

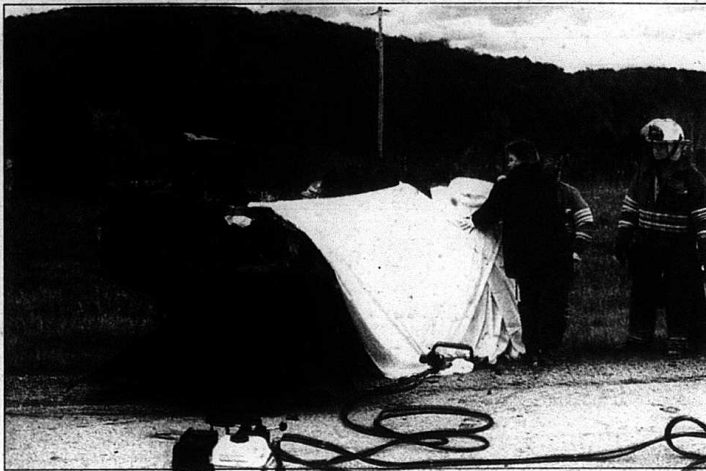


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Pulaski Co. man killed in head-on collision on 461

By: Richard Anderkin

A three vehicle collision three miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 461, Saturday afternoon, claimed the life of a Pulaski County man.

According to a passenger in a Campbellsville College mini-van, the wreck occurred around 1:30 p.m. after the 18-year-old driver, Clay Wheeler of Campbellsville, attempted to remove his coat, while driving the van north on 461.

The passenger said that while Wheeler was removing his coat, he lost control of the mini-van and crossed the center line into the southbound lane of 461 and into the path of a Ford F-450 farm truck driven by Boyd "Buster" Broyles, 72, of Plato Vanhook Road, Somerset.

Police say the mini-van struck Broyles' truck, causing it to cross into the northbound lane, directly into the path of a tractor-trailer, driven by James W. Franklin, 30, of Carlisle, Ohio.

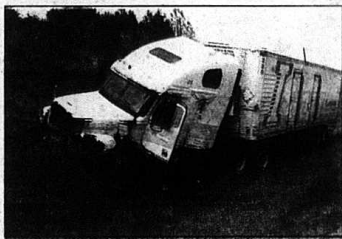
Rockcastle County Deputy Coroner Marvin E. Owens pronounced Broyles dead at the scene, after members of the Mt. Vernon fire department cut his body from the wreckage. It took firefighters about 45 minutes to free Broyles' body.

Wheeler and Franklin were taken to the Rockcastle Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

Several passengers in the college's mini-van were not injured. Broyles and Franklin had no passengers in their vehicles.

KY 461 was closed for about three hours while Kentucky State Trooper Don Trosper reconstructed the accident.

State Trooper Staci Dixon is conducting the investigation surrounding the accident and the case will be presented to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.



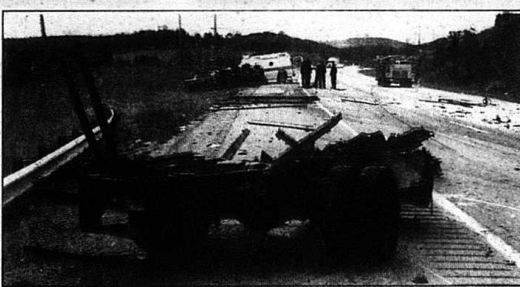
A 72-year-old Somerset man was killed in a three car crash on Hwy. 461 Saturday afternoon.



Show Your Patriotism

Inside this week's newspaper you will find a copy of an American Flag, which is being sponsored by Citizens Bank of Mt. Vernon, Brothhead and McKee. Proudly display the Flag to show your support for the U.S. Other flags can be picked up at either Citizen's Bank location.

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State basically turns deaf ear on concerns about KY 461

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has basically turned a deaf ear on a request by Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlifotis concerning three intersections along KY 461 in Mt. Vernon.

