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A single car accident resulted in a power outage for part of Mt. Vernon last Saturday around 8 p.m. Authorities say Chandler Hunter, 24, of Mt. Vernon was traveling west on West Main Street when he lost control of his vehicle and overcorrected causing him to slam into an electric pole before coming to rest in a ravine near PBK Bank. Hunter was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries and released. Officials said homes and businesses along Old Brodhead Road and Fairground Hill were without power for approximately 14 hours until electric crews could replace the pole. Traffic lights at the intersections of Hwy 461 and Old Brodhead Road and Hwy 461 and Jerri Lane were also not functioning during the power outage.



City of Mt. Vernon authorizes fire department to refinance rescue truck

By: Doug Ponder

It was a light agenda for Monday night's regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council with the only item under new business was the issue of refinancing the Mt. Vernon Fire Department's rescue truck, which is currently under a lease purchase agreement.

3 more file for office

Three more candidates have filed to run in next year's county election.

They are: incumbent 3rd district magistrate Bill McKinney (R); Burton Stephens (R) for 4th district magistrate and Michael Rosiere (R) for 4th district constable.

To date, 29 candidates have filed.

Fire Chief David Bales told the council they desperately needed to purchase

Man arrested for drug possession

By: Doug Ponder

A Pine Knot man was arrested and charged with four counts of drug possession Sunday night after police made a traffic stop on Willailla Road in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene was Kenneth Turner, 45.

According to state police reports, state trooper Adam Childress made the stop after observing Turner's vehicle swerving back and forth across the center line on Hwy 70 before it turned onto Willailla Road.

When Childress approached the vehicle, he

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another "Jaws of Life" along with several other pieces of equipment and that the department could have the extra funds needed if their rescue truck were refinanced at a lower interest rate.

Bales said the fire department

No paper next week

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has been making an annual payment of \$4350 for their rescue truck and they have two years left before it's paid off. He said the annual payment is made from the \$8250 of state aid they get each year.

Bales proposed that the council allow the fire department to refinance the rescue truck which would extend the time period to three years, bringing it to a total of five years. He said refinancing the rescue truck will give them the extra money they need in their budget to buy the Jaws of Life and other equipment needed.

Bales said the Jaws of Life will cost approximately \$13,000. He said the department currently has two Jaws

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Fiscal Court approves increase to sheriff's budget

At Tuesday's special called meeting of the fiscal court, the sheriff's and county clerk's budget were approved for calendar year 2014.

Dale McNew, accountant for the sheriff's office, requested more funds for the department in order to hire another full time deputy.

McNew said that revenue in the sheriff's office only amounted to \$292,240 and that payroll for current staff, including Sheriff Mike Peters, amounted to \$271,000. Of this, \$84,000 is reimbursed -- from

Rockcastle Hospital, KLEFPF and the state for court security officers.

However, McNew said that other expenses for the office amounted to \$59,450, down \$7,000 from 2012.

The county, in 2013, supplemented the sheriff's office by \$5,375 a month, besides the \$175,000 annually the court pays for matching social security/medicare, health insurance, retirement, audits, workmen's comp, etc.

McNew said that the

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Man arrested for recent stabbing

By: Doug Ponder

A Rockcastle County man was arrested Tuesday afternoon for a recent stabbing at a home on Carpenter Subdivision Road in Orlando.

Jason Boyd Stewart, 33, of Orlando was arrested for allegedly stabbing Danny "Bo" Mason, 50, of Orlando during a home invasion. County Attorney Billy Reynolds issued a warrant for Stewart's arrest after an ongoing investigation of the stabbing by the Kentucky State Police.

According to state police reports, Mason was at his residence on Saturday, November 30th when Stewart broke into his home and

stabbed him with a hunting knife several times in the stomach, back, and head before slicing his throat. Stewart then stole approximately \$700 from Mason and fled the home, leaving him for dead.

Mason remained conscious after having his throat cut and managed to call his daughter on the phone to 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

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Livingston commissioners discuss sidewalk project

At the regular meeting of the Livingston City Commissioners last week, Mayor Jason Medley reported to members that he had been told by Joe Grider, HMB engineer for the sidewalk project that construction was expected to begin in May and be completed some time in September.

Medley also reported that he had told Grider to scale back the cost of the light poles to no more than \$1,100 per light for Main Street, instead of the \$6,200 each figure budgeted. "I found out that Brodhead paid between \$6,000 and \$7,000 for all their lights."

Medley said that Grider had found two sources for the

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One Indicted

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned one indictment on December 13th.

Indicted was Jon K. Sanders, 30, of N. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon.

Sanders was indicted for committing the offense of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

He bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

102 suits total filed over 2011 delinquent taxes

In the third filing to collect 2011 delinquent property tax bills, 48 additional suits were filed last week by County Attorney Billy Reynolds of behalf of the state finance and administration cabinet. This brings the total filings to 102 and there will be "just a few more" filed, according to Sarah Martin, an employee at Reynolds' office.

In the last filing, the suits total \$8,646.85 and bring the total amount for all three filings to \$16,760. The highest tax bill in the latest filing is for \$1,092.79 and the lowest is \$28.02 for an

average of \$180.

Property owners now have 20 days to file an answer. (The 120 days cited in last week's *Signal* was a typo). If an answer is not filed, then a default judgment will be sought and suit could be filed in circuit court, asking that the property be sold to satisfy the lien.

Several suits have been filed in circuit court by the companies who purchased unpaid tax bills over the years, to sell the properties, on which taxes have not been paid, at a Commissioner's Sale.



Livingston Fire Department responded to a house fire Monday afternoon on Old Gauley Road in Red Hill. Authorities say the home belonged to Glenda Carpenter and that the cause of the fire remains unknown. Firefighters said they were able to salvage the home and that it only received severe smoke damage. No one was injured in the fire.

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