



Several Halloween events in Rockcastle County still had big turnouts despite having to be rescheduled to last Friday night due to rain, storms and high winds that came through the area last Thursday. The City of Mt. Vernon's annual Halloween on Main event drew in hundreds as well as Brodhead's annual Halloween in the Park. However, due to the recent rains and muddy conditions in the park, Brodhead's Halloween event had to be moved to Main Street. More photos from different Halloween events are featured inside



RCIDA hears sign request from Plastisud

A quorum of board members was not present for Monday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, even with the presence of Jason Coguer, newly appointed member, but those present went ahead with a discussion of pressing items.

Kleber Salazar with Plastisud, located in the Rockcastle County Industrial Park was at the meeting to tell the board something of their present activities and to request improved signage for the park.

Salazar said the present signage did not list businesses in the park and could not easily be seen from the road. "There a really nice sign at Business Park South but the sign for the other park is not so nice," Salazar told the board.

Salazar also told board members that the company, whose headquarters are in France, was "very pleased"

with their acquisition of the former Integrity Mold and Die facility. "We have been in Europe for 50 years and

were motivated to move here to be closer to our customer base," he said.

(Cont. to A9)

Police make arrest in ammunition burglary

By: Doug Ponder

One woman has been arrested and a man is still on the run in an ongoing investigation of a large ammunition burglary that happened last Tuesday morning at the residence of Donald Adams on Bee Lick Road in Quail.

Arrested was Stephanie Breann Sheldrick, 21, of Mt. Vernon.

Once Peters arrived, Dean told him that he received a call from a church member who noticed a black Kia Forte stuck in the field beside the church. When Dean approached the vehicle, he found Sheldrick and Mitchell Dale Dooley, 29, of Mt. Vernon inside the vehicle with several boxes

of ammunition, primers and reload casings stacked up on the ground near the vehicle.

Sheldrick and Dooley had allegedly unloaded the items from the vehicle in an attempt to lighten the weight after the vehicle became stuck in the wet field. Officers later found evi-

(Cont. to A10)

Veteran's Day celebration is next Monday

The Rockcastle County Middle School will hold their annual "Celebration of Veteran's Day" next Monday at 11 a.m.

The event will begin with a reception in the RCMS cafeteria for veterans and their families. Following the reception, everyone will meet in the school's gymnasium at 1 p.m. for a student-led program honoring veterans.

Veterans planning to attend the event must make their reservations by this Friday by calling 606-256-5118.

The RCMS faculty and staff encourage all Rockcastle County veterans to join them on Veterans Day in order to be recognized and honored for their service to our country.

Blood drive is next Wednesday

The Kentucky Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Mt. Vernon next Wednesday.

Those wishing to donate can do so at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

To schedule a donation visit kybloodcenter.org or call 1-800-775-2522. Blood donors must have a photo ID, be seventeen-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and meet other requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip which can be found at www.kybloodcenter.org.

UNITE Hope Wall on display at Courthouse

By: Doug Ponder

The recently unveiled UNITE Hope Wall will be on display next to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office at the Rockcastle County Courthouse until next Friday.

UNITE Treatment Director Amy Yates said the Hope Wall contains more than 150 pictures of people across southeastern Kentucky who have overcome their drug addictions and remained sober for more than eighteen months. She said the wall was created to show that recovery is possible for anyone who is struggling with a drug addiction.

"The Hope Wall is meant to symbolize those who have fought and struggled with addiction but have won the battle and regained their lives," Yates said. "It was also designed to inspire all humanity to persevere in their struggle no matter what their hurdles might be."

The Hope Wall was unveiled in August at a large ceremony in Manchester. Since it's unveiling, the wall has been on display at the Pulaski County Judicial Center in Somerset for two weeks before traveling to Rockcastle County. The wall will also be displayed in the future at courthouses throughout southeastern Kentucky on a scheduled basis.

Yates said that there are currently seven pictures of people from Rockcastle County on the Hope Wall and that they are expecting to have more Rockcastle County residents added to the wall in the near future.

One of the seven Rockcastle Countians on the Hope Wall is Eddie Todd, 35, of Mt. Vernon. Todd said he first started using drugs when he was 14-years-old during his freshman year of high school.

"I had injured my shoulder and had to have surgery. The doctors sent me home with some narcotics and I

can remember liking the way they made me feel," Todd said. "It helped me to hide my insecurities and gave me more self-confidence around other people. During these young stages of my addiction it made me feel normal in a sense."

Todd said he can't remember when he crossed the line of recreational use to addiction. However, he said anyone that uses drugs only once will have a risk of becoming addicted.

"Anyone that uses drugs for the first time runs a risk of crossing a line that they may not be able to turn back from," Todd said. "I tell people all the time that abstinence from drugs is the only answer to never run the risk of crossing that line."

During the struggle with his addiction, Todd said he was ashamed of the person he had become and where he was heading with his life. He said there was many times he wanted to quit but that it seemed almost impossible to break the stronghold of his addiction.

"I felt like I had nowhere to turn until my parents did for me what I could not do for myself. They showed me true love by tough love and washed their hands of me," Todd said. "I was put in a spot where I had to do what the courts said and that's when I went to Willingway Hospital in Georgia and they helped me break my addiction."

Todd said he has been sober from alcohol and drugs for twelve consecutive years and has had a successful career in the residential construction industry. Todd said he hoped that other people struggling with drug addictions can see his picture on the Hope Wall and realize they can overcome their addiction as well.

"The two pieces of advice I would give to someone struggling with addiction is they need to realize their recovery won't be easy and that they need to accept

(Cont. to A10)



Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York and Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette look at the pictures on the UNITE Hope Wall which will be on display next to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office at the Rockcastle County Courthouse until next Friday. The wall contains more than 150 pictures of people across southeastern Kentucky who have overcome their drug addictions and remained sober for more than eighteen months.

Of Special Note Inside

- Viewpoints Pg. A2
 - Obituaries Pg. A3
 - Church News Pg. B3
 - Courthouse News Pg. B2
 - Classifieds Pgs. B5-7
- Follow us on Twitter: @mvsignal

Call
606-256-2244 for
Advertising &
Subscriptions

