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Mt. Vernon Council names Brian Carter as new chief

Mt. Vernon Police Sgt. Brian Carter, a 9-year veteran of the force, was named chief of police at Monday night's regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council.

In recommending Carter to the council, Mayor Mike Bryant noted that all seven applicants were considered and all were interviewed. "It was a daunting task," Bryant said, "and it was hard to narrow it down to one person."

Bryant went on to say that Carter, who has been filling in as chief since the resignation of Kevin Fletcher in January of this year, had the leadership ability needed for the position and the respect of the other officers. "I hope this appointment will be for a long time and we won't have to keep repeating this process," Bryant said.

Carter's appointment creates a vacancy that will have to be filled, Bryant said. He also told the council that another vacancy exists because of the resignation of Jeff Harness which will be effective April 20th. Harness is leaving to accept a similar position in Berea. "We need to be aggressive in filling these positions," the mayor told the council.

John Craft of Craft, Noble and Co. presented the council with their 2012 audit.

Craft told the council that the audit contained a "qualified opinion" because information from the tourism board audit was not incorporated. Craft said the tourism audit contained "glaring errors" to the extent that it could not be included with the city's audit. "It's no fault of the city or the tourism board," Craft said, "we asked that the audit be reissued but, to date, it hasn't been." Craft said that the problem caused the city's audit to be held up for presentation from December to April. Craft said the audit had to be issued by March 31st because of "bonding issues."

His recommendation to the council was that perhaps Mayor Bryant could talk to the chairman of the tourism board to get the matter resolved. "This could potentially be a real problem," Craft said.

As to the city's audit,

Craft said the city's water and sewer department's assets increased by \$1.63 million while the general fund's assets decreased by \$104,000 because of the payments on the city's fire truck. He told the council that the city was doing well, better than a lot of other cities.

In other action, Mayor Bryant told the council that there was some good news about the insurance premium tax. "There have been five areas of the city that we

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National Day of Prayer is May 2nd

The 62nd annual National Day of Prayer service will be held Thursday, May 2nd at noon on the courthouse lawn.

The theme for this year's observance will be "Pray for America." The scripture passage will be from Matthew 12:21 "And in His name shall the Gentiles trust" which reminds us that "in His name, the nations will put their hope."

Guest speaker will be Kent Ostrander, Executive Director of the Family Foundation of Kentucky. Brother Luther Allen will be leading the singing and Bro. Dewayne Hutton will provide the special music.

Opening remarks and prayer will be by Senator Jared Carpenter and the event will be closed in prayer by Bro. Randy McPherson.

Lunch will be served by the Kiwanis Club following the service.

The public is invited to spend time in prayer for our government, military, churches, schools and families.

Burning Ban 6 am to 6 pm

A burning ban has been issued for Rockcastle County through April 30th.

The burning ban is part of a statewide ban which makes it unlawful for anyone to set fires within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland areas between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.



The late Old Joe Clark and Linda Martin and the late Emory Martin were the local inductees to the 2013 Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. The Induction Ceremony was held Saturday night, April 13th at the Lexington Civic Center's Bluegrass Ballroom. In the top photo are members of the Clark family, who accepted the award for their father and, at right, is Linda Martin with her son, Roy and granddaughter, Alexandra. Members of the Clark family are, from left: Terry Clark, Sara Grace Clark Miracle, Rusty Clark, Butch Clark, Old Joe's wife, Jean, Terry's wife, Karen and Sara Grace's son, Gary Lee Miracle, Jr. and his wife, Tara. Also inducted were: Exile, Kentucky Headhunters, Skeeter Davis, Steven Curtis Chapman and The Hilltoppers. Serving as Masters of Ceremony were WKYT's DeAnn Stephens and Dave Baker.



Grand Jury indicts eighteen

Indictments were handed down against 18 persons last Friday by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Indicted were: Frank Spencer, 29, of 35 Teepee Lane, Bulan, Ky. Spencer was indicted for receiving stolen property. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Shane Kirby, 28, of 90 Kelsey Lane, Mt. Vernon, was named in two separate

indictments -- one for receiving stolen property, for which his bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

The other indictment was for four counts -- two for theft by unlawful taking and two for burglary. For those offenses, Kirby's bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property.

Three offenders, Timothy W. Gadd, Jr., Timothy R. Gadd, Sr. and Jacquelyn R.

Dees Allen, were named in a joint indictment.

Allen, 34, of 605 Colman Drive, Berea, was indicted, along with the two Gadds, for receiving stolen property. Allen's and Gadd, Sr.'s bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Besides the charge of receiving stolen property, Timothy W. Gadd, Jr., 39, who along with Timothy R. Gadd, Sr., 61, lives at 8851

N. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and possession of a controlled substance, second degree. His bond was set at \$40,000 cash/property.

Jonathon D. Wells, 24, of 449 Zade Road, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for the offense of theft by unlawful taking and his bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Robert Flannery, 19, of 102 Sand Lick Road, McKee, was indicted on two counts -- one for burglary, third degree and the other for theft by unlawful taking.

His bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property.

Derek R. Damrell, 30, of Flat Gap Road, Berea was indicted for manufacture of methamphetamine, first offense. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Named in the same indictment was Ronald Seaborn of 3412 Old Ky.

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Former Rockcastle County resident now offering meditation classes

By: Doug Ponder
A former Rockcastle County resident is now offering meditation classes at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital Wellness Center every Friday at 6 p.m.

Dr. Melissa Carver, 36, of Berea is currently offering meditation classes that uses metaphysical manifestation techniques to help her patients overcome stress, boost their creativity, cultivate healthy habits that lead to weight loss, improve digestion, lower blood pressure, decrease heart attack risk, decrease perception of pain and improve cognitive processing. She also said her meditation techniques will help patients overcome anxiety, depression, anger and confusion.

Carver recently received her PhD in Philosophy at the University of Sedona in Sedona, Arizona and is currently a student at Deepak Chopra University in Carlsbad, California.

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Carver said metaphysics is a branch of philosophy that explains the fundamental nature of being as well as the nature of the world and manifestation is the essence in which everything exists. She said that by using techniques from these principals, she can show her patients how their lives are

guided by the desires of the mind and how they can truly take advantage of their desires.

"When you begin to manifest the desires of your mind instead of the desires of our society, parents or the media, you will have no option but to connect with your higher self," Carver said. "I will show them what forms of metaphysical practices must be used in order to truly manifest the happiness, health, love and abundance we all want in life."

During her teenage years, Carver said she became interested in metaphysical manifestation after realizing a lot of people were doing things they didn't want to do and were working in career fields they weren't interested in, simply because they felt they had to in order to survive and provide for their family.

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Former Rockcastle County resident Dr. Melissa Carver is now offering meditation classes at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital Wellness Center. Carver is shown above leading the class in one of her meditation exercises.



Mt. Vernon Police Sergeant Brian Carter was appointed as the new police chief at the Mt. Vernon City Council meeting Monday night. Carter is shown above being sworn-in to office by Mayor Mike Bryant.

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