



4th Prayer Meeting is tonight...

"The Citizens for a Secure Rockcastle invite concerned Rockcastle countians to join in an effort to seek God for Spiritual Awakening, relief to the drug problem, and pray for those suffering in addiction and their families. The 4th of 7 prayer meetings will be held (tonight) Thursday, March 28th at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Jordan Jeffers, a former two sport star high school and college track and football athlete. His addiction to Oxycontin caused his life to spiral out of control until God rescued him. Come here his amazing recovery story that is highlighted in Christian recording artist Matthew West's song, "Hello My Name Is."

"Groom"

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high school sweetheart Megan Mills, 20, of Corbin last Saturday, less than twenty-four hours before the wreck on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Mills was traveling behind her husband on I-75 and almost collided with his car after it rear-ended the semi.

The accident was investigated by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant was in charge of the investigation. Wet and icy roadways are believed to be the contributing factors in the accident. No drug or alcohol involvement is suspected at this time.

"Sewer"

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exceed its 372,000 gallon daily capacity.

The renovation was necessitated by a Notice of Violation issued in September of 2011 by the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Water.

The city budgeted \$20,000 for the project in their 2013 budget. The additional funds will come from money budgeted into other accounts which was not used and is available.

Major Barry Adams gave the council the police department's report for February activity. That report showed: 390 total calls for service, including 17 non-injury accidents, 4 injury accidents, 26 total arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 18 drug charges, 35 traffic violations, 26 total criminal charges, 18 warrants served, 3 criminal summons served and 15 investigations opened.

On question, Mayor Mike Bryant said that several applications for the vacant Mt. Vernon police chief position had been received and he would make a recommendation to the council at the regular meeting in April.

"Water"

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water lines stretched over its service area.

McGuire said that ERWA has applied for several different grants to provide a better service to their customers.

"We have already applied for a grant to replace the two defective water pumps on Sand Hill," McGuire said. "We have also applied for a grant to add extension lines in our service area as well."

McGuire went on to say that the association encourages their customers to attend the monthly meetings and be informed about their service. A new website www.easternrockcastlewaterassociation.webs.com has been set up to give customers general information.

"We realize that we have had conflicts in the past about our service area and our closed meetings," McGuire said. "We want to keep everyone informed and be more transparent than we have been in the past."

The ERWA's monthly meeting is every third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Livingston community room. McGuire said the public is always encouraged to attend the meetings.

"Abuse"

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According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, officers received a complaint of a domestic situation at Dr. Callie Shaffer's office in Mt. Vernon.

Upon arrival, social workers and doctors informed officers that Oakes' daughter had numerous bruises on her face. Doctors also said that Oakes would not let them examine her infant baby.

Oakes told officers that her daughter received the bruises because she "falls down all the time." She said that her daughter had visited neighbors and had returned home with a cut on her foot. She also said that she took

her daughter to the ER the next day and they said they couldn't glue the wound back together.

Oakes then went on to tell officers that the bruises on her daughter's face were caused by her jumping on the bed and from her falling down the steps.

However, doctors told officers that the bruises were consistent with abuse and not accidents. Officers also noticed that bruises on the girl's face were similar to the wedding rings that Oakes wears on her left hand. Both children were then placed into protective custody with social services.

Oakes was charged with first degree criminal abuse. She was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was later released on a \$7,500 cash/property bond.

"PRIDE"

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free T-shirts and will receive a free lunch of hotdogs and chili sponsored by Brodhead Downtown.

For more information about the Brodhead spring cleanup contact Brodhead PRIDE Coordinator Mark Buras at 606-392-1489 or Brodhead Clerk Becky Bussell at 606-758-8635.

The annual Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day will be Saturday, April 27th at the Brodhead Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner, Rockcastle Countians can drop off their unwanted household garbage, furniture, tires, mattresses, dryers, washers and refrigerators. However, Renner said they would not accept any gas tanks, propane tanks or any other liquid/hazardous materials.

For more information about the Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day contact James Renner at 606-256-1902.

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Story of forgiveness to be portrayed at UNITE celebration

By: Doug Ponder

An unforgettable story of forgiveness will be portrayed at the annual UNITE Leadership Rally and Community Celebration Dinner on Saturday, April 11th at the Rockcastle County Middle School gymnasium at 5:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Renee Napier, who founded a non-profit organization dedicated to the memory of her daughter, Meagan, and her friend Lisa Jo Dickson who were killed in a vehicle accident caused by drunk driver Eric Smallridge in May of 2002.

In her presentation, Napier tells her story of how she eventually forgave

Smallridge for driving under the influence and causing the accident that claimed her daughter's life.

After the accident, Smallridge was sentenced to twenty-two years in prison and was later granted permission from the Florida Department of Corrections to share his testimony via Skype during Napier's presentations around the country.

Smallridge was released in November, 2012 after Napier asked the judge to reduce his sentence, saying she believed Smallridge was truly sorry for what he had done and that he deserved leniency.

The story of Napier forgiving Smallridge for her daughter's death and asking for his reduced sentence, inspired Christian musician Matthew West to write his song "Forgiveness," which is currently listed as one of

the top 10 songs on several Christian music charts.

The UNITE event is also being held to recognize several Rockcastle County churches, businesses, elected officials, parents and students for the great work they are doing in the fight against alcohol and substance abuse in Rockcastle County.

UNITE Clubs from Brodhead, Mt. Vernon and Roundstone elementary schools, Rockcastle County Middle School and Rockcastle County High School will also be recognized during the event and will be joined by a UNITE club from Page School Center from Bell County in a community choir performance.

Along with the school UNITE Clubs, the men's choir from Chad's Hope Treatment Center will share their testimonies of recovery with special music.

In order to make arrangements for the dinner, UNITE asks that you RSVP the number of people you will have attending from your church, business or family by Mon., April 8th.

Those involved with the school system are asked to RSVP through their school UNITE Club advisors. Other community members are asked to RSVP by contacting Nancy Hale at 606-425-6779 or nihale1956@gmail.com

"DUI"

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burned marijuana and observed that Mullins had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and was very unsteady on his feet. Bryant also noticed that Mullins appeared intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests.

After searching the vehicle, Bryant found a large bag of marijuana and a grinder used for grinding marijuana. Bryant also found several small baggies of marijuana on Mullins at the time of his arrest. Mullins told Bryant that he had smoked a joint a few hours before he wrecked.

Mullins also told Bryant that a person darted across the road causing him to swerve off the road way and drive through the fence. A few minutes later, Mullins told Bryant that it was a cat that darted in front of him and not a person. However, Mullins would later ask Bryant how he wrecked.

Mullins was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was lodged at the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was later released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Holding On To A Drug Free Life

**UNITE Leadership Rally
and Community Celebration**

**April 11, 2013
5:30 PM**

Rockcastle County Middle School

*Hear an amazing story of forgiveness from keynote speaker Renee Napier.
Dinner will be served.*

*Entertainment will be provided by Chad's Hope and a community
choir made up of Rockcastle County UNITE Club students and
Page School Center (Bell County) students.*




**The only chain that a man can stand
is the chain of a hand in hand.**

RSVP by Monday, April 8th to nihale1956@gmail.com or by calling 606-425-6779



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