

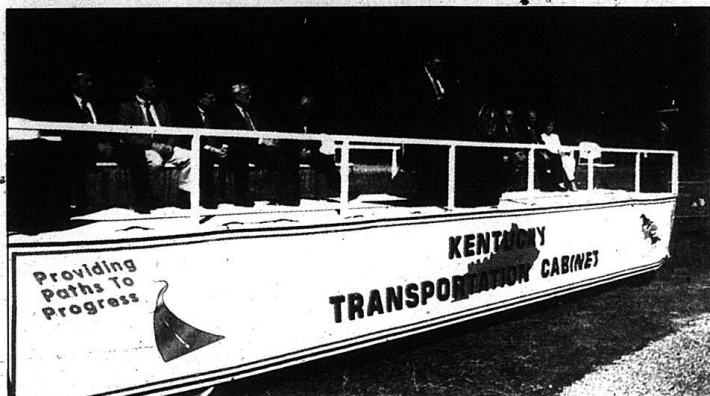


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Time to pay controversial payroll tax

It is time to pay that highly controversial payroll tax, the City of Mt. Vernon passed earlier this year.

Mt. Vernon City Clerk Kaye Rader said this week that forms were being mailed to employers in the city limits, which would be filled out and sent back with the tax money paid by the employees.

"Employers will have until the end of July to submit the forms along with payment for the months of April, May and June," Rader said.

All other people working in the city either for themselves or on a contract basis will be obligated to pay their tax each year when they file their income taxes. That tax falls under the city's net profits tax, which also includes professionals such as lawyers and doctors.

Most employers in the city have deducted the half percent tax from their employees' check, but not all.

Employees who work at the Mt. Vernon post office and the Renfro Valley post office are going to be responsible for paying their own tax to the city.

Mt. Vernon postmaster Ben Culbertson said that the finance office in Louisville told him that there wasn't enough employees working at the two post offices for the finance office to collect the tax and forward to the city.

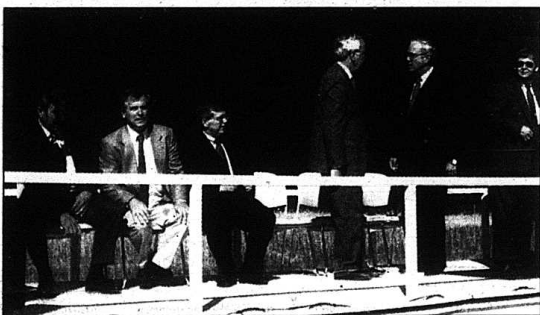
Culbertson said the 18 or so employees of the post office had been given the proper forms and instructed what to do.

All those 65 years and older working in the city limits are exempt from the tax.

The payroll and net profits tax are expected to generate approximately \$600,000 a year in additional income for the city.

New road at Big Hill dedicated

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotis and State Rep. Danny Ford were among the dignitaries who helped dedicate the new two mile stretch of Hwy. 421, at Big Hill Friday morning. The project took two and half years and cost the state \$13 million. The road runs through parts of Rockcastle, Jackson and Madison Counties.



Little World's Fair set for Aug. 5-13 at fairgrounds

The 105th Little World's Fair will kick off on Saturday, August 5 and run through Saturday, August 13.

The fair begins with the annual 4-H Dairy Show at noon on August 5th. Go Cart races will be held on that Saturday night with a Horse shoe pitching contest planned for Sunday afternoon.

The Midway will open at 6 p.m. on Monday night and wrestlers will have the ICW Championship Wrestling Circuit will square off at 8 p.m.

Wrestling will again be held on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday night the annual Demolition Derby will take place beginning at 8 p.m.

At 7:30 on Friday and Saturday nights, the Mud Race will take place and on Thursday from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Family Day will be held, when all rides on the Midway are 25 cents.

6.35 inches of rain

Some areas of the state may still be experiencing a drought, but that certainly isn't the case in Rockcastle County.

In month of June, 6.35 inches of rain fell at the Cox Funeral Home weatherstation and in the first four days of July .37 had fallen.

Admission to the Midway will be \$6.00 nightly, which includes all rides and attractions.

The Rockcastle County Agricultural Fair will coincide with

the Little World's Fair. For information on the Agricultural Fair, call (606) 256-2403.

Detention Center garden may help cut food costs

It is growing season in Rockcastle County, whether it be gardens, tobacco, hay or even marijuana.

At the Rockcastle County Detention Center the preferred crop is a wide selection of vegetables in a huge garden on the outskirts of Mt. Vernon. Rockcastle County Jailer James Miller said Monday that he was experimenting with the garden to see if it could save the local jail some money on food costs.

Because the local lock-up averages keeping 90 prisoners a day, food costs are a big portion of the jail's \$658,000 budget.

Miller said the garden was being grown, by one of the cooks, Rissie Ballinger and himself along with help from the work release prisoners.

So far we have spent just \$91.00 on the garden and we hope to be able to harvest several thousand dollars worth of food from the garden," Miller said.

The state will not allow Miller to eat or freeze any of the food grown, so it must be used when it is fresh.

"Anything we may have left over can be donated to a charity," he said.

Miller said that a few other detention centers in the state had also grown gardens to help curtail cost.

In the jail's garden you will find, potatoes, tomatoes, corn, green beans, cabbage, onions and peppers just to mention a few.

Pot found Thursday

Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane is investigating a cultivating marijuana over five plants case, according to a news release from the Kentucky State Police in London.

Last Thursday at approximately 12:45 p.m., Kentucky State Police and deputies from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office responded to a complaint of subjects growing marijuana at a residence five miles south of Mt. Vernon on the Jack Hurd Road. Nine plants were located, several

of which were in plain view, according to the news release.

The residents, Joleen and Bruce Shoemaker of Mt. Vernon, were not arrested, pending action of the Rockcastle County Grand Jury. The case is still under investigation, according to the news release.

Mrs. Shoemaker was a full-time dispatcher with the county's 911 system and has since resigned her position.

Neal McCoy in Renfro Saturday

On Saturday evening, July 8th Neal McCoy fans will have the times of their lives as the dynamic performer appears in two fast paced performances at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.

Hubert Neal McCahey, Jr., the son of Irish and Filipino parents was different than his classmates in the

east Texas community of Jacksonville.

When the rodeo came to town the other kids trailed along in the shadows of the cowboys, little Neal was elsewhere, he had come to see the entertainers, the country music and television stars.

He liked every last one of those singers and pickers. He listened hard

and imagined himself in their boots.

Even as a child he was a gifted singer whose baritone was nurtured in gospel quartets and choral groups. At home he listened to big-band records and danced to disco. His first playing gig came with a rhythm-and-blues band. It is no wonder that he appeals to wide audience.

Neal's hits include unforgettable numbers like "Life of the Party," "The Shake," "Wink" and his remake of the '60's favorite "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye."

Show times are 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. To reserve seats call (800) 765-7464 or 606-256-2638. Prices are \$21.00 and \$23.00 plus tax and handling. Renfro Valley "Kentucky's Country Music Capital" is located just off I-75 at Exit 62.

County pays back jail bills

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotis announced Tuesday that the county had paid off two area jails for the cost of housing Rockcastle County juveniles and prisoners while the jail renovation took place.

The County paid \$13,600 to Clark County for housing juvenile offenders and \$6,400 to Pulaski County for regular prisoner housing.

Clark County had sued the county because they had not gotten paid in timely manner.

Currently Rockcastle County does not have any juvenile offenders in prison.



Neal McCoy



Rockcastle Jailer James Miller holds onions pulled from the garden he is standing in, which is being raised for use by the Rockcastle Detention Center.