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Busy week for police, several local people jailed

It has been a very busy week for Rockcastle County law enforcement officers.

Last Thursday, Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Charles Gray arrested James Steven Bradley, 36, of Hwy. 618, Mt. Vernon and charged with theft by unlawful taking. He is accused of stealing a Honda 4 Wheeler owned by Barbara Newcomb on September 8.

Newcomb's 4 Wheeler was recovered. Bradley is in jail awaiting an October 2nd court date.

Gray is also investigating another theft of a 4 Wheeler from the home of Larry Bullock on Tulley Payne Road. That took place last Tuesday.

Deputy Trevor Hensley is also investigating the theft of a 4 Wheeler from the residence of Jack Gilbert on Red Hill Road the same day.

Kentucky State Police Officer Millard Root is also investigating the theft of a 4 Wheeler from Freddie Mason's home in Livingston over the weekend. Police have leads in that case and expect to make an arrest.

Last Wednesday night around 1 a.m., a 1996 Chevrolet truck owned by Gary Nicely of Willalla was stolen.

Police are looking for William Butch Reed, 40, of Brodhead, in connection with the theft.

Reed was released on bond from the Rockcastle Detention Center, on September 6.

Anyone with information should contact the Rockcastle Sheriff's office at (606) 256-2302.

On Monday, Jason Northern, 22, of Livingston turned himself into authorities.

Northern was wanted on five outstanding felony warrants.

He is currently charged with flagrant non-support in the amount of \$4,813, theft by unlawful taking, attempted theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, possession of marijuana, tampering with evidence and escape.

Northern is accused of stealing a boat owned by Claude Hensley, trying to steal a ditch-witch owned by Gary Mullins, running from Livingston police officer Danny Keeney, who was trying to arrest him and having marijuana in his possession at the time of that altercation and running off with it.

He is in jail awaiting an October 16th court date.

Last Friday, former Rockcastle Deputy Jailer James Aaron Amys, 22, of Rt. 1, Brodhead was charged with first, second and third degree sexual abuse and first and second degree sodomy.

He is being held under a \$25,000 cash bond until an October 2 court date.

Roy Clark in Renfro

A generation or two has grown up listening to Roy Clark. In 1969 "Yesterday When I Was Young" charted Top 20 Pop and number nine on Billboard's Country.

The Hee-Haw star has had 23 top forty country hits, among them eight top tens including, "I Never Picked Cotton," "The Tips of My Fingers," and "Thank God and Greyhound You're Gone." He and his wife of over forty years make their home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Clark has no plans to rest on his laurels and one of his stops for the 2000 tour season is Renfro Valley Entertainment Center where he will give two performances on Saturday evening, September 23rd.

Show times are 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. Tickets are \$21.00 and \$23.00 plus tax and handling, they're selling fast, reserve yours soon. Call 1-800-765-7464 or 606-256-2638.

Hydrants to be flushed

Monday, September 25, 2000 beginning at 6:00 p.m. the City of Mt. Vernon Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants within the city limits.



A Conway Road youth was injured Tuesday night when his bicycle collided with a car at the corner of Quarry and Poplar Streets in Mt. Vernon. Anthony Kendrick, 15, was taken to the Rockcastle Hospital and transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center with a possible head injury. According to witnesses, Kendrick apparently pulled into the path of Bill McFerron, causing the 6 p.m. accident.



Above: Emergency Medical Technicians remove Barbara Rader, 37, of Orlando from her car, after it collided with the truck, at left. The accident occurred on Thursday afternoon at the junction of U.S. 25 and 1004 around 3:00 p.m. Police said that Rader pulled into the path of the truck driven by Michael Bullock. Bullock was not injured.



Traffic on southbound I-75 was backed up for several miles Friday afternoon after a Jefferson County woman ran ended a truck. The accident occurred under the Brindle Ridge overpass. The Toyota Camry, shown above, was completely destroyed after the collision caused it to catch fire. Mt. Vernon firefighters extinguished the blaze. No injuries were reported.

Probation revoked in two cases

Eddy Montgomery, Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle County, announced last week that Donovan Dean McGuire, 26, of Castle Village Dr., Mt. Vernon, and John William Lawson, 36, of 387 Jacks Branch Road, Gray Hawk, had their probation revoked and were sentenced to prison.

According to Montgomery, McGuire entered a guilty plea in 1998 for the offense of Assault Under Extreme Emotional Disturbance. McGuire admitted that he did in fact cause injury to his son, Jordan Dean McGuire. McGuire was probationed for a period of three years for this offense.

