

Child support program in compliance

A January report has been issued by the Office of Performance Improvement, Division of Outcome Based Contracts recently, which conducted monitoring of the Rockcastle Attorney's Child Support Program.

Convicted felon arrested

A Northern Rockcastle County man pled not guilty to possession of firearms by a convicted felon in Rockcastle District Court on Wednesday.

Ronnie G. Carroll, 44, of Buffalo Hollow Road was arrested last week after he apparently fired shots from his mobile home, causing police to be called to the scene.

State Trooper Coby Smith, Sheriff Shirley Smith, deputy Joe Rush and Constable Dale Miller, arrested Carroll, after a female at his residence told police he was the one doing the shooting.

Constable Miller said Carroll was also wanted in other Kentucky counties on 45 counts of theft, by deception (cold checks).

Wednesday the case was held over for the Rockcastle County Grand Jury, but Carroll remains in the Rockcastle County jail because of the cold check warrants.

At the time of his arrest, Carroll had three handguns, six SKS Rifle and a shotgun in his possession.

All issues examined were determined to be in compliance with state and federal regulations by report dated January 8, 2002 from George Hus, Internal Policy Analyst.

The Rockcastle County Child Support program has consistently performed in the 95 percent range yearly for the past several years according to records monitoring the program maintained by the Cabinet for Families and Children in Frankfort. The program is graded on performance in several categories including the establishment of paternity, amount of collection, the setting of child support obligations and other related areas.

In addition to the recent compliance report, the Rockcastle Child Support Program continues to increase their collections and improve their efforts by maintaining the performance criteria as determined by the Cabinet for Families and Children. Figures maintained by the state show that an amount of nearly \$1,000,000 was collected for the fiscal year in Rockcastle County.

Burdette attributes the success of the program to his staff. "Most County Attorneys do not have the benefit of such an experienced and knowledgeable child support staff and I am proud of their work," Burdette said.

Kirby, who pled guilty last September to possession with intent to distribute peroxide, was sentenced to three months of community confinement and placed on probation for three years. He was also ordered to pay \$3,600 fine.

Kirby, who pled guilty to conspiracy to possess and distribute marijuana was sentenced to 37 months in jail to be followed by four years supervised release, according to a news release from the US Attorney's office.

The US Attorney's office also announced that a complaint for conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute marijuana had been filed against Jack Douglas Hensley, 37, of Maple Grove Road, Mt. Vernon.

"Road"

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maintaining the 116 miles of rural county roads.

They are also scheduled to resurface 3.4 miles of KY 1230 beginning at Freedom School Road and ending at Hwy. 150.

They will also resurface 4.1 miles of KY 1326 (Old Broadhead-Mt. Vernon Road), beginning at KY 1505 (Bridle Ridge Road) and ending at KY 461.

The state will also resurface 2.9 miles of KY 1650 beginning at KY 618 and ending at KY 70.

Altogether the state is scheduled to spend \$674,000 on rural secondary roads in 2002-2003.

The court also heard from Livingston fire chief Sam Stallsworth and Mt. Vernon firefighters Steve Griffin and Steve Renfro.

The three were complaining about the county's 911 system and the fact that the mapping for the enhanced 911 system was taking so long.

Stallsworth also asked about decreasing the number of 911 board members from the current 13.

The three also said that 911 should use volunteers to help in the mapping for 911.

911 director Bonnie Roark pointed out that as far as she knew, no one had signed up to volunteer to help.

The three also asked the court to consider putting two dispatchers in the 911 center at all times.

County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolis told the firemen that the county had very little to do with the 911 board and that they should bring their concerns before that board, which they had already done on the previous Thursday night.

Magistrate Bill McKinney suggested that if the firemen truly wanted to help 911, they would take the required training as dispatchers and volunteer their time to dispatch calls, when needed.

The court took no action on the three men's request or suggestions. The court approved a solid waste hauler permit for Byron L. Abney of Conway Road.

They also gave permission to Clarence Carter to lay water and sewer lines along Vance Road from Hwy. 25 to Hwy. 461, near exit 62 at Renfro Valley.

"911" (Cont. from Front)

ing," Roark said.

The two fire chiefs also complained about the mapping of the county for the enhanced version of 911.

"We have volunteered to help map, but nobody from 911 has ever called us," Hansel said.

