



Bittersweet Festival Parade

A large crowd came out for the Bittersweet Festival parade and events last weekend. In the top photo, Rockcastle County Health Department had a colorful float for their Rockcastle County Hands Program in the parade that included favorite children's characters Minnie Mouse and Dora the Explorer. Shown giving out candy from the float are Dreama Cromer and April Cameron. Shown in the middle photo is Grand Marshal and State Representative Jonathan Shell and his family. In the bottom photo are Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and his wife, Carol, who were driven by Ronnie Owens and Melissa Benson (See more photos from festival inside the A Section.)



School Board adopts Rowan Resolution

At Tuesday night's regular meeting of the Board of Education, board members voted to support a Resolution of the Rowan County Board of Education.

The Resolution challenges the state House of Representatives and Senate to take action regarding funding for the legislation known as "Unbridled Learning" (Senate Bill 1). According to the Resolution, the bill was passed to "ensure that Kentucky's students would have the tools they need to compete in a global society..."

However, the Resolution asserts that "the mandates of Unbridled Learning con-

tinue to increase, putting additional stress and responsibilities on teachers and administrators working to ensure that students continue on their path to becoming college and career ready... That the "Kentucky Legislature has broken their pledge to Kentucky's students, failing to fund the mandates of Unbridled Learning, thereby putting at risk its goals and jeopardizing the future of our students..."

The extra expense of this program, according to the Resolution, has caused the Rowan County School Dis-

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Livingston School reunion will be held in former school

By: Doug Ponder

The Livingston Elementary and High School reunion will be held this Saturday in the former Livingston School building beginning at 2 p.m.

All former students, teachers and friends of students who attended grade or high school are welcome. Registration begins at 2 p.m. in the Livingston Trail Town Visitor Center inside the school building and other portions of the building including the cafeteria and main hallway will be open during the reunion as well.

The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department will be serving food and beverages for purchase beginning at 3 p.m. at the LVFD fire department building.

flight that landed the first humans on the moon.

After the Hall of Fame Ceremony, a memory lantern ceremony will take place on the Hwy 490 bridge in downtown Livingston. The lanterns are \$10 each and proceeds will be used for the Livingston School Revitalization Project. There will also be a talent show for Livingston school alumni at 8 p.m.

This year's reunion will be the first time the event has been held inside the former Livingston school building. The structure was built in 1927 and remained the Livingston grade and

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Local artist displays county in paintings

By: Kelsey Mattingly

Rockcastle County native artist Mark McFerron is continuing his talents and showcasing the beauty of Rockcastle and Eastern Kentucky in his most recent paintings.

Currently residing in Louisville, with his wife and three children, McFerron said he will always consider Rockcastle a wonderful place and enjoys capturing its beauty.

"I feel like I have lived all over the county," McFerron said. "I certainly know it like the back of my hand."

McFerron said he started painting when he was four-years-old. He said that it wasn't until his time at Rockcastle County High School that he discovered art and the subjective power of painting.

"I knew then that I would be an artist regardless of my career direction," McFerron said. "I currently work as a Consumer Experience Visualizations Designer at Humana."

McFerron noted that he is primarily a painter of landscapes and ordinary scenes which he said makes Rockcastle County a perfect place for him to paint. He said that he is an artist of the land which is reflected in his various works.

McFerron went on to say that there are countless areas of landscape for him to paint in Rockcastle County. He said that the Rockcastle River had a major influence on the work he has done and he is so happy to have had the chance to grow up around it.

"I've always loved the outdoors, woodlands, creeks and rivers of the county," McFerron said. "So I would naturally choose those subjects to paint. It was during

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RCIDA holds regular meeting

At Monday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, board members heard a report from Executive Director Holly Hopkins about work on the CSEPP building at Rockcastle Business Park South.

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Rockcastle County High School will hold their 2013 Homecoming this Friday night when the Rockcastle County Rockets take on the Russell County Lakers at home at 7:30 p.m. The Homecoming king and queen will be crowned during halftime of the football game. Shown above are the queen candidates front row from left: Sierra Mercer, Allison Renner and Caroline Coguer. Second row: Kali Lay, Kaleigh Noel and Brooklyn Bishop. Third row: Tanika Chasteen, Hannah Whitaker and Amelia Eversole. Back row: Kellan Coffey, Brianna Burdette and Nicoline Joenborg.

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