During a hearing held on August 25, McGuire admitted that he had failed to report to his probation officer, failed to obtain his GED, failed to work regularly and to being ar-

rested in Madison County for the offense of Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$300.00.

McGuire was sentenced to the maximum term of imprisonment for this offense which was five years.

Montgomery further stated that Lawson had entered a guilty plea and was probationed for a period of five years for the offense of Flagrant Non-Support in 1998. Lawson admitted during his guilty plea that he had failed to pay child support and was in arrears approximately \$40,000.

During a hearing held on August 25, the Court found that Lawson failed to refrain from the use of cocaine, failed to pay his child support, failed to maintain employment, failed to report to his probation officer and moved to a new residence without notifying his probation officer.

Lawson was sentenced to a period

of two years imprisonment.

Montgomery added that he was pleased with the probation revocations and hoped that they would send a message to everyone on probation that if you mess-up you will be sent to prison.

Suits against county, jail dismissed

Two small claim suits, one which involved the Rockcastle County Jail and the other which named the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court have been dismissed.

On August 1, Zona and Terry

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County left out of Patton's plan for fixing Appalachia

By: Richard Anderkin

Rockcastle County leaders learned last week that their application for the Community Development Initiative (CDI) through Kentucky Governor Paul Patton's office was denied.

The local group, which included members of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court, Mt. Vernon City Council and the Rockcastle County Development Board had made application to the Governor's office on January 14.

Local leaders had asked for \$27 million in their application, which would have been used to develop jobs and make massive capital improvements throughout the county.

The application called for a four phase project that would have cost an estimated \$27 million and taken approximately ten years to complete.

Phase one called for the completion of the Kentucky County Music Hall of Fame project at Renfro Valley, which is currently underway. That project will continue on schedule.

Phase one also called for the construction of a civic center in the Renfro Valley area.

Phase two would have included the clean up of the Rockcastle River Basin and the restoration and revitalization of Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

Phase three would have seen the construction of a natural gas pipeline, expansion of the industrial park space and construction of a new Kentucky Technology Center adjacent to the Rockcastle High School.

Phase four would have included the construction of much needed sewage treatment facilities and development of recreation facilities in the Lake Linville and Rockcastle River areas.

Rockcastle County was one of only eight counties in the Appalachian Regional Commission's area of eastern Kentucky to turn in an application.

"Rockcastle County was the county farthest west, and the ARC funding which is federal could have completely transformed the development of our county and our county's future," said Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlifos.

"I am absolutely convinced that no county eligible for the funding could have benefited more than Rockcastle," Carlifos said.

The Judge also pointed out that Rockcastle County was the only

county along Interstate 75 to make application.

No other location in Kentucky could have showcased what the Appalachian Commission's funding can do for Appalachia as much as Rockcastle, simply because of our exposure to millions of travelers on I-75," Carlifos said.

The two CDI grants awarded by the Governor's office went to Johnson County and Harlan County. In Harlan County the cities of Benham, Lynch and Cumberland will participate.

Harlan is a Democrat county and Johnson County is a Republican county.

Frederick's home raided

Last Saturday, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette issued a search warrant for the property of Roy and Linda Frederick, six miles south of Mt. Vernon off Chestnut Ridge Road in Rockcastle County.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. officers from the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and the Mt. Vernon City Police executed the search warrant recovering several illegal drugs along with drug paraphernalia, according to a news release from the Kentucky State Police.

Dallas Clifford, 26, of Mt. Vernon was arrested at the scene and lodged in the Rockcastle County Jail. He was charged with possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana. Burdette said the investigation is continuing with further arrests to be made pending grand jury.

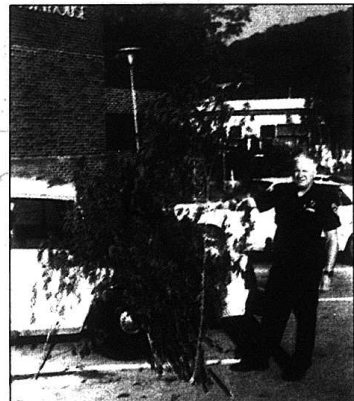
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Blood Drive October 6th

Donating blood is safe, simple, and saves lives. Rockcastle Kentucky Technical Center and Central Kentucky Blood Center are urging all healthy Rockcastle County residents to support their community. Donate blood Friday, October 6, 2000 from

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Livingston police officer Danny Keeney, right, and KSP officer Millard Root cut and destroyed fifty marijuana plants found in the Calloway Holler on Tuesday afternoon. An informant told police where the "pot" was. No arrests were made, the case is under investigation.