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Members of the Appalachian-Science in the Public Interest recently planted their summer crops at their community garden on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon. ASPI works with Rockcastle County and the City of Mt. Vernon to create opportunities for healthy living for its residents. Shown at left is Melinda Alcorn shoveling mulch for the garden. Shown above is Edward and Louis Booth planting crops in the garden with the couple's granddaughter Sophia Owens.

Rep. Rogers tours companies in local industrial parks

Congressman Hal Rogers toured two companies located in the Rockcastle County industrial parks last Wednesday and congratulated them on increased hiring and also sustaining quality jobs for people in southern Kentucky.

Rogers toured SourceHOV with officials from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Approximately 250 employees are currently working at SourceHOV to reduce the backlog of disability claims with the VA by converting various written documents into digital claims.

Rogers said more than seventy percent of the veterans' claims take over 125 days to be processed while some take more than a year. He said that the SourceHOV employees are providing a great service to our military veterans and he is proud of the effort that is taking place in Mt. Vernon.

"Our military veterans are forced to wait six months to a year before being approved for benefits which is too long," Rogers said. "It was encouraging to see the diligent work of the employees at SourceHOV who are slashing the time veterans have to wait for benefits through their work to transfer millions of documents."

After touring SourceHOV, Rogers toured Anchor Packaging to congratulate them on their progress since their opening in December. The company is a major integrated producer of plastic packaging for the food service retail and food processor industries. The Mt. Vernon plant is expected to employ 150 people once it is fully operational.

Livingston collecting relief supplies for OK tornado victims

The City of Livingston will be collecting food and relief supplies for the victims affected by the recent round of tornadoes in Oklahoma.

The relief supplies and food drive will be held this Saturday at the Livingston Fire Department. The list of needed items include: Ace bandages, Band-Aids, medical supplies, water bottles, canned/packaged food items, diapers, clothing, baby bottles, paper plates, plastic dinnerware, toiletries, feminine care products, tissues and sturdy boxes/tubs.

For more information about the relief supplies and food drive contact Livingston City Hall at 606-453-2061.

The local non-profit organization "Room 4 Me" is still collecting backpacks of school supplies for elementary school students who were affected by the Moore, Oklahoma tornado in May.

For those interested in donating to the backpack drive contact Kelsey Mattingly at www.room4me.org or message her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/room4me.

The backpack drive will end on June 15th and the backpacks will be prepped and shipped on June 18th.

Mt. Vernon man arrested in drug bust

A Mt. Vernon man was arrested for drug trafficking and drug possession last Wednesday after police raided a home on Old Somerset Road in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Melvin Dean Powell, 52, of Mt. Vernon.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams, Chief Brian Carter and Lieutenant Ed Robinson responded to the residence after receiving numerous tips that Powell was selling illegal prescription drugs from his home.

Once officers arrived at the residence, they were greeted

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Memorial Day Decorations stolen from local cemeteries

By: Doug Ponder

A large number of Memorial Day decoration thefts have been reported in cemeteries throughout the county.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters said he has received complaints of decoration thefts from several rural cemeteries in the

county with the most being reported from Briarfield Cemetery in Orlando. He said the items reported as stolen range from flower headstone arrangements, military medallions, stone statues, etc.

"A lot of the flower headstone arrangements cost over \$100 each and thieves

could probably resale them for \$50 to \$75," Peters said. "After a thief steals a couple of arrangements, they are

Hwy. 25 yard sale starts Thursday

The second annual Hwy 25 yard sale will be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

The yard sale is held each year on Hwy 25 from Covington to Corbin via US 25, from Corbin to Lake City, Tennessee via US 25 W and from Corbin to Bean Station, Tennessee via US 25 E.

Those interested in participating must have access to off road parking. Permission to set up on private or public property is the responsibility of the yard sale participant and must be obtained prior to the event.

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Job Fair this Friday

Nesco Resource of Berea will hold a job fair on the third floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse this Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The company is hiring production associates to work second shift between 4:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. The positions are "temp to hire" paying \$10.50 per hour plus overtime.

Production associate employees must be willing to work an 8 or 10 hour shift. Pre-employment drug screen and background check are also required.

For more information about the job fair contact Nesco Resource at 859-985-0405.

practically walking out of the cemetery with hundreds of dollars."

Peters said the cemeteries that are stolen from the most are in rural sections of the county. He said it is hard to catch the thieves because there are never any witnesses to the crimes.

"A lot of times it's hard for us to catch people stealing decorations because they steal them at night when no one else is around," Peters said. "These rural cemeteries are also very secluded and not around a lot of homes either. So when family members report the stolen decorations, we don't have much to go on."

Peters went on to say the thieves often resale the

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Two arrested for manufacturing meth and disorderly conduct

Two people were arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine and disorderly conduct last Tuesday, after police responded to complaints about a residence on Sweetwater Road in Conway.

Arrested at the scene were William Darron Kelley, 29 and Robert Jake Tillary, 30, both of Berea.

According to state police reports, Trooper Scottie Pennington responded to the residence after receiving sev-

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Local police request people to be on guard against scams in county

By: Doug Ponder

Local police are asking Rockcastle Countians to be highly skeptical of phone calls that promise prizes or money.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters said his office has recently received a high volume of scam-related incidents in the county. He said scams have existed for years but that they have become more prominent within the last few weeks.

"People have told us that the callers said they represent an organization such as Publishers Clearing House or something similar," Peters said. "The caller will then inform the person that they must send some type of payment to an address other than the one from which they are calling. When they ask you to send a payment to a different address, it should always be a red flag."

Unfortunately, Peters said several people in the county have sent checks or money orders to the requested address and have not received their promised prize or lump sum of money. He said the chances of them getting their monetary payment back is very slim.

"The calls are almost always traced back to another state or country overseas," Peters said. "These con artists are

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Congressman Hal Rogers toured SourceHOV and Anchor Packaging in the Rockcastle County industrial parks last Wednesday to congratulate them on hiring and also sustaining quality jobs for people in Southern Kentucky. Shown above is Anchor Packaging Plant Manager Alan Grainger showing Rogers one of the plastic products the Mt. Vernon plant produces.

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