 9, and brother, Dakota, 4, said Blue Lake, owner of Lakes Funeral Home in McKee, who spoke for the family.

"(Gary Tillery) was just backing his truck up to move it, and the little girl fell off the tailgate and the truck ran over her," Lake said.

Gary Tillery had gathered scraps of wood from the home's construction

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Two found guilty in federal court

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Troy Kirby and Johnny Lee Bullock, both of Rockcastle County, were found guilty last week by a federal jury in United States District Court in London.

The two were charged with conspiring and manufacturing, possessing and distributing methamphetamine.

Kirby was also found guilty of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and possessing a firearm not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

The jury's verdicts of guilty were returned following a trial before United States District Judge Jennifer B. Coffman.

Kirby and Bullock are scheduled to be sentenced on April 25.

The case was investigated by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, the Mt. Vernon Police Department, the Laurel County Sheriff's Office, the Williamsburg Police Department, the Kentucky State Police,

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Hall of Fame will open soon

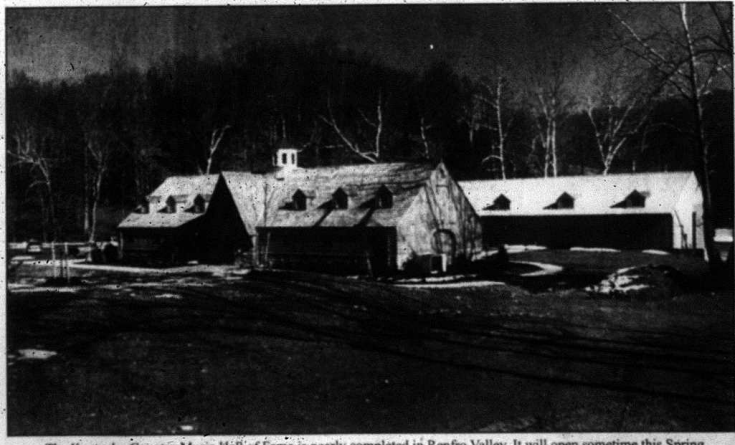
The 2002 entertainment season at Renfro Valley will open in March, but the biggest news for the Valley this year is the fact that Kentucky's Music Hall of Fame will open this Spring.

The multi-million dollar facility has been under construction for the past year and is expected to draw thousands of visitors to the county.

Rockcastle County State Representative Danny Ford and Kentucky Governor Paul Patton are largely responsible for the funding for the project.

The Hall of Fame is located where the horse stables of Renfro Valley Barn Dance founder John Lair were once located.

The actual stables serve as a vestibule to the Hall of Fame.



The Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame is nearly completed in Renfro Valley. It will open sometime this Spring.

Deadline to file for office is next week

The filing deadline for the May Primary is less than a week away and filings for the election are starting to slow down.

The following is a run down of who has filed for what office.

For County Judge-Executive, incumbent Buzz Carlotta; and local businessman Howard Saylor have filed.

County Attorney Jeff Burdette is so far unopposed.

County Clerk Norma Houk and Property Valuation Administrator Margaret Offutt are also unopposed as is County Coroner Bill Dowell.

In the race for Jailor, incumbent James Miller is opposed by former jailer Billy Kirby.

The most crowded race is that of Sheriff, where incumbent Shirley Smith is opposed by Darrell Doan, Sam Stallworth, Billy M. Hammons, Wayne Lear, Sr. and John H. Kemper, Jr.

Incumbent first district magistrate John Holbrook, a Democrat, has plenty of company in his race for re-election.

He is opposed by another Democrat, Larry Newcomb, Sr., a host of Republicans, one of which Holbrook or Newcomb will face in the fall.

The Republican candidates in the first district are David Gibbs, Eugene Caldwell, Paul "Buster" Rowe, Larry Lebbe, Arnold McGuire and Donald W. Collins.

Incumbent magistrate Jack Bradley has only one opponent at this time, he is William Denny.

Third district magistrate Bill McKinney is currently unopposed.

In the fourth district, incumbent Fred Mullins Jr., is being challenged by Roger Racker.

In district five, Donald Bullock is being opposed by Mark Poyner, Murrel K. Brown, George Renner, Randy Stewart and William Mullins. Rockcastle and Lincoln District Judges Walter McGuire and Michael Henry have also filed for re-election.

And although the job pays nothing there is a host of candidates for constable.

In district one the candidates are: Ernest Alcorn and Randall Stevens.

In district two the candidates are: Delois McClure, Shannon York, Charlie Newcomb and Steve Griffin.

In district three the candidates are: Ronald Dale Simpson and Stanley R. Payne.

In district four the candidates so far are: Roger Pigg, Leonard Miller, Richard Dean and Donnie Cope.

In district five, Albert Wayne Carpenter and David Mason have filed.

Also to date, three people have filed for city offices, although the deadline to file is in August.

All of those filings are for Mt. Vernon Mayor. They are council members Chance Kirby and Jackie Renner and Rockcastle Respiratory Care Patient Jody Adams.

The filing deadline for county offices is next Tuesday, January 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Old Man Winter strikes again....



Rockcastle residents got another dose of old man winter last week when approximately five inches of snow fell in the county. Rockcastle County road crews did their best to improve road conditions as is evident by the above photo of the Sowder School Road at Sand Springs. A Lexington woman was killed in a Saturday night accident on I-75. Icy roads were to blame.