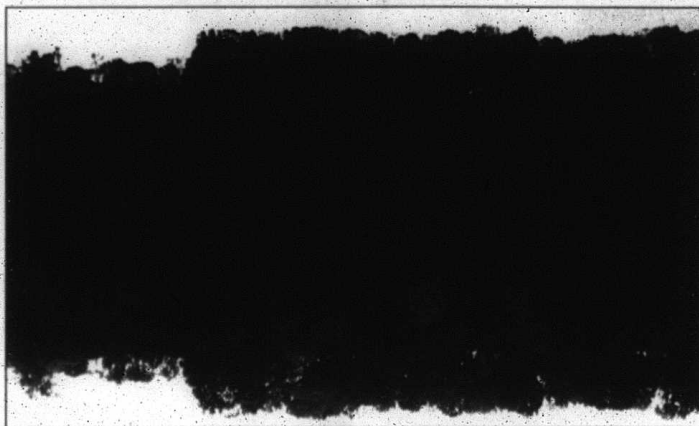




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Kentucky is known for its beautiful fall foliage. The above photo was taken at Lake Linville last week before the leaves had turned quite as pretty as they are now. The reflection in the water has the staff at the Signal, wondering which end is up. And time does change this weekend. Remember to fall back an hour before retiring Saturday night.

Residents' daughter will file complaint with AG office

Claims fraud
by out-of-town
painter

A Richmond woman said Monday she will file a complaint with the State Attorney General's office after her parents, were charged \$5,000 by a South Carolina man for painting their small house, a barn, barn roof and

shed. Joann True said that her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engle of the Conway area were approached last week by a South Carolina man about painting the buildings and given a

price of \$250 plus paint. Ms. True said after her father gave the man the go-ahead and, after he completed the job, told her father the cost would be \$6,800. When Mr. (Cont. to A6)

Adult Education program offers many services

Do you need tutoring in a college class? Has your employer decided you need more education in your job area? Have you decided it's time to get that GED?

All of these things, and many more, are available through the Adult Education Program in Rockcastle County. This program is part of the governor's initiative to raise education of Kentuckians and is administered through the Department of Adult Education and Literacy and Christian Appalachian Project (CAP).

According to Bobbie Playforth, program manager for the Adult Learning Center, located on U.S. 25 N at the old Sonoma View Motel, the center is available "to help people get any degree of education they want or need."

The center is open five days a week and in the evenings on Monday and Tuesday. There are three instructors available and one volunteer. The center offers a computer lab with high speed internet and on-line courses are also available. On-line learning let you study at home when it's convenient for you, with helpful assistance from an instructor when needed.

"One area in which we help employers is to provide a qualified pool of job candidates to hire from," Ms. Playforth said. "We offer pre-hire screening that is tailored to the employer's needs and, for those who

do not pass the screening, we offer instruction in the areas needed," Playforth added. Businesses can also request on-site classes that deal with specific job-related issues or to just enable their employees to complete their GED.

One such business is Rockcastle Manufacturing which offers the one hour class for its employees once a week where an instructor from the Adult Learning Center comes to the factory to instruct the class. Several employees have passed the test for their GED through this program, including Loretta Napier of

London, a supervisor at the plant. The company pays employees for half their time spent in the classrooms, the materials for the course are free and the company also pays for the GED test.

Ms. Napier, who quit school in her junior year to get married, has worked at Rockcastle Manufacturing since 1994 as a machine operator. After her promotion to supervisor, Ms. Napier had to obtain her GED to keep the promotion.

"It was hard, but it was worth it most definitely," Ms. Napier said. "It made me proud of myself and my

RTEC working toward securing a trolley for Rockcastle County

Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. d/b/a RTEC is currently running several feasibility studies and trial fixed routes shuttling tourists to and from Rembo Valley and Mt. Vernon in an attempt to gain public interest and improve visibility of attractions to visitors.

The ultimate goal being that of securing a trolley for Rockcastle and permanently having a link between two prominent areas of growing appeal to guests of our community.

The most recent trial run was during Mt. Vernon's annual Bittersweet Festival on October 11-12, 2003. RTEC Driver Lois Swinney shuttled

numerous visitors to our community, from their Motel or RV Parks to the Bittersweet Festival and to Rembo Valley Village shops.

They welcomed the option of public transportation as an alternative to driving themselves in the Festival traffic. Driver Lois Swinney received several compliments from passengers as she navigated the heavy traffic with patience and skill. Our guests were pleased with our Festival and hometown during the shuttle trip and wholly supported our endeavors for a more permanent fixed route they could utilize in their

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School board race part of November 4th General Election

By: Richard Anderkin

Rockcastle County voters, along with other voters in the state of Kentucky, will have a lot of decisions to make in the 2003 General Election, which will take place on November 4th.

