



Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue responded to a single car accident around 4 a.m. Monday on Hwy 25 in Conway. Authorities say William Blair, 41, of Clear Creek was traveling north on Hwy 25 when he lost control of his vehicle and dropped off the shoulder of the roadway before striking a tree. Blair was transported to the Saint Joseph Berea Hospital where he is currently being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Last half of 2012 saw job growth in county

The last half of 2012 passed in pretty ho-hum fashion, compared to the first half with its wet/dry election, except for law enforcement in the county who had, and still have, their hands full with the drug problem.

In July: A large crowd attended the annual Blast in the Valley festivities which were capped with a stunning

Couple arrested for wanton endangerment

By: Doug Ponder
A Berea couple was arrested for first degree wanton endangerment last Tuesday after police responded to a complaint at Pizza Hut in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Justin Wayne McCracken, 23 and Megan Elizabeth Stewart, 23, both of Berea. According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, officer Jeff Harness responded to Pizza Hut after receiving a complaint of someone “shooting up” inside their vehicle in the restaurant’s parking lot. Once Harness approached the vehicle, he noticed that McCracken had slurred speech. Upon further investigation, Harness also noticed that McCracken appeared in-

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fireworks display at dark. The temperature rose to a sizzling 107 degrees, according to the time/temperature clock at Community Trust Bank. However, shortly after, a cold front moved in and dropped temperatures very low. Livingston held a Trail Day event which was kicked-off with a parade and Rockcastle Regional Hospital held a golf scramble, raising \$6,500 for the WHAS Crusade for Children. Willard Cope, 62, of Mt. Vernon, lost his life in a single car accident on Climax Road. The Medley Boys, a local band, signed

Meade named vice-chair of house committee

By: Doug Ponder
The leadership of the Kentucky House majority appointed Representative David Meade as the vice-chairman of the House Licensing and Occupations Committee.

The House Licensing and Occupations Committee oversees matters pertaining to the professional licensing of engineers, land surveyors, architects, real estate brokers, public accountants, alcoholic beverage control and other occu-

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a record contract with Adonda Reords. The Livingston Lions Club was officially chartered and RCHS student Michael Brewer attended the Foster Music Camp for the fifth year. A 31-year-old McKee man crawled up a 100 ft. embankment for help after wrecking his SUV on Himanns Fork Road, off Big Hill. Five people were arrested in the county, within a two day period, on drug charges. Berea Health Ministry announced it would close its doors as of August 29th. A Rockcastle County school bus was vandalized while sitting in a parking lot at Transylvania University. Chris Hendrickson was named RCMS principal and Anthony Coffey was picked for assistant principal at MVES. It was announced that school in Rockcastle County would begin on August 8th. Gov. Steve Beshear’s office announced that he would be visiting Livingston to view the progress that has been made toward creating Livingston as a Kentucky Trail Town and it was announced that the dates for the Little World’s Fair in Brodhead would be Aug. 6-11.

In August: A fourth person was convicted in the January, 2012 shooting death of Jackie Bullock.

Gary D. Kirby, 20, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to Murder and Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamines. Along with Kirby, four other were charged in connection with the case with three already sentenced: Joshua Cameron

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Indictments returned

Only three indictments were returned by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury during January.

Indicted were:
Randy Faye Saylor, 36, of Albright Street in Brodhead was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense and one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, first offense.

Saylor’s bond were set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Henry R. Haling, 23, of Maple Grove Road, Orlando, was indicted for the offense of manufacture of methamphetamine, first offense. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property.

Jeffrey E. Thacker, 52, of Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard was indicted for a fraudulent insurance act. His bond was set at \$2,500 cash/property.

Brodhead discusses wastewater system and Trail Town project at monthly council meeting

By: Doug Ponder

Many items were brought up at the monthly Brodhead council meeting on Monday night, including updates on the city’s wastewater system and Trail Town project.

GRW Engineers Vice President Bob Smallwood met with the council to provide them with an update on the wastewater project that has been in the works for the past three years.

The project started in June 2010 when GRW Engineers was procured to assist Brodhead with their wastewater issues after the city received their first “notice of violation letter” from the Kentucky Division of Water. GRW Engineers was officially under contract with the city in August 2010.

Smallwood said that since receiving their first “notice of violation letter” in June 2010, the city has received five more letters from the Kentucky Division of Water that consisted of notices of violations. He said that all the city’s wastewater issues have been addressed but that mostly the wet weather flow issues and the inflow systems of the city’s waste water plant have not been met.

“The City Hall’s pump station backs up and manholes on Main Street back up during severe rains,” Smallwood said. “Down by the treatment plant, raw sewage pumps at the waste water plant get backed up as well.”

In October 2010, the city filed a project profile with the Cumberland Valley Area Development District in order to

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Livingston commission discusses sewer project

At Monday night’s regular meeting Livingston City Commissioners heard a presentation from Bob Blankenship with HMB Professional Engineers.

Blankenship outlined for the commissioners the steps necessary to proceed with the city’s wastewater system improvement project and gave an overview of the funding that is available for the \$1.419 million project.

The project covers improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, the collection system (sewer lines) and work on the Mullins pump station.

Blankenship told the commissioners that there were four avenues for funding for the project and that his firm, at no

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Prominent Rocket football assistant coach retires after 30 seasons of coaching

By: Doug Ponder

A well-known Rockcastle County football assistant coach announced that he will be hanging up his cleats after spending 30 years on the sidelines.

Rockcastle County Rockets Assistant Coach Tony Saylor officially announced his retirement Sunday in front of a full crowd in the RCHS auditorium.

Saylor said he became

interested in coaching after growing up around the Mt. Vernon football program in the 1960s and playing for the Rockcastle County football program in the 1970s.

“In 1982, I remember telling my dad that I had chosen my career,” Saylor said. “Since he had spent seven years coaching three sports at Jenkins,

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Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire Tuesday night on Ottawa School Road in Quail. Authorities say the house was abandoned and completely destroyed in the fire. The cause of the fire remains unknown.



Rockcastle County Rockets Assistant Coach Tony Saylor officially announced his retirement Sunday in front of a full crowd in the RCHS auditorium. The Rocket football coaching staff and players surprised Saylor by framing his high school football jerseys.