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A large crowd enjoyed the festivities and fireworks display at the annual Blast in the Valley on Sunday. The event was able to proceed without any rain. However, the fireworks display at the annual Freedom Celebration last Saturday night at the Brodhead Fairgrounds was cancelled due to heavy rains. Western Volunteer Fire Department said they were fortunate to set off their fireworks at their Quail Fire Station on Hwy 70 last Saturday night before the heavy rains came.



Severe rains wreak havoc on Fourth of July celebrations

Severe rains and high winds moved through the region last weekend putting a damper on some of the Fourth of July celebrations in the county.

Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists assis-

tant Virginia McKinney said they had to cancel their fireworks display, at the annual Freedom Celebration, due to heavy rains at the Brodhead Fairgrounds last Saturday.

McKinney said the event

got off to a good start as they were able to make it through the live music and singing. However, when guest speaker Chuck McAlister was speaking, toward the end of the event, McKinney said the heavy rains began and the crowds started to scatter.

"Everything went fine until the heavy rains came while McAslister was speaking," McKinney said. "People scattered once it

came and the majority of them left."

McKinney went on to say that they still set off about a third of their fireworks because they were already staged and ready to be deployed. She said event organizers have not decided whether to reschedule the firework display, at the time of publication. However, she said the door prize

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Police bust drug deal in Dollar General parking lot

A Mt. Vernon woman was arrested for drug trafficking and a Brodhead man was arrested for drug possession, after police busted up an apparent drug deal in the Mt. Vernon Dollar General parking lot on Hwy 150 Monday afternoon.

Arrested at the scene was Jennifer Kidwell, 38, of Mt. Vernon and Sherman Wyan Collins, also 38, of Brodhead.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams was patrolling the area when he noticed Kidwell's vehicle parked in the parking lot with Collins standing at the driver's side window. Police had recently

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Grand re-opening celebration of Lake Linville Boat Dock begins Wednesday

The Grand Reopening of Lake Linville Boat Dock is this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Events will kick off on Wednesday with a ceremony at 11 a.m. In honor of the event, there will be discounted food for that day only including nachos and cheese \$1, hamburgers \$1 and 50c hotdogs. There will also be live music from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and a boat parade at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, the Romp and Stomp Cloggers will perform at 2 p.m. and live music will be provided from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will also be a fireworks display at 10 p.m.

Other festivities for all three days include, volleyball, basketball, fishing and karate demonstrations. The campgrounds will also be open 24/7 and campers can register at the restaurant.

The grand reopening is designed for the community to officially meet the new operators Teresa and Lester Ratliff.

The City of Mt. Vernon has also hired CDP Engineering

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Bids awarded for emergency services center

At Monday's meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority, County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis told the board that bids had been awarded for the new emergency services center in Rockcastle Business Park South.

Carloftis said that some of the successful bidders lowered their prices, for a savings of \$60,500 to help bring the bids in line with the \$1.8 million construction estimate. However, the main savings was from the county who agreed to pay Goff Excavating, successful low bidder for the site work. Goff's bid was \$151,800 and will be paid from grant money the county received from the Department of Transportation. Paving and street lighting will also be paid from the \$200,000 grant. The county will use their own workers and equipment to lay the water and sewer line.

Carloftis also told the board that he was "not happy" with the way the bidding process was conducted by Codell Construction, managers for the project. "We allowed Codell to set up the bidding process with instructions to make the

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Man who makes death threat against Judge has his bond lowered from \$100,000 to \$5,000

A Livingston man, charged with intimidating a judicial officer, had his bond lowered from a \$100,000 cash bond to a \$5,000/10% bond during his arraignment last Wednesday.

Bradley Thomas Wesley, 28, was arrested last Tuesday and charged with intimidating a judicial officer after he said he would kill Family Court Judge Steve Hurt if he tried to take his children away from him. He also made similar death threats against family preservation workers and social service workers who were the first to report signs of abuse, which reportedly included cigarette burns on Wesley's 4-year-old son.

According to an audio tape of Wesley's arraignment last Wednesday, District Court Judge Jeff Lawless appointed a public defender for Wesley, who had not hired a lawyer. The public defender waived formal arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty for his client.

When Judge Lawless asked if both the prosecutor and defender had come to an agreement on a bond amount, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley asked Wesley "how much can you make?" to which Wesley re-

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Farmer's Market low income nutrition coupons

Two local organizations are supporting the Rockcastle Farmer's Market while assisting low income residents.

The Rockcastle Senior Citizens Center has procured a Department of Agriculture Grant for 191 low income senior adults to receive vegetables from the farmers market.

Senior Center staff will take applications Thursday July 11th starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Senior Center on Hwy 25 South. Applicants should have proof of income, age and

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The Rockcastle Farmers Market will get underway Thursday, July 11th from 12:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Richmond Street location. This year's locations are: Saturdays 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Renfro Valley Aunt Polly House; Wednesdays 8 a.m. until noon at Brodhead Fairgrounds. On 1st and 3rd Thursdays 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Livingston. A new location in Mt. Vernon will be Tuesdays and Thursdays on Richmond Street between the health department and school board's Learning Center.

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