



A large storm system moved through the county this past week bringing heavy rains, sleet, freezing rain and snow. Local weatherman Bud Cox said the record high temperature last Friday was 43 degrees and the record low on Wednesday was 17. Cox also reported 2.04 inches of rainfall last Friday and a 1/2 inch of snowfall on Tuesday. The heavy rainfall last Friday caused water to cover many roadways throughout the county. State road crews also reported that the heavy rains caused the Dix River to flow over the temporary bridge early Friday morning. State crews said the bridge was closed temporarily until the river receded to a safe level. The snow on Tuesday morning also caused Rockcastle County students to miss the first day of school.



All-day Kindergarten proposed School District gets good audit report

By: Doug Ponder
Auditors from Cloyd and Associates in Corbin attended the monthly school board meeting Monday night to present their re-

cently completed 2012-2013 audit for the Rockcastle County Board of Education. Cloyd and Associates auditor Matt Shackleford pre-

sented the audit to the school board. He said the school district received a “modified opinion” which is the best opinion the district could receive on their audit. Shackleford said there were no problems in the audit with documentation of

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Rockcastle Regional voted America’s Best Hospital for Patient Experience by women

When Ruth Evans and her husband moved to Berea from Missouri seven years ago, she was concerned about finding the right medical provider. At the suggestion of her son, she chose Dr. Karen Saylor and Rockcastle Family Wellness. She says she couldn’t have made a better decision, and her experience with Dr. Saylor and Rockcastle Regional typifies why Rockcastle Regional Hospi-

tal has received the 2013 Women’s Choice Award as an America’s 100 Best Hospital for Patient Experience. “Dr. Saylor and the office there have always gone out of their way to make us feel comfortable,” she said, adding that she has been extremely satisfied with the quality of care she has received. “It’s just such a blessing,” she said of having access to that type of quality, she said. The Women’s Choice

Award is the only award that identifies the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and what women say

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Dowell retiring as County Coroner

Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell has announced that he will retire from that office at the end of his term next December. Dowell, who is the longest serving coroner in the state by eight years, has been in office since 1965. He said he just felt it was

“time to hang it up.” Filing for that office is Marvin E. Owens, owner of Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead. Mr. Owens, who is presently a deputy coroner, along with Bud Cox, filed his candi-

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Court okays \$21K more for Sheriff’s Dept.

In addition to a \$5,375 monthly supplement for the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department, and well over \$100,000 in additional payments for insurance, health insurance, matching social security and medicare, etc., the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, at their regular meeting Tuesday, approved an additional \$21,000 to cover a \$6,000 private note for the sheriff, taken to meet payroll, and \$15,000 to cover the department’s De-

cember payroll. Dale McNew, accountant for the office, told the court that \$40,000 in expected state forfeiture McNew also presented the court with a tentative 2014 budget which showed four different projections for operation of the office, supplemented by the court. One figure, without the county increasing their monthly contribution,

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Brodhead to raise water/sewer rates

By: Doug Ponder
During Monday night’s monthly council meeting the Brodhead council approved the first reading of an ordinance that will increase water and sewer rates for their customers. The proposed ordinance will raise water and sewer rates at every level. For city customers, the base of

\$19.61 a month for 2,000 gallons or less will increase to \$20.78. The next 8,000 gallons of water will increase from \$5.92 per thousand to \$6.27. 40,000 gallons of water or more will increase from \$5.66 to \$5.99 per thousand. 50,000 gallons or more will in-

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Mt. Vernon man recovering after being stabbed multiple times

By: Doug Ponder
A local man is recovering in the hospital after being stabbed several times at his home on Carpenter Subdivision Road in Orlando. According to state police reports, Danny “Bo” Mason, 50, of Orlando was at his residence on Saturday, November 30th when someone broke into his home and stabbed him several times in the stomach, back, throat and head with a “Rambo” knife. The perpetrator then stole an unknown amount of money from Mason and fled the home, leaving him for dead. Mason managed to phone his daughter and tell her that he had been

“robbed and stabbed.” His daughter arrived moments later and drove him to Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Once Mason and his daughter arrived at the emergency room, hospital personnel called Rockcastle 911 and informed them of the stabbing. Mason was later flown to the UK Medical Center for treatment of his injuries and he is currently listed in stable condition. The robbery and attempted murder is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police and trooper Adam Childress is

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Local musician Mikey Howard was the Grand Marshal during Mt. Vernon’s Christmas parade last Saturday. Howard is the lead singer for the popular Christian rock band 7eventh Time Down. More photos from the Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston Christmas parades will be featured in next week’s Signal.