"School"

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enroll and, two semesters later, heard that the student was doing great. "This is one success story," Isaacs said. If a student was enrolled in the district, dropped out and then obtained their GED, they would not be included in drop-out rate numbers.

Isaacs went on to say that the school realizes that "one size does not fit all in education. We have to focus on each individual student. We are not an assembly line."

Brodhead Principal Caroline Graves noted that her school had been making an effort to recognize problems early and help students with them so that "frustration and a feeling of helplessness doesn't begin in elementary school."

Instead of individual tokens of appreciation to the board members, for School Board Appreciation Week," Pensol told the board that it had been decided to establish, in the board's name, a \$250 scholarship.

During the meeting, the first award of the scholarship was made to Jessica Thacker, who plans to attend the University of the Cumberlands where she will be a pharmacy major.

Finance Officer Melanie Lyons presented the board with the tentative working budget for 2013-14. "This is the first true picture of our financial condition, since we have absolutely no outside money included." Lyons was referring to the \$800,000 which came into the system for several years from federal stimulus funds.

She went on to tell the board that schools, especially Mt. Vernon, would receive more technology equipment from capital outlay funds which, if the board doesn't spend this year, will have to be escrowed for future construction projects. Lyons said that \$148,000 had been set aside for the Kisbet assessment but the board had received word that the amount would not be that high, giving the board the opportunity to use the funds for more technol-

Lyons also said that the board's contingency fund would be between 8-10%, under the new budget. The state mandates a 2% fund and recommends 5% so the board is still in good shape in this area.

She also reported that the board presently has \$3.2 million in the bank. "We have had some reduction in revenue (reduced interest rates and a reduction in tax revenue from \$1.9 million to \$1.8 million) but our expenses have also gone down."

The board has reduced staff significantly and, on question, Supt. Pensol said that he hoped to get staff costs down to 72-75% of the budget instead of 85% as it was during this school year.

"Council"

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Water told Bryant that the taste seemed the same as other city's water supply and the Rural Water representative said it was the best Mt. Vernon's water had tasted in the 17 years he had been personally tasting it.

Bryant did concede that the problem was worse at certain times of the year. "There are transition periods after build up of the algae which thrive in cooler weather. The fall and spring are the most pronounced time for a change in the taste

He said the water department began using a new product last August called Earth Tec and it had been a "wonder product" which improved the taste and allowed the cutback of chlorine and charcoal in the sys-

Bryant emphasized that the water is safe. "We test the fire out of it and never stop working on it," he said.

He also pointed out that the water plant has a "pretty good" infiltration system and the new intake system, installed a few years ago, allows plant operators to draw from the top, center and bottom of the lake, depending on where tests show the wa-

"We're doing all we can everyday. We appreciate the concern of citizens and want people to have a voice. Everyone is welcome to come to council meetings," Bryant said.

During the meeting, the council held the first reading of the 2013-14 budget.

The budget shows \$7,468,615 in total cash and revenues for the coming year with \$6,258,168 in appropriations and a total carryover in all funds of \$1 210 447

The biggest item in the budget is \$2,600,000 in a

loan and grant from the Kentucky Infrastructure for the new water tank system project. At Monday night's meeting, the council approved Resolution #2013-2 which is an Assistance Agreement between Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and the city. This allows the city to access funds to pay for the water tank project. Bills are coming in for preliminary work on the

The city received a grant for over \$900,000 for the \$2.6 million project with the rest repayable in 20 years at 1% interest.

On the revenue side, the city expects to take in \$1,049,000 from taxes, \$2,113,000 from water department revenue and \$480,000 from sewer rev-

Operating costs budgeted for the general fund include \$718,075 for the police department, \$1,325,675 for water department operation and maintenance and \$425,925 for sewer department operation and maintenance.

The mayor gave the council an update on the water tank project. He said the work was actually on a "pretty fast track." During the discussion, the council gave the mayor the authority to negotiate for the purchase of land, near Northside Baptist Church, needed for a new tank. Bryant said the city had offered \$30,000 for the 2.4-2.5 acre site but it was appraised for \$36,000 and the owners, David Bishop and son, Chris, had agreed to take \$35,000. Bryant said geological and core samples had been taken from the site and the results had been received. The engineering company has asked for more time to study the results before purchase of the property. "The engineering firm says the results look good but have asked for time to study them more," Bryant said. "We have to have the greenlight from the engineers before purchase."