Locally, there is a race for a seat on the Rockcastle County Board of Education in Division One which is made up of the South Mt. Vernon, East and West Livingston precincts.

Former board member Sam Stallworth of Livingston resigned his position after he learned he could not legally serve on the board because he is the water superintendent in Livingston, which creates a conflict, according to the state.

State law prohibits a person from holding two government paid jobs and although the pay for sitting on the school board is low, it is still con-

sidered a paid position by the state. Stallworth's daughter, Angie Stallworth is trying to win her dad's vacant seat, as is Donna Hasty of Sand Springs who lost to Sam Stallworth by 31 votes in last fall's election.

In Livingston, there are two people on the ballot for common council. Curt McFargue, who is a former Livingston Mayor, was appointed in January by the council to fill a vacancy and he is required to run this fall.

Livingston council member Jason Medley resigned from the council after he moved out of the city limits of Livingston, leaving another vacancy on the council.

Charlie Newcomb, who is the son-in-law of Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin, is on the ballot with McFargue.

They will make up the four member council with Todd Mink and Kathy Carpenter, unless someone else files as a write-in candidate. Potential write-in candidates have until Monday to file. Unless write-in candidates file in County Clerk's Norma Houk's office, any votes received on November 4th will not be counted.

And locally there is also a race for the position of Circuit Judge. Former Circuit Judge Dan Venters, who sat the bench for nearly twenty years, resigned this summer and was replaced by Somerset attorney Robert E. Gilliam, who was appointed by Kentucky Governor Paul Patton.

A well known defense attorney from Somerset, Mark Stanzani, who is a past president of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, is one of his opponents.

Gilliam's other opponent is Mike Duncan, a former assistant Commonwealth Attorney, who was defeated by a large margin by local attorney Debra Lambert when they ran for Family Court Circuit Judge.

Statewide, the Republican candidate is U.S. Congressman Eric Fletcher of Lexington and the Democratic candidate is Ben Chandler, a Versailles native and grandson of the late and very famous Kentucky Gov-

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Donna Hasty



Angie Stallworth

First Halloween on Main Street is October 31st

You may have noticed that there are new tenants moving in on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

If you will look around, there are ghosts, goblins and witches moving into the windows of our downtown buildings but... business owners don't seem to mind.

It is all part of the first Halloween on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, scheduled for Friday night, October 31st from 5 to 8 p.m.

Decorations, lights and banners are going up for this event and business owners will close up shop and take to the streets on this night to hand out candy to youngsters. Main Street will be closed for the safety of the children.

The event is being sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Renaissance committee, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club and Mt. Vernon businesses.

Any business operator that wishes to participate or contribute can contact Lynn Gilbert at 256-9223.

This is the first of many events the Renaissance committee will be planning for Mt. Vernon's Main Street.

You really do "fall back" this Sunday

By: Felina M. Anderkin

After eating enough "crow" to turn me off the dish for the rest of my life, I wish to announce that Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday morning, October 26th, at 2 a.m. You should set your clocks back one hour Sunday night before retiring.

BVFD Notice

The Broadhead City Council has announced that that Broadhead Volunteer Fire Department, effective October 14th, will not respond to fires outside the city limits of Broadhead unless mutual aid is requested by another department.

It has also been announced that John Dyehouse has been appointed interim fire chief following the recent resignation of Chief Tim Albright.



Eric Bullock, right, was recently presented with the Grand Champion trophy at the annual National Shaolin Karate Fall Tournament held this year at Lexington Catholic High School. The presentation was made by 10th degree blackbelt Grandmaster Sin The. Over 40 blackbelts from schools all over the United States competed for trophies and recognition. Eric fought and won five bouts of non-stop sparring and received a first place trophy. In Empty Hand Forms, he performed The Ground Dragon and received a second place trophy. In Weapons Forms, he performed The Three Sectional Staff and placed second. The points awarded for each totaled more than any other blackbelt competition and resulted in his winning the Grand Champion trophy.



Doris Grant, who taught for 20 years in the public school system, is now an instructor at the Adult Learning Center. She is shown in the above photo with three class members working toward their GED. Trina Ray of Rockcastle County, far left, is a truck driver, working to get a GED to get a job that will enable her to stay at home. Ms. Ray was 14 when she quit school and said she was adamant about her son and daughter staying in school even going to the extent to "promise her son a red Ford if he'll stay in school." Also in the photo are, Lora Winkler of Berea and Bryan Yeager of Rockcastle County.