Poet's Corner

The 4th

By: Preston Purvis

As America celebrates another birthday
Let us be thankful in heart and mind,
That we are still the bulwark of freedom
Not only for ourselves, but of all mankind.

For well over two hundred years we've struggled
Against foes within and foes without,
To protect our many freedoms
And to leave adversaries without any doubt.

That each generation has stood ready
To answer freedom's call,
And have fought and died
To preserve liberty and freedom for all.

Forever remembered in stark unblemished reality
Our dead are honored by the Unknown Soldier's Tomb,
Representing all those who fought or died
When danger to our freedom did loom.

Off the honor guards' glistening rifles
Bounces the sun's bright reflection,
While down below in row after row
Graves are lined up in all directions.

Let us not forget the reason for this special day
But let us remember those who fought, lived, or died, on a foreign shore.
And say a special prayer for those who lie under the sod
And for those entombed on the ocean floor.

So as we celebrate with friendship and fireworks,
Remember that freedom has carried a high price,
And millions of Americans
Have made the supreme sacrifice.

This 242 lbs. of fish was caught at
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Ordinance# 3-2003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

Whereas, during administration and implementation of the budget, circumstances relating to the receipt and expenditure of funds change; and,

Whereas, it becomes necessary to amend the budget to reflect these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The appropriate sections or parts thereof of the budget ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30,2003 is amended as set forth herein.

	General Fund	Amendment	MRA Fund	Amendment	UDAG Fund	Amendment	Halcomb East*	Amendment
Cash balances	110,846	110,846	9,844	9,844	100,266	100,266	0	0
Revenue	585,030	643,994	36,426	173,357	4,200	1,309	0	55,000
LGEA transfer to MRA			1,200	0		0		0
Total cash and revenues	701,916	793,840	37,470	183,201	404,466	101,575	0	55,000
General Government	128,468	331,933						
Police Department	1,410,838	387,819						
Expenses			37,470	177,853	101,466	11,000	0	55,000
Administrative Dept	80,727	0		0		0		0
Capital Expenses	0	0		0		0		0
Total	668,033	719,652	37,470	177,853	404,466	11,000	0	55,000
Balances	43,083	44,286	0	5,348	0	90,575	0	0

*Halcomb East pertains to a water line extension.

SECTION TWO: The city clerk is hereby directed to provide for accounting in the detailed operating budget to reflect this budget amendment.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall be published in the Mt. Vernon Signal by title and summary within thirty days of adoption.

Adopted this the 30th day of June 2003.

Clarice C. Kirby
MAYOR

Attest:
CITY CLERK

June 27, 2003
Date of first reading

June 30, 2003
Date of second reading

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

THE WATER WE DRINK

BRODHEAD WATER WORKS

The Brodhead Water Works and The Brodhead Council are proud to present to you our annual water report. This report will be provided to you each year. This report is designed to inform you about our water and services we delivered to you every day of the past year. Our everyday goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We continually try to improve our process and protect our water resources. Every water company is dedicated to ensuring the quality of water that we provide to you and your family.

The Brodhead Water Works purchases water from the City of Mt. Vernon Water Works, which is treated surface water from Lake Linville, located at Renfro Valley. Mt Vernon Water Works and Brodhead Water Works routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to State and Federal laws. The table enclosed shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st through December 31, 2002.

Sources of drinking water (both tap and bottles water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animal or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides and herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

The final source water assessment plan has not been completed, but, is scheduled to be completed by May 2003. A summary of the system's susceptibility to potential sources of contaminants will be included in the plan and will be available for inspection at City Hall and the Cumberland Valley Area Office in London, Kentucky.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning you water utility, please contact Carlos Caldwell at 606-758-9866, or Rebecca Bussell at 606-758-8635, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday through Friday. We will also provide to you a copy of our water report in its entirety upon request. This is available at City Hall, located at 7 West Main Street in Brodhead. Each person is a valued customer and we want you to be informed about our water utility. If you want to learn more you may also attend any of our regular meetings. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday night each month, at City Hall located at 7 West Main Street, Brodhead, Kentucky.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain some small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

BRODHEAD WATER WORKS
ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT
PWSID # 1020889

DEFINITIONS

This report may contain terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you understand these terms, we are providing the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – the level of a contaminant in drink water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. *MCLGs* allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – the highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. *MCLs* are set as close to the *MCLGs* as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Indicator Levels (AIL) – laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL), the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (PPM) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in $10,000,000.

