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Volleyball team wins opener - A11

Thompson sentencing delayed

Two of 25 people charged in a major drug trafficking ring appeared before U.S. District Judge Karl Forester for sentencing last Friday.

Among them was the ringleader, former Mt. Vernon police officer Larry Gene Thompson, Sr., 49, but Judge Forester delayed sentencing until Sept. 5, based on a motion filed by Thompson's attorney, Jerry Cox of Mt. Vernon.

The motion for downward departure asks the court to withdraw from the sentencing guidelines if the defendant cooperates fully and provides assistance in the investigation or prosecution of others who have committed an offense.

Cox said his client has cooperated under the plea agreement reached by Cox and assistant U.S. Attorney Ron Walker. "The point of all this is so that he will serve less time," Cox said.

The original plea agreement would have resulted in Thompson

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Police find missing boy at local fair

Police are looking into a possible attempted abduction of a twelve-year-old child, which occurred at the Brodhead Little World's Fair on Saturday night.

The good news is the child was returned safely to his mother not long after the apparent attempted abduction.

According to a press release from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's department, police on the fairgrounds property were notified by the mother of the 12-year-old boy that he had been physically forced from one of the main walkways of the fair to behind one of the rides.

Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan ordered all exits to the fair closed while police looked for the missing boy, according to the news release.

Approximately 13 minutes after police were notified by the mother, the child was found wandering the fairgrounds.

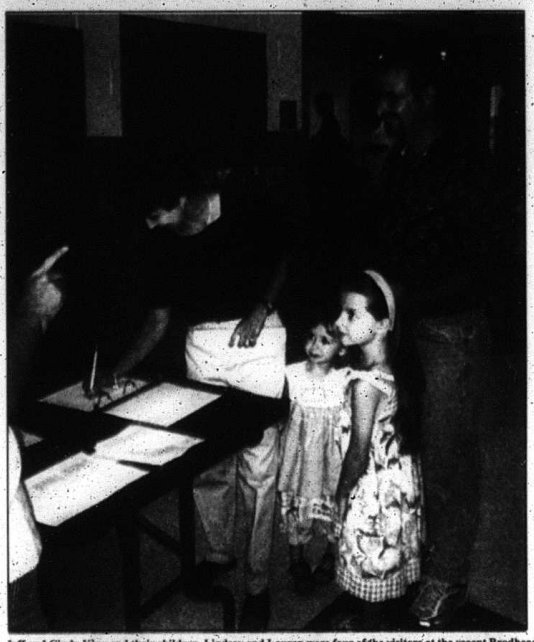
Police say the child stated the assailant sprayed some type of chemical in the direction of his face while physically restraining him.

According to police, the boy said the assailant then released him for some reason or another.

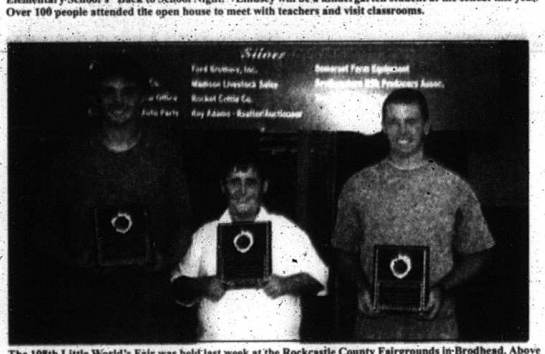
According to police the assailant was approximately six feet tall, medium built, a white male, partially bald, clean shaven and wearing a blue shirt.

Police are asking that anyone with any information concerning this case contact the Rockcastle Sheriff's office at (606) 256-2032 or by calling 911.

The fairgrounds's exits were reopened shortly after the child was located, according to the news release.



Jeff and Cindy King and their children, Lindsey and Lauren were four of the visitors at the recent Brodhead Elementary School's "Back to School Night." Lindsey will be a kindergarten student at the school this year. Over 100 people attended the open house to meet with teachers and visit classrooms.