In August, the Judge asked the transportation cabinet to review the intersections at US 150, KY 1326 and US 25.

The Judge pointed the lack of lighting at US0 and the fact that motorists run upon the signal from both directions on 461, before they realize it.

The Judge told the transportation cabinet that the intersection at 1326 was dangerous because of no stop light and the four lanes of traffic that intersect there and that many young

drivers who go through there on a daily basis.

The Judge also told the cabinet that the intersection at McDonald's was dangerous because of the volume of traffic traveling toward the interstate, was usually going at a high rate of speed, which made it difficult to cross the southbound lane to turn onto US 25. The Judge said it was

also very dangerous because vehicles often backed up in the left turn lane, to the point that they were actually in one of the lanes of 461.

The transportation cabinet sent Carlifotis a letter last week, saying that they found no reason to change

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Burdette calls on court to sponsor training program

At a special meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court on Friday, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette asked the court to sponsor a training program to deal with possible security issues and the handling of a potential chemical or biological threat in the county.

Burdette suggested that the county's newly appointed Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Director Wayne Berry, conduct the training.

Berry is the former Chief Planner for the state of Kentucky. He held that position for 28 years and was in charge of training CSEPP Directors across the Commonwealth.

Berry, who is a Rockcastle County native and former school teacher at Mt. Vernon High School, also taught Civil Defense Courses for the University of Kentucky Extension program specializing in radiological defense courses.

"If Mr. Berry, who has vast experience and connections with potential trainers would be willing, I think it would be an excellent opportunity for our local agencies to benefit from his expertise," Burdette said.

The request by the County Attorney comes after the perceived threat at the City of Mt. Vernon's water plant at Renfro Valley on October 13.

That incident drew several people from many different agencies together and since that time the county attorney has been vocal in calling for training and security measure modifications related to all utilities and water supply systems in the county.

The personnel were there and it was a learning situation for everyone, but also, a situation that led us all to believe that we need training and information in the event something might actually occur," he said.

"I think that the county and city governments along with water agencies will be making changes necessitated by these times," he added.

Burdette told the court that he thought law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, 911 dispatchers, disaster and emergency services personnel, postal employees, water agency employees, local physicians and anyone else who may be called upon in the event of a biological or chemical crisis in the county.

Carlifotis told Burdette that he would discuss the training with Berry.

Public Forum to be held

A public forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2001 at City Hall in Mt. Vernon.

Brad Sawyer, a representative from the Renaissance KY program will be in attendance.

He will make a presentation to Mayor Karen King, City Council, and community members, to introduce and familiarize everyone with the program. The public is encouraged to attend.

Volunteers from the community

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The Rockcastle County Conservation District and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court began their second annual White Goods Collection drive on Monday. 1,701 large appliances, water heaters and air conditioners were collected on Monday and Tuesday. The drive will continue next Monday, but Sandy Whitaker with the Conservation District said there was only enough money to purchase 269 more appliances. The local district received a grant for \$7,500 and the fiscal court kicked in \$2,500 for a total of \$10,000. The collection of the appliances was done at Mt. Vernon Scrap Yard, who donated employee labor and space for the appliances. Above, Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carlifotis talks with Johnny Purvis, Soil Conservationist with the Jackson County District.

Dell Ponder receives Everett C. Brown Memorial Award

This year's Everett C. Brown Memorial Award for outstanding community service in Rockcastle County has been awarded to Dell Ponder of Livingston.

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club presents the award annually to a person who has worked hard for the betterment of the county.

Mr. Ponder received the award during the club's weekly meeting last Thursday.

A Brief Biography

Dell Ponder was born and raised in Livingston. He did what most people did fifty years ago and left his hometown seeking work and a somewhat easier life for himself, his wife and two children.

He worked forty years for Turner Electric in Ohio before retiring and heading back home to the life he loved.

Many changes had taken place during the forty years he was away.

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Dell Ponder received the Everett C. Brown Award from Kiwanis member Gary Mink. Also in the photo is his wife, Gwen.