

“Review”

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and Bobby Peters are both serving 25 year sentences for their involvement and Hannah Hunsucker was sentenced to 20 years for complicity to murder. The fifth defendant, Haley Robinson, aka Jessica Gibson, remains pending before Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette. Jim Ward resigned as principal of Roundstone Elementary in order to accept a position with the Lincoln Co. Board of Education as Coordinator of Curriculum. Local attorney Jerry J. Cox was installed as president-elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the 54th annual meeting in San Francisco and Travis Rogers received the Governor's Award for Occupant Protection Enforcement. Rogers is a member of the Kentucky State Police Vehicle Enforcement Agency. A Sunday storm played havoc with the schedule of events at the Little World's Fair in Brodhead, causing the cancellation of a fire truck show and two events had to be moved indoors. Dennis Robinson, 66, of Mt. Vernon was killed in a single-car accident on South Wilderness Road. Five people were arrested by local law enforcement in two separate meth busts -- three from out-of-town. White House Clinic announced it would be opening an office in Mt. Vernon on Sept. 17th at the office of Dr. Tony Arvin with a new facility planned for construction soon. Livingston homecoming was set for August 31-September 2 and all incumbents filed for city races in the three towns for the November General Election. Christian Appalachian Project founder Monsignor Ralph Beiting, 88, died and Dollie Bussell Krahenbuhl celebrated her 103rd birthday on August 9th. Kevin Mullins was named principal at Roundstone Elementary and Robert E. Phillips was named assistant principal at RCMS. Because of budget cuts, the Rockcastle County Health Department announced revised hours of operation, effective August 27th and candidates for the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl were announced. They were: Kaitlyn Delph, Rachel Johnson, Kelsey Jett, Charity Adams, Allison Burdette, Holly Cromer, Samantha Payne, Courtney Hasty, Jessica Thacker, Angel Sprulock, Olivia Caudill and Jade Taylor. A Mt. Vernon man, Denford D. Cameron, 42, was killed in a single car accident on Deborde Road. Over \$13,000 in cash was seized by DEA agents during a traffic stop on I-75 in Rockcastle County and David King, owner of King Bottling at Climax, protested the site chosen for the new Climax Fire Department, saying it could impact the quality of the water supply for his product Climax Water. RCHS senior Samantha Payne was crowned the 2012 Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen. Kaitlyn Delph placed second and Courtney Hasty, third.

In September: Senator Mitch McConnell was the guest speaker at a town hall meeting at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Mt. Vernon Police busted a local meth supply ring and arrested Stacey Durham, 48, of Paint Lick and Tracey Bullock, 43, of Brodhead. A ceremony was conducted by American Legion Post 71 to honor the late David Monroe Smith, the county's only Medal of Honor winner during Livingston Homecoming festivities. Heaven Davidson was named Livingston Homecoming Queen and runners' up were Megan Bond and Caitlyn Newcomb. Circuit Court Clerk Teresa Vanzant served as Grand Marshal of the Livingston Homecoming Parade. A Scaffold Cane teen was critically injured

when he was involved in a hit and run accident on Scaffold Cane Road. Jared Johnson, was reportedly walking to a friend's home when he was struck by a vehicle which then fled the scene. The possible restart-up of SourceHOV was discussed at the regular September meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court. Brodhead City Council raised water rates 37% and sewer rates 10% after receiving a rate increase from their supplier, the City of Mt. Vernon and The Dari Delite in Brodhead was robbed of approximately \$400. The Mt. Vernon City Council began an annexation process which will bring several businesses into the city limits. CSX Transportation began the process of replacing the 106-year-old railroad truss bridge over the Rockcastle River in Livingston. The Strides Against Cancer Horse Show raised over \$17,000 for the Hope Fund at Rockcastle Regional Hospital which benefits local cancer patients. Samantha Payne was named Queen and Ricky Harris King of the annual UNITE Bowl and Homecoming. Eliza York, who won the May Reublican Primary Election for Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk, was sworn in as Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, a position she will fill until taking office officially in January of 2013. A dedication ceremony for a new piano at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead was scheduled for October 1st. The piano was acquired through the efforts of Jesse Stallsworth, a freshman at the University of Kentucky, who realized the need for the musical instrument after visiting his grandmother regularly at the nursing home. While there, Jesse would provide musical entertainment for the residents and the idea for the new piano grew from that. Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant's granddaughter, Carol Anne Stewart, 16, was named Miss Kentucky Teen America during festivities at Ursuline Arts Center in Louisville. She is the daughter of Jon and Melissa Bryant Stewart of Nicholasville.