The 108th Little World's Fair was held last week at the Rockcastle County Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Above are winners of the Dairy Judging contest, from left: Joe Bratcher, 14-19 year-old division, Billy Cameron, 9-13 year-old division and Scott Adams, adult division. (more pictures A-8)

Schedule set for Livingston's Labor Day week end homecoming

The 2003 Labor Day Weekend Homecoming festivities will begin with the annual Gospel Singing on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Saturday's events will begin with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The meal will consists of pancakes, sausage or bacon and drink for $5 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12.

Parade line-up will begin on Saturday at 10 a.m. at White Star and the parade will get underway at 11 a.m. Local ministers will be the Grand Marshalls.

The recognition program will begin at 12:30 p.m. and all the minis-

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For Circuit Judge

Duncan announces candidacy

Somerset attorney Mike Duncan has filed a nomination petition, seeking election to the office of Circuit Judge for Division I of the 28th Judicial District which comprises Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties. The Judgeship became open due to the June 14th retirement of the Hon. Daniel J. Venters. Another Somerset attorney, Robert E. Gillum, was appointed by Governor Paul Patton to fill the post through the upcoming November special non-partisan election.

This is Duncan's second attempt to be elected to a Circuit Judgeship. In 2000, he was defeated for the Division III Circuit Judgeship, by Family Court Judge Debra Lambert. When asked why he is seeking the Judgeship again, Duncan responded, "Any worthwhile endeavor requires hard work and determination. My goal is to serve our community as Circuit Judge where I can address inadequacies in our justice system. I'm not one to abandon a just cause upon facing a few bumps in the road. In the last election, over 7,000 people put their trust and faith in me that I would do what I said. I'm not giving up on them and I don't believe they will give up on me."

Duncan, 46, is married to Beth Lamkin Duncan, a retired teacher from Burnside Elementary School. He is the son of Max Duncan, retired from Southern Belle Dairy and

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Mike Duncan

1st Team All-State in Three Events

Heather Hammond named Class 2A Girls' Track Athlete of the Year

Rockcastle County High School sophomore Heather Hammond was recently named the KTCCCA Class 2A Girls' Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

This marked the second time Heather had received such an award. She was also named the middle school athlete of the year for the entire state of Kentucky as an eighth grader.

In addition to that prestigious honor, Heather was also named first team all-state in three events including long jump, the 300-meter hurdles, and the 400-meter dash.

Heather has quickly become one of the most celebrated athletes in RCHS history. As an eighth grader, Heather led RCHS in scoring during the regular season and at the state meet. During the regional championships, Heather won titles in high jump, the 400-meter dash, the 1600-meter relay, and also finished as regional runner-up in long jump while scoring a team record 38 points for regional champion RCHS.

At state that season, Heather captured her first state championship in the 400-meter dash, virtually unheard of for a middle school athlete. She also placed fourth in high jump and eighth in long jump. In the last race of the meet, with RCHS needing a win to finish as state runner-up,

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Jury indicts a total of 18

Indictments returned for robbery, rape

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down eighteen indictments on Friday for various crimes, including two against local men who are accused of robbing a courier for Community Trust Bank in Mt. Vernon in March.

Brian Baker, 21, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon and John Edgar Rodefer, 32, of Hwy. 1505, Mt. Vernon were indicted Friday on charges of first degree robbery, theft over $300, and fleeing or evading from police.

According to a news release from Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan's office, on March 24th of this year, the two men apparently robbed the courier and stole his car as he was completing the deposit pick-up at the Main Street Mt. Vernon branch bank of Community Trust.

Police say the courier was hurt in the robbery when Rodefer pushed him to the ground.

The indictment also alleges that Rodefer proceeded to the Juanita Davis Road where Baker was waiting in another vehicle to pick up him up along with the deposit bags that had been stolen.

According to police after the switch of the vehicles was made, officers responding to the scene gave pursuit of the vehicle, which Baker and Rodefer eventually abandoned.

Police say they found two bank deposit bags in the vehicle.

The two men were arrested later in the day near Jean's Restaurant on Hwy. 1004 and charged with the crime.

