



A lot of improvements have been made to the Lake Linville Boat Dock since Lester and Teresa Ratliff of Richmond recieved the bid and became the new operators. Since receiving a five year lease from the Mt. Vernon City Council for \$700 a month, the Ratliff's have blacktopped the parking lot, remodeled the restaurant and erected a separate building for the bait and tackle shop. They have also organized a list of fishing tournaments for Lake Linville during the 2013 fishing season. Mt. Vernon city workers are currently working on building a sidewalk to connect the two main fishing docks. Other projects the city plans on doing are erecting a flag pole, putting safety rope on all docks and building an outdoor deck that is attached to the restaurant. Once the deck is completed, customers at the Lake Linville Boat Dock will be able to dine outside. The projects are being funded out of the Mt. Vernon/Rockcastle Tourism restaurant tax fund.



Fiscal Court votes to proceed with Little Egypt Heritage Trail project

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court Tuesday voted to proceed with the Little Egypt Heritage Trail project by passing a Resolution of Support. Jim Scheff of Ky. Hartwood, a public land advocacy organization, made a presentation of what the project entailed.

Scheff said there would be two trails involved, one a hiking trail of about 4

miles which would connect with the Livingston trails and Climax Horse Camp. The other rail would be a multi-use trail which would include horses and bikes of about one mile.

Scheff told the court of the beauty of the area. He said there were trees to be seen that were 200 to 300 years old and a seasonal waterfall with about an 80 foot

drop. "This will offer a set of trails you can do in a day and bring people to the area," Scheff said. He went on to say that signage would be developed identifying certain trees and giving their age and identifying certain foliage that is not common to the area.

Scheff and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis met with national forest officials recently to discuss the project and, Carloftis said, were told that the county's support was vital to the project being approved by the forest service.

Scheff said he was optimistic about the length of time it will take to get the project approved and underway. "I hope it will only take a year to a year and a half to complete," Scheff said.

Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority's Executive Director, Holly Hopkins, was at the meeting to give the court a check and provide an update on SourceCorp HOV.

The check presented to the court was for \$16,500 and represented repayment, by the City of Brodhead, for reimbursement to the county for money fronted to obtain grants to the city.. An additional \$3,500 is expected to be repaid to the court, Hopkins said.

The executive director also told the court that five companies would now be operating from the SourceCorp HOV building, all involved with data entry for the Veterans Administration. The five companies are

now expected to max out at 450 employees who will be working two shifts at the facility.

Representatives of the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department were on hand to request \$30,000 from the court to buy a 1993 GMC Class A pump truck. The court approved the purchase, contingent on the truck being powerful enough to service the mountainous area included in Livingston's coverage.

The court also voted to name James Ballinger and Zach Gentry to the Exten-

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No quorum Monday for Brodhead council meeting after council member resigns

By: Doug Ponder

February's meeting of the Brodhead City Council had to be cancelled Monday night because of the lack of a quorum of council members after one of the members resigned.

The meeting was cancelled as two of the four council seats are now currently vacant and Councilman Ronnie Cash was not in attendance due to prior commitments he had made. Only Councilman Larry Taylor was in attendance, besides Mayor Walter Cash. Two of the four council members are required to be present at the meeting in order to have a quorum.

Councilman Vernon (Mush) Cash officially resigned after turning in his written resignation to Clerk Becky Bussell Monday morning. No reason was given on his written resignation. Both Mayor Cash and Councilman Taylor said they were shocked when they found out about his resignation.

Longtime councilman Boone Saylor's seat also remains vacant as he didn't show up to be sworn in after being elected in the 2012 fall general election and has not attended any of the meetings. The council said they don't

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Brodhead Elementary installs new security buzzer and camera

By: Doug Ponder

Brodhead Elementary School recently installed a new security buzzer and camera system at their main entrance.

The new security system requires BES to keep their main entrance doors locked at all times with the exception of the students' arrival time in the morning. Secondary entrances of the building are now required to be locked at all times during school hours.

The front doors will be controlled by the main office with an intercom and video monitor. The buzzer is located to the right of the main door at the front entrance. Visitors are required to press the buzzer and remain in front of the device until someone responds. The camera and speaker communication system will allow visitors to communicate with office staff and state their reason for visit. Once the visitor is cleared for admittance, they may enter through the office corridor.

Transportation and Facilities Director Chris Cornelius said that all Rockcastle County Schools have similar buzzer and camera systems installed at their main entrances. He said they all keep their secondary entrances locked at all times during school hours as well.

However, Cornelius said the Rockcastle Area Technol-

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Get Moving for Heart Health

Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center invites all women in the community to attend "Love Your Heart", a fitness fair in recognition of American Heart Month.

Love Your Heart is for mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters and all women in the community to come out for a fun night of fitness to raise awareness about heart health.

The fitness and education fair, will take place on Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital (3rd floor Outpatient Services)

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Mt. Vernon man arrested after stealing his own check

By: Doug Ponder

A Mt. Vernon man was arrested for robbery last Friday after stealing his own check from the Mt. Vernon Cash Express on Hwy 150.

Arrested was David Lee Durham, 34, of Mt. Vernon. According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Officer Nathaniel Price responded to a complaint of someone stealing a check from the Mt. Vernon Cash Express.

Once Price arrived, Cash Express employees told him that Durham had come into the store wanting to cash his Kentucky state income tax check in the amount of \$206.

When Durham completed the proper paper work for cashing his income tax check, employees entered his information into their computer system and discovered that he had a delinquent account of \$220.

After the employees told Durham that his check would be used to pay on his delinquent account, he demanded that employees return his check. When they refused, he became belligerent and asked to speak with a manager.

The employees then called their district manager who also told Durham that his check would be used to pay up his delinquent account. However, after hanging up with the district manager, Durham told the employees that their district manager wanted them to give his check back to him.

When the employees attempted to call the district manager to verify Durham's request, Durham went behind the customer counter and tried to take his check.

Once Durham walked behind the counter, one of the employees picked up the check and placed it behind their back. Durham then tried to take the check from the employee several times before finally placing his arms around the employee and physically taking the check. Durham then ran out the front door of the building saying he was sorry

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Rockcastle Rockets head coach Benny Blanton talks with senior John Curtis Wilson during the Rockets' win over Garrard County last Friday night. Both the Rockets and Lady Rockets will travel to South Laurel this Friday night for their final regular season game of the season. The 47th District Tournament will be next week at Somerset High School. Both squads will play Somerset in first round action. Photos from both the Rockets and Lady Rockets senior nights will appear in next week's Signal.

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