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Thursday snow closes local schools

Rockcastle County Schools were dismissed fifteen minutes after it started Wednesday morning, after a winter snow storm blanketed the county.

Rockcastle County School official Richard Bray said that many students had to be taken home by private vehicles, after it became very slick in a very short period of time, but thanks to the cooperation of school employees and even some private individuals there were no injuries.

Weather officials said that about three inches of the white stuff had fallen by four p.m. and Rockcastle School officials announced late Wednesday afternoon that there would be no school on Thursday (today).

Many churches cancelled services on Wednesday night and some businesses, including Mt. Vernon Plaza, closed up shops.

It was the first major storm of the season and had been predicted by forecasters.

Police are blaming the snow and ice for a fatality on Interstate 75 around 8:30 a.m. Wednesday on the weather conditions.

James Eddie Price, 65, died at the scene. The north bound lane of I-75 was closed for a period of time because of accident.

Tickets at high school

Tickets for Saturday's KHSAA Class 3A Football State Finals game between Boyle County and Rockcastle County will be on sale at the school this week. Gate time is 12:00 (noon).

Advance tickets are \$6 each. Tickets at the gate will be \$8. Children ages 6 or younger will be admitted free.

The Rockcastle County High School will be open Thursday to sell advance tickets to the state football final - Call 256-4816



Rockcastle County senior, Ben Taylor received bad enough injuries on Monday, that he will be out of school for nine weeks after wrecking his Chevrolet Monte Carlo on Dug Hill Road. The wreck occurred after school. His two passengers, Dustin and Justin Albright, freshmen at RCHS were also injured, but not seriously.

Most motorist good during holiday

On Wednesday, November 27th, through Sunday, December 1st, at 11:59 p.m., the Kentucky State Police at London were out in force targeting intoxicated drivers, speeding motorists, seatbelt and child restraint violators to help make this holiday season a safe one for those living in and traveling through our post area.

This effort was to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities that are caused by intoxicated drivers and speeding motorists. By working saturated patrols and traffic safety checkpoints throughout the post area over 700 vehicles were stopped.

These traffic stops resulted in the following traffic activity: a total of 536 citations were issued which were 231 Speeding, 50 Seatbelt, 3 Child Restraint violations and 15 Drivers were arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

The remaining citations were for other traffic and non-traffic related offenses. The State Police investigated a total of 19 accidents with 0 fatal crashes.

Additionally the Kentucky State Police at London responded in 319 complaints, opening 25 criminal cases, made 44 criminal arrest and gave assistance to 34 motorists. Detectives and Troopers from the London Post conducted two death investigations in the London Post area.

On Thursday, November 28th Detective Billy Madden and the London/Laurel County Major Crimes Task Force conducted the investigation into the shooting of Bobby Ray Grubb, 44, of Manchester which resulted from a domestic dispute in Laurel County.

Trooper Phillip Hayes is investigating the death of Jeffery Barlow,

32, of Sylvania, Alabama. According to the report Jeffery Barlow along with a friend were walking in a

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Rockcastle man killed in domestic dispute

On Thursday, November 28, at approximately 10:35 p.m., members of the London/Laurel County Major Crimes Task Force responded to the report of a shooting five miles north of London on Little Arthur Ridge Road in Laurel County.

According to the investigation Bobby Ray Grubb, 44, of Rockcastle and his wife, Brenda K. Grubb, of East Bernstadt had been separated for several months when he discovered she was visiting a family member for Thanksgiving when Bobby Ray Grubb, suddenly showed up. While there a domestic dispute erupted between the two and a family member at the residence shot Bobby Ray Grubb once. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Laurel County Deputy Coroner Doug Bowling.

According to court records, Brenda Grubb had gotten an emergency protection order against her husband.

Parade Rescheduled

The City of Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 1 p.m. in the afternoon.

The parade had been scheduled for December 6th, Friday night at 6:30 p.m. The change is due to the RCHS football game for the state championship game of the 3A division title in Louisville on Saturday.

Many Rocket fans would be unable to attend the parade if held on that Friday night according to Mt. Vernon city officials.

The parade line up will be at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School at 12:00 on Saturday the 14th. Churches, individuals, civic organizations and clubs are still invited to participate. Santa will also be visiting Mt. Vernon and riding in the parade.

Please note that the annual Christmas in the Park sponsored by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club will still be held on Friday night at 6 p.m. There will be entertainment and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Local McKinney brothers receive huge fines for wildlife violations

What is probably one of the largest financial penalties ever assessed in Kentucky was ordered in the Rockcastle District Court cases recently involving two local brothers, Michael and Jonathan McKinney, of Sand Springs.

Last Wednesday, in Rockcastle District Court both Michael and Jonathan McKinney pled guilty to 28 of the 85 charges lodged against them earlier this year. Most of the misdemeanor charges brought on September 13, 2002 were charged related to possession of illegally taken wildlife. After Fish and Wildlife Officer Steve Isaacs, along with Kentucky State Trooper Coby Smith in cooperation with the Rockcastle Sheriff's Office, investigated the McKinney's activities, a search warrant was obtained from the Rockcastle County Attorney's office. The search turned up a number of deer mounts and turkey parts.

In addition to being assessed the brothers were ordered to repay \$12,500 to the Department of Fish

and Wildlife for illegally possessed deer and turkey parts. The brothers also forfeited 23 firearms, a library of hunting accessories, deer and turkey mounts and their rights to hunt for five years.

Michael McKinney was sentenced to one year to serve 45 days on 14 counts of misdemeanor possession of illegally taken deer and turkey.

Jonathan McKinney was sentenced to one year to serve 15 days on 14 misdemeanor counts. Both are on two years probation, and after their release, each brother is required to do 150 hours of community service.

"The brothers recorded many of their illegal hunting activities on video, and hadn't tagged or reported their takes," County Attorney Jeff Burdette said. "It would have been difficult however to prove a number of charges that were lodged, except for possession charges, so I believe their resolution was a fair one," he

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Rockcastle football fans were very excited about the Rockets win last Friday night. The Rockets defeated Fort Thomas Highlands 45-4 to advance to the state championship game in Louisville. See special section inside.



James Eddie Price, 65, of Eubank was killed in an accident on Interstate 75 Wednesday morning. Police said the slick road conditions on the Interstate contributed to the death. The Interstate was closed for a period of time.



Chris Robinson with the City of Mt. Vernon and Herb Joseph braved the weather Wednesday to put Christmas decorations on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. The annual tree lighting is Friday and the parade is next Saturday, as is Brodhead's.