

13 acts participate in Rockcastle's Got Talent

The Livingston Community Lions Club hosted the second annual "Rockcastle's Got Talent" talent show last Saturday night November 2 at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. Thirteen acts were in competition for a trophy and the \$100 prize. Prior to the competition, last year's winner, Julianna Singleton, performed a selection on the piano.

There were six divisions with first and second place winners in each division, and one overall winner. The Children 12 and under winners were Mya Hunt first and Lincoln Hines second. The teen division winners were Allison Estes in first, and Isaac Day and Autumn Davidson tied for second. Sami Rai Werner took first in the adult division, and second place went to Christopher Longhurst. The adult

duet division saw Joe and Sarah Caldwell winning first place, with her father and daughter, David Lindsey and Aalyah Caldwell winning first place in the adult/child division. The group winner was Wilderness Road in first, and Kentucky Romp and Stomp in second. The overall winner of the trophy and \$100 prize was Allison Estes.

The judges for the evening were Chad and Letha Hembree of Berea, and Diana Cash, Charles Langford, and June Burton of Somerset. The emcee for the evening was Past District Governor of District 43-C, Lion Bob Swett.

The Livingston Community Lions Club would like to thank all the acts for participating. Every one was a winner! Thanks to the sponsors and all that helped in any way. See the *Mount*

Vernon Signal next week for a complete list of thanks.

"Bridge"

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sent form and permits would have to be obtained from the Division of Water and would involve crossing over a city utility located in the stream bed. According to Mayor Cash, Kay Shelton and Herbie Alcorn are the landowners of the property at the proposed temporary crossing site.

Wednesday, the *Signal* was told by State Senator Jared Carpenter that plans were underway to proceed with the second option, to the extent that materials were being gathered for the temporary crossing.

During the meeting, the court heard a presentation by Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant about the city's plans to construct a shelter for a Space2Create site in the Lake Linville area.

Bryant said the city had obtained a \$10,000 ARC grant, with a \$2500 match, for a plan for the playground and park. "It's a good plan but can be tweaked," Bryant told the court. As part of the plan, the city wants to build a shelter that will provide play activities for small children (1 to 5 years old) in a safe enclosed area.

Bryant said estimated cost of the 42x24 structure was \$20,000 and asked the court to furnish this amount. The city has also received a \$10,000 grant from the ARC for start-up fixtures and play items.

The court voted unanimously to make the \$20,000 donation.

The program will be run by parent volunteers.

Another site is being planned for Livingston, Lynn Tatum with the Rockcastle County Development Board who is developing the project.

In other business, the court heard a request from Michelle Newcomb of the Livingston Fire Department for a side-by-side with a "med-bed." Newcomb told the court that members of the department had to use their own vehicles to get to a hunter in a remote area who was injured when his four-wheeler flipped backwards, pinning him underneath. Newcomb told the court that fire department members "tore their vehicles all to pieces," trying to get to the scene and had to call for assistance from the Pongo and Mt. Vernon Fire Departments who came with their side-by-sides.

Newcomb said that quotes had been obtained for a Polaris 4x4 crewcab 570 for \$12,228 and that a "med bed" would be an additional \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Judge Carloftis told Newcomb that Hal Holbrook, CSEPP director would look into getting the equipment through a state contract.

As a final item of business, the court approved the transfer of \$60,000 to the jail fund from the general fund. Jailer James Miller agreed to up to \$25,000 of commissary funds for payment on healthcare services for inmates.



Carl Swanigan presents Allison Estes the overall winner trophy of Rockcastle's Got Talent.

"Brodhead"

(Cont. from front)

go about doing it and we should send a letter first," Cash said. "If someone is not paying their taxes we can work out a payment schedule suitable to them without threatening them by putting their names in the paper."

Buras said the City of Brodhead has sent out a letter with their tax bills for several years and they have never received a positive response from people paying their delinquent taxes.

"I know there are some unfortunate people struggling on our delinquent tax list and I understand that. But there are people in this town that run a business, the city does business with them and they still have not paid their taxes for years," Buras said. "These people are just thumbing their nose at the city because they know the city won't enforce it so they just refuse to pay it."

Buras went on to say that he wanted to make his opinion known because he said it was the law to collect delinquent taxes and when the city doesn't do that they are breaking the law.

"I have taken an oath of office under the Commonwealth of Kentucky and it's the law we collect taxes," Buras said. "So I want to clearly state my opinion on this in case something happens it's clear where I stand."

Graves agreed with Buras and said they don't need to let the delinquent tax issue go and that all

council members need to be ready to discuss ideas on how to collect them at future meetings.

Although, the city has always sent an annual letter with their tax bills, Clerk Becky Bussell said they should write a certified letter in order to make it official.

"If you don't do it that way they can say they didn't get the letter and they didn't know about it," Bussell said. "This will cover our tracks and make it official."

Councilman Larry Taylor agreed and said they should write an official certified letter to send out and give everyone until the end of January to respond. In the letter, Taylor said they need to request each person on the delinquent tax list to schedule an appointment with the council to determine a payment schedule.

However, Buras said if they didn't get a good response from the certified letter at the end of January that he would be pushing his proposed delinquent tax ordinance again at the February meeting.

"So essentially we are just delaying the ordinance until January if the letter doesn't work," Buras said. "That's a compromise I am willing to make as long as we don't let this go."

Buras made a motion to change the ordinance to a resolution and send a certified letter to all Brodhead citizens who owe delinquent taxes.

Buras, Graves and Taylor all voted in favor of the resolution and it passed by a majority vote.

Buras also had the second reading for establishing

working sessions for the mayor and council members to meet and discuss city issues. The proposed session would be on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Keith Graves made a motion to approve the ordinance as written but once again no one seconded the motion.

Taylor said he was not in favor of the current working session ordinance because he didn't see the need of having them two nights a month on a Wednesday night when others had other commitments such as attending church.

Taylor suggested the council have one monthly working session on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The ordinance was amended and approved unanimously by the council.

The council also unanimously agreed to replace the wood around the top of the Brodhead Fire Department firehouse. Once they get the specs of replacing the wood the council will open up the job for bids. In final action the council passed a resolution to adopt a cross connection prevention program written by Kentucky Rural Water.

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Times" best seller list for the week of November 3rd.

The library houses microfilm of the "Mt. Vernon Signal" and this microfilm is currently being scanned to appear on the library web site.

The Rockcastle County Public Library receives less than half the tax dollars that the surrounding counties of Madison, Laurel and Pulaski receive. According to the 2011-2012 statistical report of Kentucky Public Libraries, Laurel County Public Library received \$2,532,189, Madison Co. Public Library received \$2,797,622, Pulaski Co. Public Library received \$2,328,631 and our Rockcastle County Public Library received \$244,012. Obviously the three larger counties shown have a much larger tax base and much larger population, but the Rockcastle Co. Library provides all of the basic services that are provided by our much larger and obviously much wealthier neighbors.

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