In October: A Brodhead woman, Karen Ann Mink, 24, was charged with 726 counts of unlawful activity while working as an assistant manager at Mt. Vernon Cash Express. Charged along with Mink was a former manager of the business, Kim David, who was charged with making fraudulent checks and fake loans on customers of the business. Rockcastle County School Board Chairman Martin Vanzant was selected for the Livingston High School Hall of Fame. Officials of White House Clinic were at the fiscal court meeting to make a presentation on their new facility in Mt. Vernon and to request the donation of a two acre building site in the new industrial park. An RCHS student was the victim of a hit and run accident at the intersection of Hwy 150 and Williams Street in Mt. Vernon. Davidson Bishop was treated for minor injuries at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. A Berea College student fell more than 100 feet while camping at an area known as "The Rock" off Burnt Ridge Road in Rockcastle County. Chase DeWaard, 21, received a head injury, fractured sternum, broken leg and bruised ribs and was airlifted to the UK Medical Center. During the rescue, Brindle Ridge Fire Chief, Larry "Tiny" Mullins went into cardiac arrest and was also airlifted to the UK Medical Center. Rockcastle Regional held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new state-of-the-art MRI. Mt. Vernon City Council approved a lease for the Renfro Valley Boat Dock to a Richmond couple, Lester and Teresa Ratliff. U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers was the guest speaker at the Rockcastle County Chamber of Com-

merce meeting at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum's Lair House. Randy Dean Mink, 47 and Natasha McClure, 27, both of Mt. Vernon were arrested in a string of burglaries in Mt. Vernon. Billy R. Phillips, 65, of Mt. Vernon was killed in a construction site accident on the Hal Rogers Parkway in Clay County. Halloween on Main was set for October 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. Rockcastle County Constable Richard Dean was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on Fogertown Road in Clay County and the RCHS Marching Band qualified for state competition at the KMEA Regional Competitions held at Bourbon County High School.

In November: A large crowd attended the annual Fall Festival at Bible Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Rockcastle Regional Hospital announced a \$3.2 million expansion to their campus -- a medical office building. Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center donated \$54,000 to the Rockcastle Ambulance Board for the purchase of Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment. 6,307 of Rockcastle County's 11,737 registered voters went to the polls during the November 6th General Election. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney carried the county but lost across the country to incumbent Barack Obama and, locally, four write-in candidates for Livingston Commissioner won election on write-in votes, defeating two incumbent commissioners, Lela Griffin and Sherry Newcomb, who were on the ballot. Winning election were: Katha Carpenter, Jason Medley, Al Newcomb and Leroy Lamb. Martin Vanzant, chairman of the Rockcastle County Board of Education, resigned his po-

sition on the board due to a difference of opinion over a senior class trip which will replace Project Graduation. A Senior Celebration is also planned by the board. The fiscal court approved a site for the Climax Fire Department. No physical damage was reported in the county after a 4.3 magnitude earthquake shook eastern Kentucky. A Mt. Vernon man died after being severely burned. Robert Childress, 64, was found lying in the backyard of his residence on Chestnut Ridge Road, suffering from severe burns over 98% of his body. Well-known children's author, Michelle Bain, visited Brodhead Elementary School to read and speak to second grade students about how to live healthier lives. Tree lightings and Christmas parades were scheduled throughout the county for the Christmas holidays. A Richmond and a Berea man were killed in separate traffic accident in the county. Hiram A. Still, 66, of Richmond and Carl Edward Taylor, 38, of Berea were both killed in single-car accidents. The American Society for Clinical Pathology presented Barbara M. Castleberry, PhD, MASCP, MT (ASCP), of Orlando, with the 2012 ASCP Mastership at their annual meeting in Boston, Mass. The award was presented in recognition of her many outstanding contributions to the field of laboratory science and to ASCP.

In December: Anchor Packaging was officially opened in a ceremony at which Governor Steve Beshear was the featured speaker. An Arby's employee was arrested for allegedly selling marijuana from the restaurant's drive-thru window. Shawn A. Meyers, 34, of Waynesburg was charged with trafficking in marijuana. Livingston

Mayor J.C. Griffin resigned his position as mayor at a regular meeting of the city commission and David Blackburn was appointed to fill Griffin's unexpired term. Cleston Reid Saylor, 94, a prominent educator and coach in Rockcastle County, died. Three RCHS students were selected to take part in a program about the hidden victims of the prescription drug abuse epidemic. Hannah Eaton, Sean Watkins and Avery Bradshaw took part in the weekend health show, "Sanjay Gupta MD" on CNN. Rockcastle County received 3.38 inches of rain in a week. The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame hosted *A Festive Holiday Evening*, featuring The Penningtons - JP, Jessie and James and Friends, with an opening performance by the RCHS Honors Choir. Former Rockcastle County Superintendent Larry Hammond was chosen as state manager for Breathitt County Schools after the district was taken over by the state when their superintendent was sentenced to two years in prison for his involvement in a federal vote-buying scheme during the 2010 primary election and retiring State Representative Danny Ford and Circuit Court Clerk Teresa Vanzant were honored for their service to the Republican party and Rockcastle County at an event sponsored by the Rockcastle County Republican Party.

“Meade”

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pations and organizations requiring professional licensing.

Meade said that he is delighted and thrilled to help lead an important committee in the Kentucky State House of Representatives.

"I'm happy to be selected as vice-chairman of the House Licensing and Occupations Committee," Meade said. "The committee deals with issues relating to the licensing of entities ranging from corporations to warehouses and I look forward to getting to work for this session."

In addition to his appointment as vice-chairman of the House Licensing and Occupations Committee, Meade was also named to the House Banking and Insurance, and State Government committees.

“Wanton”

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toxicated while performing field sobriety tests.

McCracken admitted to Harness that he had recently "shot up" an oxycodone pill while sitting inside his vehicle in Pizza Hut's parking lot. He also said that Stewart and her two-year-old daughter were inside the vehicle at the time.

Both McCracken and Stewart were charged with wanton endangerment, first degree. McCracken was also separately charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

McCracken remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$5,000 unsecured bond. Stewart was also lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and later released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.



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