

# Mount Vernon Signal

Serving Rockcastle County Since 1887

Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 - (606) 256-2244

Volume 127 • Number 27

.50 per copy

Thursday, June 20, 2013

## Mount Vernon council approves 2013-2014 budget

By: Doug Ponder

The Mt. Vernon City Council held the second and final reading of the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 at Monday night's regular meeting.

The council approved the budget without any changes from the first reading, which was held during last month's meeting. The budget shows expected receipts of \$7,468,615 against \$6,258,168 in expenditures.

General fund receipts are expected to be up from \$1,637,065 to \$1,757,265 and water department receipts are also expected to rise from \$2,210,111 to \$4,863,000 mainly because of the new \$2,600,000 from a loan and grant from the Kentucky Infrastructure for the new water tank system project.

Other fund receipts include \$630,000 from sewer, \$132,150 from Municipal Aid, \$55,900 from UDAG funds and \$30,300 from LGEA funds.

General fund appropriations include: \$534,575 for administrative salaries and operation; \$718,075 for police department salaries and operation expenses; \$109,172 for fire department chief and assistant chief salaries and operation expenses and \$41,638 for short and long term debt service.

The budget shows \$80,000 for street maintenance, \$1,325,675 for water department operation and maintenance, \$324,878 for water department debt service, the \$2,600,000 for the new water tank system project and \$32,000 for miscellaneous expense.

Appropriations from the sewer fund are \$425,925 for sewer department operation and maintenance, \$39,830 for debt service and \$12,000 for miscellaneous expense.

The council agreed unanimously to the reading and passed the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

In new business Monday night, the council agreed to purchase a pink helmet from the Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

(Cont. to A10)

## Three people arrested after drugs and needles found in home with children

By: Doug Ponder

Three people were arrested on drug and endangerment charges last Tuesday afternoon after police performed a welfare check on two children inside a home on School Street in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene were Hobert M. McKinney, 41; Martha Alice McKinney, 31 and Crystal Annette York, 45, all of Brodhead.

According to state police reports, Trooper Scottie Pennington responded to the residence after receiving an anonymous complaint of suspected drug activity inside the home in the presence of two children.

After arriving at the residence, Pennington asked Mr. McKinney if he could see the children and he obliged.

When Pennington

walked into the house, he could smell a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from the bedroom where

(Cont. to A9)

## Kentucky First Lady in Livingston next Tuesday

First Lady Jane Beshear will be visiting Livingston next Tuesday at 10 a.m. to formally announce the city's designation as a Kentucky Trail Town.

The City of Livingston has completed all three phases of the Trail Town program and has recently submitted the final application. As a Trail Town Livingston will receive mar-

(Cont. to A10)



Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue and Rockcastle EMS responded to a single vehicle accident involving a truck pulling a pull-along camper last Saturday afternoon on I-75 northbound at the 60 mile marker. Authorities said David Gentry, 44 and Dawn Gentry, 39 of Lexington were traveling back home from their family vacation at an RV park in Laurel County when Mrs. Gentry attempted to pass a semi-truck in the left lane and realized she didn't have enough room to switch lanes. Mrs. Gentry then overcorrected and lost control of the truck causing it to rollover. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gentry were transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released. Authorities also said Mr. Gentry was in a back brace and still recovering from falling 60 feet from a helicopter in a military training exercise in May.

## Brodhead approves blacktop paving and patching plan

By: Doug Ponder

The Brodhead City Council called a special meeting Monday afternoon to discuss and approve their blacktop paving and patching plans for streets within the city limits.

Clerk Becky Bussell told the council she had been compiling a list of streets that city workers and officials had identified as needing paved or patched.

The list included approximately 140,000 square feet of blacktop paving and patching for several of the city's streets including

Wallin, Proffitt, Pike, Albright, Silver, West, Church, Tyree and Short Streets. The list also includes paving work for Chestnut Grove Road and the Sycamore Street Bridge.

The blacktop and paving project is being funded through the municipal road aid fund which is based on population determined by the most recent census. The funding can only be used for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of city streets and bridges.

The council agreed unanimously to approve the

list of streets to be paved or patched within city limits.

Bussell also suggested that the council advertise bids in the *Signal* for the various blacktop paving and patch work. She suggested they advertise in the June 20th and 27th issues of the *Signal* and then open the bids on Friday, June 28th.

## Homeless man arrested for meth possession

By: Doug Ponder

A homeless man was arrested last Wednesday for meth possession after police made a traffic stop on Richmond Street near McDonald's.

Arrested at the scene was Joseph Burgess King, 42, (listed as homeless) and Kimberly Lynn Steuber, 31, of Richmond.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams made the stop because he had an active warrant for King's arrest for first degree criminal trespassing and he had observed King in the pas-

senger seat of a green Chevy Cavalier in the McDonald's parking lot.

(Cont. to A10)

## Longest Day of Play is this Thursday

The annual Longest Day of Play and Community Health Fair is this Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School track.

The event is sponsored by Rockcastle Healthy

(Cont. to A9)

## RCHS teacher and FFA adviser named Kentucky Agriculture Teacher of the Year

By: Doug Ponder

Rockcastle County High School agriculture teacher and FFA adviser Jeff Hayes was named Kentucky Agriculture Teacher of the Year last Wednesday at the Kentucky FFA Convention in Lexington.

The award is given out annually by the Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators and Kentucky FFA Foundation. Each candidate has to be nominated by another agriculture teacher in their region and is required to fill out an application if nominated. The applications of the twelve KAAE regional winners are then evaluated and voted on by all the agriculture teachers in the state.

On the national level, the National Association of Agriculture Educators is divided into six regions. Hayes will compete with Teacher of the Year winners from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio at the NAAE region four conference in Battle Creek, Michigan on June 25th-27th.

If selected Region Four Agriculture Teacher of the Year, Hayes will compete with the other five national

regional winners for National Agriculture Teacher of the Year at the NAAE National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 3rd-7th.

Hayes said he is still in shock from everything and that winning Kentucky Agriculture Teacher of the Year still seems surreal to him.

"Once I saw the number

(Cont. to A10)

## Former Sheriff dies

Former Rockcastle County Sheriff Shirley Smith passed away Tuesday night.

Smith, 74, of Mt. Vernon was the Sheriff from 1990 to 2002.

Visitation for Smith is from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon.

Funeral services for Smith is this Friday at 1 p.m. at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home with Brother Kenton Parkey and Brother Vaughn Razor officiating. Burial will follow in the Ponderosa Family Cemetery in Wildie.

A complete obituary will appear in next weeks *Signal*.



KET-TV was in Livingston last Thursday and Friday filming for their TV series *Designing Healthy Communities*. The show focuses on what people and communities are doing in trying to balance health and nature with work, play and life. Producers filmed in Livingston to capture what the city is currently doing in helping develop healthy outdoor activities. Producers filmed shots of people canoeing, kayaking and tubing on the Rockcastle River near Livingston. They also filmed shots of horseback riders at the Red Hill Horse Camp and mountain bicycle riders on mountain bike trails. Many locals, including Livingston Mayor Jason Medley and County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, were also filmed in the documentary which is scheduled to air in September. Photo by Rob Crawford.

## Of Special Note Inside

- Viewpoints ..... Pg. A2
- Obituaries ..... Pg. A3
- Church News ..... Pg. B3
- Courthouse News ..... Pg. B2
- Classifieds ..... Pgs. B5-7
- Sports ..... Pg. A8

Contact us at: mvsignal@windstream.net  
Deadline submission is Noon Tuesday

Call  
606-256-2244 for  
Advertising &  
Subscriptions