Roark told the firefighters to tell Dwight Brown, assistant 911 Director, when they could help add he would be glad to use them anytime.

Roark said on Tuesday that none of the firefighters had signed up to volunteer as of yet.

Stallsworth also questioned the number of board members on 911, saying that 13 was too many.

Stallsworth said the board should be reduced from 13 to five.

Hansel told Stallsworth that the Rockcastle Fiscal Court determined the number and that he thought five members were not enough.

He also said that Larry Mullins, a member of the board and a Bridle Ridge firefighter had not reported back to the fire departments every 60 days as had been requested.

Mullins, who was in attendance said that he wasn't aware he was supposed to report to fire departments on a regular basis.

"I hate to go disagree with you, but you were aware," Stallsworth said.

However Mullins pointed out that he was appointed to the board at a meeting he wasn't even at because the other representative Brian Russell of the Broadhead fire department resigned his position early into his term.

Mullins agreed to report to each fire department every 60 days concerning 911's actions.

Hansel also told the crowd that 911 was brought on line four years ago because it was an "election thing with Buzz," (Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolis).

Livestrong firefighter Ed Lytle said that 911 was experiencing problems because of the way it was implemented four years ago.

There was also a brief discussion about the fact that none of the three city governments in the county pay anything to 911.

The city (Mt. Vernon) did vote to pay something each month to 911 when it first went on line because we voted on it," said Mt. Vernon council member Clarke Kirby.

At that time Mt. Vernon was dispatching their own calls, which was a large expense to the city, but according to 911 records, no money has ever been received.

Fiscal Court Administrative Assistant Anna Rose Mullins said she was told that the city of Mt. Vernon did not pay anything to 911 because Broadhead and Livingston did not pay anything.

Roark said the majority of the calls 911 receives are for calls within the city of Mt. Vernon.

Hansel told the crowd that Mt. Vernon's policy on paying 911 should not have anything to do with Livingston's and Broadhead's decisions.

It was also pointed out that 911 receives no revenue from cell phones used by local residents.

Currently 911 has three full-time dispatchers and five part-time dispatchers.

"McKinney"

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stranged wife, Melissa.

McKinney was charged with attempted murder at the time of incident.

According to police, McKinney told arresting officer Trooper LaDe Owens he was under the influence of crack and marijuana.

As part of the agreement, McKinney will participate in the pre-trial diversion program for four years, which will be supervised by the court.

He also pled guilty to wanton endangerment, a felony. If he completes the diversion program his felony will be wiped from the record, according to Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery.

McKinney is also required to undergo in-patient drug treatment.

He will also not be allowed to possess or own a firearm and he is to refrain from drug or alcohol use.

According to Montgomery, if McKinney violates the conditions of the pre-trial diversion, he will be required to serve a four year prison term in the state penitentiary.

"Renfro"

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Returning to the Barn Dance cast will be Jim Gaskin, Bun Wilson and Don Gulley.

Jamboree stars returning this year are Jeff Watson, Pam Perry and Donna Dailey.

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"Escape"

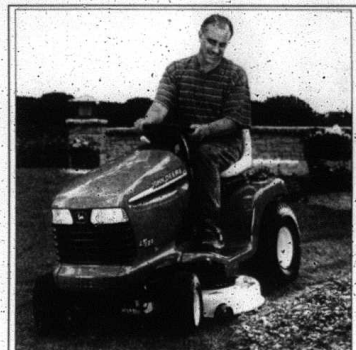
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hopped him on Hwy. 21, near the Shell Station on the first exit.

Tucker was charged with driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and giving police a false name.

Berea police said Tucker was also wanted on parole violations in Ohio and that he would be transferred to Tennessee where he would face arson and possible kidnapping charges.

His girlfriend, who wasn't wearing any shoes when she ran into the Marathon station, was treated at the Rockcastle Hospital for shock and dismissed.



Mt. Vernon Lions Club president David DeBoard and members would like to thank all Rockcastle Countians for their participation in the four-wheeler raffle. The club is now raffling a 2002 John Deere riding lawn mower. To purchase tickets you may contact cylinder application chairman Billy Dowell at 256-4480, Alfred McNew - 758-9963, Floyd Baker - 256-9464, Bobby Kendrick - 256-5535, Floyd Caldwell - 256-4146, Mark Turner - 256-9154 or David DeBoard - 758-8785. Tickets are 2 for \$5 or \$3 each.

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