Action Level (AL) – the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL), a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) – a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Treatment Technique (TT) – a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL)

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Most water systems in Kentucky must test for the contaminants listed below. Some water systems are not required to conduct all of these tests. Some tests are not required every year. Only those contaminants that were detected are included in the test results table. For a complete listing of the tests actually conducted you may contact the water system office.

This report is being published in the local newspaper and will not be mailed to customers unless requested. If you would like a copy of this report please contact City Hall at 606-758-8635.

The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with administrative regulations 16 401 KAR Chapter. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old.

	Allowable Levels	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation Y/N	Likely Source
Turbidity (NTU) TT	Never over 5 NTU. Less than 0.3 NTU 95% of samples each month.	0.40	100%	N	Soil Runoff

REGULATED CONTAMINANT TEST RESULTS

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation Y/N	Likely Source of Contamination
*Total Coliform Bacteria (less than 5 contd/repeats on 5 positive samples)	5%	0	1	N/A	9-5-01	N	Naturally present in the environment
Alpha emitters (pCi/l) (pCi/l)	15	0	1.3	BDL-1.3	9-13-99	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Asbestos (MFL)	7	7	0.195	BDL-195	7-31-02	N	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL 0.208	1.3	0.13 (90th percentile)	(0 sites exceeded the AL) BDL-.9	9-30-02	N	Corrosion of house hold plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.3	0.83-1.3	3-13-01	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead (ppm)	AL 0.015	0	2 (90th percent)	(0 sites exceeded the AL BLD-10)	9-30-02	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)(ppm)	10	10	0.43	BDL-0.43	3-28-02	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; Sewage; erosion of natural Deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	80	0	58 (annual average)	18-72	1st Quarter 2002	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS TEST RESULTS

Contaminant (units)	Date	Average	Range
Bromodichloromethane	ppb	7	BDL-7
Chloroform	ppb	27	BLD-27
Dibromochloromethane(Chlorodibromo)(DBPH)	ppb	0.79	BLD-.88

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. There are no MCLs and therefore no violation if found. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

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Turbidity	Synthetic Organic Contaminants:	Volatile Organic Contaminants:	Unregulated Contaminants:
Microbiological Contaminants:	2,4-D	Benzene	Aldrin
Total Coliform	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	Bromate	Bromobenzene
Fecal Coliform	Acrylamide	Carbon tetrachloride	Bromodichloromethane
Total Organic Carbon	Alachlor	Chlorobenzene	Bromoform
Radioactive Contaminants:	Atrazine	Chlorine	Bromomethane
Alpha emitters	Benzo(a)pyrene(PAH)	Chlorite	Butachlor (Machete)
Beta/photon emitters	Carbofuran	Chlorine dioxide	Carbaryl
Inorganic Contaminants:	Chlordane	Chlorobenzene	Chloroethane
Antimony	Dalapon	o-Dichlorobenzene	Chloroform
Arsenic	Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	p-Dichlorobenzene	Dibromochloromethane
Asbestos	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	1,2-Dichloroethane	Dibromomethane
Barium	Dibromochloropropane	1,1-Dichloroethylene	Dicamba
Beryllium	Dinoseb	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	Dieldrin
Cadmium	Diquat	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	m-Dichlorobenzene(1,3-)
Chromium	Dioxin	Dichloromethane	Methomyl
Copper	Endothall	1,2-Dichloropropane	Methylchloride (Chloromethane)
Cyanide	Endrin	Ethylbenzene	Metolachlor
Fluoride	Epichlorohydrin	Haloacetic acids	Metribuzin (Sencor)
Lead	Ethylene dibromide	Styrene	o-Chlorotoluene
Mercury	Glyphosate	Tetrachloroethylene	p-Chlorotoluene (1,4-)
Nitrate	Heptachlor	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Propachlor (Ramrod)
Nitrite	Heptachlor epoxide	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	1,1-Dichloroethane
Selenium	Hexachlorobenzene	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	1,1-Dichloropropene
Thallium	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Trichloroethylene	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
	Lindane	TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane
	Methoxychlor	Toluene	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene
	Oxamyl (Vydate)	Vinyl chloride	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
	PCB's	Xylenes	1,3-Dichlorobenzene
	Pentachlorophenol		1,3-Dichloropropane
	Picloram		2,2-Dichloropropane
	Simazine		3-Hydroxycarbofuran
	Toxaphene		