William Pigg, 31, of Buffalo Hollow Road and Laurie Felix, 37, of Mt. Vernon were indicted in connection with a case involving a possible rape.

Pigg was indicted on a rape charge and Felix was indicted on a complicity to rape charge.

Police say the female child involved in the case was less than sixteen years of age.

Kris D. Cromer, 31, of Mt. Vernon and Joey Lea Chatelle, 32, also of Mt. Vernon were indicted in connection with a reported drug bust on March 20th.

The charges involve possesion of methamphetamine.

Steven Stamper, 33, of Copper Creak Road, was indicted on two counts in connection with a May 30th incident in which he is accused of having Cocaine and a firearm in his possession.

Others indicted on Friday were John Dale Marcum, 42, of Manchester. Marcum is accused of using physical force on Pam Heller at the Renfro Valley Shell Mart while armed with a knife.

The incident allegedly occurred on July 17th.

Robert L. Sandusky, 18, of Mt. Vernon and Mary A. Durham, 19, of Orlando on five counts in connection with a May 9th incident in which they are accused of stealing a car from Tri-City Motors in Somerset.

They are also accused of being in possession of Methamphetamine, (Meth) eluding police, and damaging a Kentucky State Police cruiser in excess of $1,500.

The two are also accused of damaging the vehicle owned by Tri-City Motors.

Sandusky is also accused of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

John Bishop Kemper, 27, of Conway was indicted on one count of burglary.

He is accused of breaking into Robbie's Antiques, also at Conway, on March 2nd of this year.

Stacey O. Lanham, 33, and Francis Bailey, 20, both of Brodhead were indicted on five counts in connection with an arrest February 25th of this year. They are accused of possession of meth, marijuana, the materials to make meth and possession of a handgun while in possession of the illegal drugs.

Kenneth Bustle, 23, of Brodhead and Mark Spoonamore, 33, also of Brodhead were indicted in connection with a break-in at the home of Dane Cox's on Ottawa School Road on August 4th of this year.

Both men are charged with first degree burglary because they are alleged to have had a firearm in their possession when they robbed Cox's home.

Davy Stewart pleads guilty to murder

Davy Stewart, 35, of Orlando, pled guilty Friday to the murder of 25-year-old Patty Clark on August 9th of 2000.

Stewart was brought back to Rockcastle County from a federal prison in Coleman, Florida to face the charges.

Stewart, who must serve eighty-five percent of his 37 year sentence in federal court for an automatic weapon charge, received 20 years in state prison, which will run concurrent with his federal sentence.

He is being returned to the Florida federal prison in Coleman

County receives $59,550 in PRIDE grants for cleanup efforts

Rockcastle County's cleanup efforts just got a boost from PRIDE. Rockcastle County organizations received two grants totaling $59,550 through the PRIDE Community Grant Program.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court received $50,000 to cleanup the following illegal dumps: Maple Grove Road, Sand Hill Overlook Lane, Carl Brown Road, Hickory Flats, Hummell Cemetery Road, Buckeye Christian Church Road and Blushy Ridge Road. The City of Mt. Vernon will use its $9,550 grant to cleanup the Old Somerset Road and Lake Linville illegal dumps and the

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Relay for Life raises over $33,000

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Rockcastle County was a great success. A little over $33,000 was raised for the second annual event. The overnight event was host to a community filled with love and support for families who have been effected by cancer. Individuals, groups, churches, business and local organizations gave their time, talent, money, products, food, spirit, and prayers which contributed to the success of the event.

Several teams participated in the All American Relay. They were: The Dream Team, Citizens Bank-Tradition Setters, Skaggs Creek Baptist Church, Rockcastle Manufacturing's Rockcastle Stitchers & Cintas Seam Rippers, Flat Rock Baptist Church Flatrockers, Rockcastle Hospital's - The Angry Americans, Mash Unit, Healing Hearts, Rockcastle Hospital Health & Rehab - Shining Stars, Superstars, Rockcastle Health Department, Rockcastle Department for

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