

"Decision"

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the Broadhead City Hall/Broadhead Fire Department building for a period of not less than ten years in order to give better fire protection coverage to those citizens outside the Broadhead city limits.

It is hereby ordered that all such written agreements and assurances be delivered to the office of the County Judge/Executive not later than noon on Monday, January 5, 2004.

During the meeting, Carlotis praised the efforts of Western to provide protection for property owners in the Quail/Ottawa area, helping them to lower their insurance rating and giving them a cheaper fire insurance premium. He also pointed out that this fiscal court and former magistrates had been the "most supportive and friendly" to fire departments in the county. In the past, the court had given \$3,000 a year total to all county fire departments, but from July, 1998 through December, 2001, \$551,012 has been funneled through the fiscal court to the various fire departments from state and federal grants and loans and local program support.

However, Carlotis further said, "It is understood by all citizens that fire protection is a necessity for any community. The local government must, therefore, be concerned with two basic facts: the firefighting abilities of the volunteer fire departments and the costs homeowners must pay for insurance coverage of their property."

A considered review of the present petition by the Broadhead City Council quickly and easily explains the predicament of homeowners outside the Broadhead City limits who now rely upon the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department at Quail for firefighting assistance. Carlotis went on to say "It does appear, therefore, that the petitioner's request for annexation is reasonable, and that neither fire department, nor inhabitants of the territory sought to be annexed will be

materially and adversely affected. Indeed it appears that all will actually benefit from such annexation." Therefore, since Carlotis could not rule under the statute which was the basis for Broadhead City's petition, he issued the order calling for a January 5 deadline for agreement between the two departments.

"Indictments"

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Jonathan Osborne, 24 of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon and Shannon Vaughn, 29 of Broadhead were also indicted for Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument, second degree.

And, Luanna M. Falin, 41, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, second degree.

"Committee"

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DeSpain, city clerk/treasurer. Greensburg, too, is a silver level city and eligible for \$62,000, as is Mt. Vernon. Mt. Vernon hasn't received their funding due to the vacancy of a director for several months.

Greensburg is currently renovating a historical railroad depot. The city has also renovated old buildings into a library and genealogical research center. In the center of town is a restored footbridge, one of two in Kentucky.

Greensburg boasts that Green River is the fourth most diverse river in the United States, containing more than 150 animal species. They have a business directory, Chamber of Commerce and an occupational tax. However, they haven't had a jail for over 25 years. Greensburg has received more than \$100,000 from various grants.

The final stop was Liberty where we met with Arian Sanders who is on the Hal Rogers Tourism Board, Liberty Economic Development

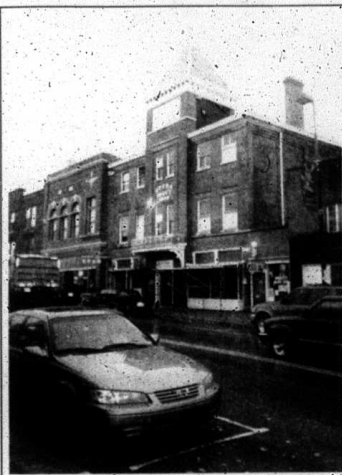
Board and director of the Main Street Renaissance Committee. The city is currently working on a 350 acre industrial park that was originally proposed as an airport. Liberty has access to four natural gas lines and has even used landfill dirt in flood-prone areas. The downtown is thriving with at least four restaurants, craft and specialty stores, government offices and a new state-of-the-art judicial center.

All of the cities visited had access to natural gas, all but one had an occupational tax, all were intersected by two highways and all had access to a large retail store, such as Wal-Mart, nearby.

Mr. Sanders, who has been with the Renaissance Committee since 1995, indicated that the secret to success is that must be no division in city and county. All must work together for the common good.



Tom Tyler, at left, member of the Main St. Renaissance Committee of Mt. Vernon, and Jerry Renner, at right, Director of the Rockcastle County Development Board and member of Main St. Renaissance Committee met with Arian Sanders, center, of the Hal Rogers Tourism Board.



Springfield, Ky.'s Opera House, built in 1900, is in the renovation process. It will be used for office space as well as community theater.

Forward in the Fifth awards grants for six projects in the schools

Forward in the Fifth recently awarded grant funding for six projects at schools in Madison, Rockcastle, Jackson and Estill Counties. The projects feature integration activities between area technology centers and high schools. Projects provide opportunities for students to combine skills gained in a traditional high school subject, like math, with application skills, such as welding, gained in technical classes.

Many of the projects feature a product for local communities. For example, in Jackson County, the project will result in a display case that will be used to highlight student work and work from artists in and around the region. It will be in the lobby of the area technology center and available for viewing by the entire community.

Funds for these grants come from School-to-Work and other sources. Below is a brief description of each project that the schools will undertake during this school year.

Madison Southern High School will design and build a nature and fitness trail that will link Shannon Johnson Elementary, Foley Middle School and Madison Southern High School.

The Jackson County Area Tech-

nology Center will design and build a community display center that will showcase the work of local students and artisans as well as highlight area culture.

The Estill County School System will create an integrated unit of study, called Estill County Students Educate and Empower, involving social studies, business, marketing, leadership and family and consumer sciences. The Rockcastle Area Technology Center will construct a replica of the World Trade Center with the help of its five different educational programs: automotive, electricity, health science, office technology and welding.

The Madison County School System will open a Corporate Closet to provide GED graduates with professional interview clothes and opportunities to participate in leadership development in the community.

The Rockcastle County School System will work with the Rockcastle Area Technology Center to increase reading proficiency using the Marie Carbo reading method.

Crab Orchard Country Christmas

Come Celebrate the Season of Christmas With Us Friday, December 19th from 5 to 9 p.m.!

Santa will arrive on the Crab Orchard Fire Truck at the Veterans' monument at 5 p.m. At 5:30, the Mayor and Santa will award the decorating contest winners. From 6 to 7 p.m. There will be caroling by the city Christmas Tree (monument) and from 7 to 9 will be Open House at Crab Orchard City Hall and you can visit with Santa Claus.

Mailing Tips

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Example:
Name
Physical Address
Mailing Address (P.O. Box)
Town, State and Zipcode

If you have any questions on addressing, contact your local post office for assistance.

LOST

Two-year-old Rat Terrier, "Mickey", lost Monday in the Orlando area. Mickey is black and white with a little bit of brown and a toddler's pet. Please call 256-4770 with any information. If no answer, leave message.

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