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Assemblies of God sues for property

The Kentucky District Council of The Assemblies of God has filed a lawsuit in Rockcastle Circuit Court demanding that the River of Faith Ministries at Burr in Rockcastle County either sell their property or donate it back to the council.

Local attorney John Clontz, who filed the suit on behalf of the Assemblies of God, said that in April the church's name was changed to River of Faith and that they had severed all ties with the Assemblies of God organization.

Clontz said that the original legal documents between Assemblies of God and the late founder of the local church, Marvin Hensley Sr., require that the property be sold or donated to the Assemblies of God charities.

Hensley was murdered in 1989 by a Clay County man, as he worked at his gas station in Laurel County.

The current preacher at the church, Marty White, could not be reached for comment.



River of Faith is located on Hwy. 1004 at Burr.

Christmas in the Park December 6

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club and others announced this week that the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Triangle Park, located in downtown Mt. Vernon will be December 6th.

There will be Christmas carols, music by the Rockcastle County High School Band, and other local musicians.

Antique carriage rides will also be available at a small cost and refreshments will be served at various locations in town, according to coordinator Carol Bryant.

The City of Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade will follow the tree lighting ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Bryant said that any organization or church group that may want to have a float in the parade should contact her at 256-5246.

Local hospital buys church parsonage

Rockcastle Hospital Administrator Steve Estes said this week that the local hospital had purchased the First Baptist Church parsonage, which adjoins their property on Newcomb Avenue in Mt. Vernon.

The hospital paid \$170,000 for the house and lot. Estes said that the hospital board is always interested in property which adjoins their facility because of the possible expansions at the hospital.

Estes, who took over a few months ago for the late Lee D. Keene, said that currently the board has no solid plans for the property.

Rockcastle Hospital is the county's largest employer with 450 employees and an annual payroll of approximately \$9 million.

A First Baptist Church deacon said that the current preacher at their church, Eddie Nation, was currently building a home in Hurty Ridge Estates and would be able to move in by Christmas.

Mt. Vernon woman hurt in accident

A Mt. Vernon woman is still recovering from her injuries received in a two car accident on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

Ruth Owens, 63, of West Main Street, was involved in one of three accidents which have occurred in virtually the same place in the last few weeks.

Mrs. Owens was hospitalized for a week, with internal injuries. Charles B. Parsons, who was the other person involved in that accident was slightly injured. Both vehicles involved in the accident were totaled.

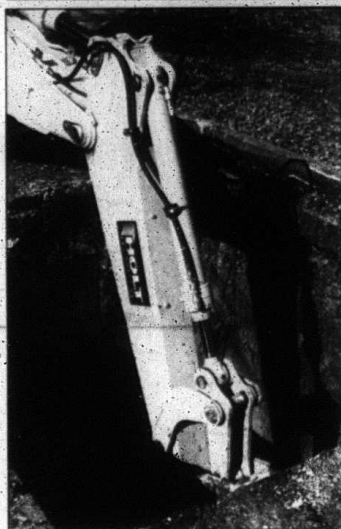
Wet November here

Rockcastle County weatherman Bud Cox said that over four and half inches of rain has been recorded at the local weather station in November.

The most rainfall recorded in a 24 hour period has been 1.31 inches and on two other days, over an inch was recorded. Cox said that eight of the 20 days this month, rainfall has been recorded.

The low recorded temperature in November has been 24 and the high temperature has been 68.

Stories by Richard Anderkin



Phone service for many Mt. Vernon residents was interrupted on Tuesday, after an employee of a contractor working for Alltel cut a main phone line. According to workers at the site, employees were working to make improvements when the accident occurred. Employees were working on an underground cable, located behind City Hall. Some local residents and businesses did not have service until Wednesday morning.

Main phone line cut in Mt. Vernon

Mt. Vernon residents, business owners and even the Rockcastle Hospital had a rough time communicating on Tuesday and for some on Wednesday, when a main phone line was cut.

Officials at the site of the problem said that a contractor working for Alltel, which recently purchased the local telephone system from Verizon, were working to upgrade the local lines when the line was cut.

Many Main Street businesses and other businesses in the city were without phone service all day on Tuesday.

Alltel employees at the site estimated that it would initially take six to eight hours to fix the problem, but some businesses and residents still did not have service 24 hours after the line was cut.

"In my business you can't do alot without phone service," said Tammy Cox, owner of Cox Florist in Mt. Vernon.

Ms. Cox said that because of the lack of service, her business saw a 90 percent decline in the 24 hour period.

They don't offer you any money back either," she said.

The cut line was behind City Hall in Mt. Vernon. Not all residents or businesses in the city lost service.

Early deadline for next week's paper

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, all Signal deadlines have been moved to 5 p.m. on Monday. The Signal will be available on Tuesday night of next week, instead of the normal Wednesday night availability.

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Dr. Orson Arvin

Local hospital honors late doctor

On Monday, November 14, the third anniversary of his death, family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Orson Arvin gathered to commemorate his life with the dedication of a portrait and bronze plaque to be placed in the entry of Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Dr. Arvin, who spent his entire medical career serving the people of the region, died unexpectedly while on an extended medical mission in East Africa.

"I could talk a long while about his many accomplishments," said hospital board chairman Joseph E. Lambert. "But, in summary, I believe it would be safe to say that no one individual made a greater contribution to the success of the community's healthcare and this facility than did Dr. Arvin."

Lambert shared memories of early years of the hospital, when its future was still uncertain, and how Dr. Arvin spent countless hours caring for patients and helping the facility make ends meet.

"Dr. Arvin truly cared about the people of this community and his caring was returned to him many times over by their love for him," he said.

Dr. Arvin's widow, Bettye, and his sons Tony and Tim unveiled the framed photograph and bronze plaque.

"I'm very proud of the portrait and plaque," Mrs. Arvin said. "I have a wonderful place in my heart for Mt. Vernon. I spent 25 years here and I miss everyone." The Arvins moved to Lexington following Dr. Arvin's retirement from medical practice.

Dr. Tony Arvin said, "One of my father's greatest attributes was his humility. So in a way, this is not

something he would have been comfortable with. But it is a chance for us to see him on a regular basis. Thank you for being so kind to him and to us."

Family members attending the program also included Tony Arvin's wife, Rebekah and their daughter, Sydney and son, Ashton, and Tim

Arvin's wife, Jeanna, and their daughters, Emma and Sarah.

The portrait and plaque will join those of Dr. George H. Griffith and William Wayne Stewart in the front entrance of the hospital. Hospital CEO Steve Estes said the wall of honor is an indication that the community and the hospital have served

each other well through the years. "Rockcastle Hospital is—and always has been—the epitome of a community hospital. We respond to the needs of the community through the leadership and service of local leaders, medical professionals, and dedicated staff," he said. "It is fitting

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Family members, friends and colleagues of the late Dr. Orson Arvin gathered last week in his honor. Shown above from left are his two sons and widow, Dr. Tony Arvin, Mrs. Bettye Arvin and Tim Arvin.