

Mount Vernon Signal

ing Rockcastle County Since 1887

Artisan

Center is open

Don't call it a rest area. The Ken-tucky Artisan Center at Berea is much more than that. The 39 million center is now up-and running, giving visitors to the Bluegrass a taste of what the "Uncommonwealth of Kentucky" has to offer.

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"Our mission is to showcase all of the state," said Debbie Giannia, assistant director of the center. "We want to show visitors what the state has to offer and encourage them to

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The design of the building, according to srichitect Charles A, Jolly off Myers-Jolly Architects, is very deliberate, sworking to draw visitors and the state of the state

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Petitions available

Petitions, in support of additional traffic control devices on the Ky. 461 bypais, are available for businesses show with to keep them at their location, said Keith, Bussell Monday, Bussell, along with his wife, Bussell, along with his wife, Bussell, and a special control of the support of



nemorial service and dedication was held Thursday at the Mt. Vernon City Park on Williams Street, odmen of the World donated a flag pole and American Plag in honor of the second anniversary of the tember 11th attack on the Unifed States, Several poople, Including Mayor Clarice Kirby and former yor Gary Cromer, attended the service. Cromer was Mayor when the park was built and largy respon-tor its construction. Also in attendance were police officers and firefighters. Mt. Verson firemen are on below, from left Bryan Hansel, Jeff DeBorch, Jackic Wayne Weaver, Steve Griffin, Darrell Smith, Chief Garry Hansel and Asadematican Clair Divid Bales.



Larry Thompson receives a 14-year prison term

The Brodhead man and former Mount Vernon police officer who led a major drug trafficking ring that stretched from Texas to Kentucky will serve 14 years in prison.

Larry Gene Thompsot, Sr., 48, was sentenced Friday, Sept. 5 by U.S. District Judge Karl Forester. "Mr.

District Judge Karl Forester. "Mr. Thompson was certainly the major player in the Kentucky side (of the drug ring)." Forester said moments before giving him the low end of the 14-to-17 and one-half year recom-

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About a dozen members of Thompson's family sitting in the courtroom Friday morning showed Thompson the sign language symbol for 'I low you's as he was led into the courtroom. Thompson was scheduled to be the courtroom of the courtroom the courtroom of the

Thompson's closest family friend.
Ronak Thompson was recently asrested on charges that he prevent
the seizure of property owned by
Thompson Sr., who a long with
Joshus D. McClure of McKinney,
agreed to allow the government to
sell property that was seized in the
wake of the drug case. Federal agents
believed the property included proceeds of narcoites strafficking, according to records.

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Cox compared Larry Gene
Thompson's implicating his family
members to what family members
were forced to do during the Civil
War. "At one time in the history of
our country, father was against son
and brother was against brother."
Cox said. "There's no question,"
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Thompson, did not pass a polygraph test signed him by federal
agents who wanted more information
about the drug case. But, Cox said
he has no faith in those tests. Walter
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seases." We knew his brother was
involved."

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Walker said on Oct. 14 of last year
when fedeal agents bought cocaine
from Thompson, only a small portion
of \$1,800 in drug money was recov-

"That money has never been and." Walker said. "We wanted Mr.

To discuss water rate increase

Public hearing scheduled for Thursday, 7:30

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday night at the Mt. Vernon City Hall to get the public's input on proposed raise increases by the city's water department.

The bearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Mayor Clarice Kirby said the council was strongly considering raising water and sewer rates in the city and water rates for their commercial customers, such as the city of Brodiends and Western Rockeastle Water Association because the water department is currently operating; irr the red. operating the commercial customers, such as the cause the water department is currently operating; irr the red. operating the commercial customers who are the commercial customers and the commercial customers who get a minimum bill and a higher rate for those who use the most, we just want to meet expenses, "she said. A rate increase will also help the city's chances of raising enough money from various sources for their proposed multi-million dollar water project. The city must first complete their latest audit, according to the Mayor, which she said was in the work.

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At Monday night's special meeting the coincil also discussed planning and zoning for the city and will appoint three community members to research the project. They will work with council members Berty Bussell and Clark Mullim.

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Stolen vehicle recovered by SD

Rockcastle County Sheriff's De-partment Deputy Ken Holt, acting on an anonymous tip, recovered a sto-len vehicle last Thursday in McGuire Subdivision

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The 1994 Mercury Marquis had been stolen September 2, 2003 from Finley and Lindsey Rose in Irvine.
If anyone has seen this car being driven, please contact the Sheriff's Department at 256-2032.

Thompson to comply with the plea agreement, but he failed to do so. We believe he has not done anything ex-

The council also made note of the upcoming Bittersweet Festival, which will be held on Main Street. October 10th and 11th. The annual SK Run and Walk will also take place on Saturday, starting at 8 am.

Their are several different catergories with cast prizes being awarded to the top Male and Female finishers and 10p wheelchair finishers. Their will also be awards in every catergory.

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Those wishing to participate can find an entry form inside this week's Sional.

September is National 5 A Day Month

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America" by eating colorful fruits
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Day Month.

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your health, They can stimulate the
immune system and fight off bacietia and viruses. Research suggests the
phytochemicals, working together
with nutrients and dietary fiber, may
help slice the aging process and reduding cancer, heart disease, high
blood pressure, cataracts and urihary
act infection.

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deepest or brightest colors generally contain the most phytochemicals. So grab a tomato-or a slice of melon and



2004 Inductees named to KMHF

Eight to be inducted Feb. 19 in Frankfort

ducted at an awards ceremony sched-uled for Thursday, February 19, 2004 at the Civic Center in Frankfort. State Representative Danny Ford read the list of inductes and told of their accomplishments and their con-nection to Kentucky. To be inducted

are;
Ricky Skaggs, J.D. Crowe, Billy
Vseghn, Boots Randolph, Jerry
Chesnut, Howard and Vestal
Goodman and the Coon Creek Girls.

KMHFM Director Corey Craig