The city will have to come up with the funds for purchase of the property from city funds but, Bryant said that money set aside for valve replacement at the water plant, and not used, can be diverted to purchase the property. "We may have enough funds left from the \$2.6 million project to replace the funds," Josh Bray. Tax Administrator said.

"Relay"

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A total of twelve teams participated in the event and thirty-five people participated in the "Hope has no Curfew" by staying all night at the event. Those teams that won

awards were: Best Campsite Bittersweet Cloggers; Best T-shirt design Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church and Team Spirit Award – Mt. Vernon IGA. The overall

fundraising team Rockcastle Regional Hospital with a total of \$6,812.84. In the business category,

the top three fundraising teams were Mt. Vernon IGA with \$6,200, Citizens Bank with\$5,389.85 and Family Rockcastle Wellness/Medical Arts with \$3.034.60.

The top fundraising team in the family and friends category was the Bittersweet Cloggers with \$\$4,246.63.

In the church category the top two fundraising teams were Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church with \$1,777.41 and Conway Baptist Church with \$1,170.09.

Rockcastle Relay for Life Coordinator Melissa Brock said she would like to thank everyone who donated money and worked hard in making Relay for Life a huge success in Rockcastle County.

"We had great success with the event despite the rainy weather," Brock said. "To exceed our goal with the rainy conditions was fantastic and we couldn't have been happier with the results of the event."

"Festival"

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Friday night's entertainment will feature Old Town Project Bluegrass Band at 6 p.m. and The Medley Boys

Events scheduled for Saturday are the Brodhead Hustle at 8:30 am followed by the Kentucky Romp and Stomp Cloggers at 11 a.m. This year's festival will also feature a Motorcycle Poker Run beginning at 10 a.m.

This year's parade is scheduled for 5 p.m. with line-up beginning at 4 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

Several groups are scheduled to perform on Saturday including: Jake Vanover at 1 p.m., Carol Doan Band and Friends at 2 p.m., a Shaolin Do Karate demonstration at 3 p.m., Bittersweet Cloggers at 4 p.m., Level Green at 6 p.m. and Wild River Band at 8 The Brodhead Home-

coming Festival Committee invites everyone out for a weekend that will be fun for the entire family.

For more information about the festival or to reserve a booth, contact Brodhead City Hall at (606)-758-8635.

"Hustle"

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feature a different course this year with the new route going through downtown

Pre-registration for the Hustle is \$12 until May 20th. Race day registration

All participants will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last.

The Hustle is the fifth race of Rockcastle Regional Hospital's "Countrywide Stride" twelve race series.

For more information about the race series or the Brodhead Hustle, contact Susan Turley at 606-256-7446 or email her at s.turley@rhrcc.org.

"Indicted"

(Cont. from front) lawful taking. His bond was

set at \$25,000 cash property. Brittany N. Fowler, 20 and Megan Stewart, 19, both of 1275 Walker Pike, Paint Lick, were indicted for complicity to burglary and two counts of complicity to theft by unlawful taking. Both their bonds were set at \$20,000 cash/property.

Nathan R. Brummett, 29 of 2307 Bowling Ridge Road, Brodhead and Adrian

B. Feltner, 28, of 5130 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard were named in a joint indictment. Both men were indicted for Theft by Unlawful Taking and Criminal Mischief, first degree and both their bonds were set at \$25,000 cash/property.

"Storms"

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CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook said they didn't receive any other reports of structure damage but he said they did receive reports of fallen trees and limbs across roadways throughout the county. He said the storm also uprooted trees at Quail Park on Hwy 70 and other residences throughout the county as well.

Holbrook went on to say they didn't receive any reports of downed power lines but he said the storm caused the traffic light on Town Hill in Mt. Vernon to go out. He said police had to direct traffic temporarily Tuesday afternoon until crews were able to fix the signal.

Local weatherman Bud Cox reported .02 inches of rain in Mt. Vernon but he said areas of the county toward Livingston received more rain. The National Weather Service at Jackson, Kentucky also reported wind gusts of 45 to 50 mph in Rockcastle County during the storm.

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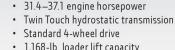
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