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The 2000-2001 school year in Rockcastle County officially kicked off on Tuesday when the county's nearly 2,800 students went to school on the first day. Above, Nikki Wynn and Daniel Myers, members of the Mt. Vernon Elementary Safety Patrol, stop traffic so parents and students could cross Williams Street. Approximately 760 students will attend the county's largest elementary school this year.

Carloftis pushing for mandatory garbage collection in Rockcastle

Court turns down request by Laurel Garbage for permit to haul garbage in Rockcastle

By: Richard Anderkin
Kentucky Governor Paul Patton may be a Democrat and Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis a Republican, but they certainly agree on one thing.

Mandatory garbage pick-up. Patton has said he would push mandatory garbage pick-up statewide during a legislative session in February and last week Carloftis told the Rockcastle Fiscal Court that they should pass mandatory garbage collection for the county.

Carloftis told members of the

court that the county would probably never qualify for federal grants through the PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desired Environment) program if they did not make it mandatory that county residents have their garbage disposed of properly.

Carloftis has brought the subject before the fiscal court on several occasions and each case it has basically fallen on deaf ears.

Carloftis also told the court that the 1990 Solid Waste Ordinance was outdated and did not have enough

teeth in it.

"We really need to work on that ordinance and we really need to make mandatory garbage collection a law in the county," Carloftis said.

Carloftis said there were several ways the county could take care of the county's garbage.

"We could bid it out for the entire county, by magisterial district or we could even do it ourselves," Carloftis said.

Carloftis' remarks concerning the garbage received almost no comment from the magistrates.

In other action concerning garbage, the court once again denied the request of Laurel Garbage to do business in the county.

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Roundstone leads way in county's CTBS scores

Scores for third graders are best by far

By: Richard Anderkin
The Kentucky Department of Education released the scores for the 2000 Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS) on August 1 and show that district wide Rockcastle County students scored better this year than they did a year ago.

The CTBS is given in April to Rockcastle students exiting the third,

sixth, ninth and tenth grades. The test is set up to gauge student skills in language, reading, math, social studies and spelling.

The scores, reported in percentiles, count five percent toward the overall Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS). CTBS allows for nationwide comparison, with a score of 50 being considered the national average.

Rockcastle County students in the third grade did much better overall than did the students in the sixth, ninth and tenth grades.

That has always been a trend in Rockcastle and last year's results were no exception.

Local man charged with sexual crimes

A Rockcastle County man was released from jail last Friday, after he filed a \$1,000 cash bond.

William D. Campbell, 43, of Philadelphia Church Road, Brodhead had been arrested on August 7 and charged with sexual abuse first degree and sodomy first degree.

According to a citation issued by Kentucky State Police Detective Stacy T. Anderkin, Campbell admitted to sexual contact with an 11-year-old member of his family, about five years ago.

Campbell was ordered to have no contact with the victim. The case was continued to October 25.

Students at Roundstone Elementary School led the county in scoring and they also ranked in the top ten in the state, according to Principal David Pensol.

"The credit should go to everyone, students, staff and parents, because they work hard every year," Pensol said.

"We have a plan and we try to

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Couple lodged after Sunday shooting

A Rockcastle County couple is behind bars this week after a shooting incident on Sunday night.

According to a citation issued by Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Miller, the shooting incident occurred on John Cash Road around 10:30 Sunday night.

According to the citation, Laurie Pittman, 23, of Fair Street, Mt. Vernon, is accused of shooting her husband, Karl Wayne Pittman, 26, also of Fair Street, with a shotgun.

Karl Wayne Pittman is accused of hitting his wife in the nose with the butt of a shotgun.

Both were charged with fourth degree assault and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Both are currently being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and are scheduled for a District Court appearance on Monday.

Mt. Vernon will set aside \$20,000 annually to go to fire department

By: Richard Anderkin

The Mt. Vernon City Council voted Monday night to set aside \$20,000 a year for their volunteer fire department to be used toward the construction of a new building or the purchase of a new fire truck.

Councilwoman Lonetta Daugherty made the motion and Clarence Kirby, Jackie Renner, Wayne Bullock and Lou Vanhose voted in favor. Clark Mullins was not present.

Daugherty's motion came after two members of the department, Brian Hansel and Steve Griffin, told the council that members of the fire department were somewhat disgruntled about the condition of the fire house.

"When it rains outside it rains in the fire house. I have never seen anything like it," Hansel told the council.

Steve Griffin also told the council that members of the volunteer department were ready to walk off unless something was done.

"We don't want to leave the city without fire protection, but we will if the council doesn't help us out," Griffin said.

"I think you guys do a great job and I would hate to see that happen," Mrs. Vanhose said.

Griffin and Hansel also reminded Mayor Karen King that one of the things she said she wanted to do with the new tax money generated by the city was build a firehouse on the city's Main Street lot.

King told Griffin and Hansel that she had tried to lease a new building for the fire department and police

department, but she was unable to do so. She also said the city had applied for a grant to build a new firehouse and police department through the Cumberland Valley Area Development District in London.

The council also agreed to accept bids to fix the roof over the fire department. Those bids will be accepted until August 31.

The city also discussed their new

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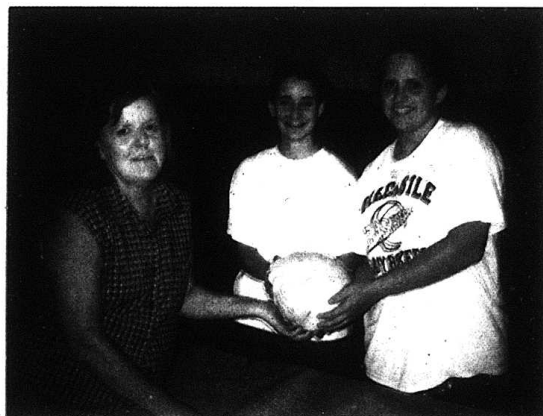
Mt. Vernon will have no Bittersweet Festival

Mt. Vernon Mayor Karen King said last week that the annual Bittersweet Festival will not be held in 2000.

Mayor King said the council had decided not to hold the festival because they could not find anyone to coordinate the annual event.

The Bittersweet Festival has been held for the past ten years on the first Friday and Saturday in October. "For the last three years, large crowds have attended the festival, which is held on Main Street in Mt. Vernon."

Anyone interested in coordinating the Fall festival should call City Clerk Kaye Rader at (606) 256-3437.



Shooting Investigation

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Darrell Doan is investigating a shooting involving a local woman.

Doan said that Sally Hoskins, 24, of Crooked Creek, was apparently shot sometime last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning, but that she couldn't remember how it happened.

Doan said he was called to the Rockcastle Hospital Emergency Department around 9:45 a.m. last Thursday to interview Hoskins.

Doan said that Hoskins had been shot in the leg and wrist and that she was later transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Doan said that Hoskins apparently walked to a friend's house on Cove Branch sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning and that her friend took her to the hospital. The deputy sheriff said that Hoskins had also received a hard blow to the head, which may be the reason she could remember anything.

Members of the 4-H youth in the county helped enter in exhibits at the Little World's Fair in Brodhead last week. The annual Agricultural Fair is held in conjunction with the annual fair each year. Shown above is Libby Burdette showing off her prize cabbage. Also in the photo are Rebekah Lyons and Brianna Bussell. At right are Jenni Beth Neeley, Jon Colby Robbins, Andrew Robbins, Chris Robbins and Melinda Coffey.

