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High-speed chase ends in crash/arrest

By: Doug Ponder

Two people were arrested after leading police on a high-speed chase from Mt. Vernon to Livingston that ended in a crash.

Arrested at the scene was Jonathan L. Bullock, 28, of Waco and Nicole Annette Cotton, 31, of Mt. Vernon.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Officer Jeff Harness received a complaint of two people leaving a Mt. Vernon restaurant without paying for their food.

Upon further investigation, employees from the El Cazador restaurant said Bullock and Cotton tried to pay for their meals with a debit card that was rejected in their computer system. When the card was rejected, the employees said Bullock and Cotton ran out the door and left the restaurant’s parking lot in a maroon Chevy Trail Blazer.

When searching for the maroon Trail Blazer, Harness observed a similar ve-

hicle parked in the 59 Shell Station parking lot. While turning into the station’s parking lot, Harness noticed the Shell station clerk was pointing at Bullock as he was exiting the station and getting into the driver’s seat.

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Mt. Vernon man arrested after allegedly shooting wife

By: Doug Ponder

A Mt. Vernon man was arrested last Saturday morning after he allegedly shot his wife in the leg at their home on Woodland Place Road in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Vernon D. Renner, 62, of Mt. Vernon.

According to state police reports, trooper Adam Childress responded to the

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Local government officials give updates on county and cities

By: Doug Ponder

Local government officials gave their “state of the county” and “state of the

city” addresses at the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday.

Judge Executive Buzz Carlofits, and each of the city’s mayors, gave their annual update on various issues and projects happening in their jurisdiction.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said their highlight in 2012 was the increased number of new businesses that opened up in the city limits. In 2011 when Bryant was elected mayor, he said nine new businesses opened and seven more opened in 2012. During the same two year time span, only two closed, one moved out of the county and three more moved out of the city limits into the county.

Bryant said he was pleased that Mt. Vernon able to keep ten of the sixteen businesses that opened during the two year time period.

“With the economy being the way it is, it was my goal to open one new business in Mt. Vernon each year,” Bryant said. “So I am very excited that we were able to keep that many new businesses in that two year time span.”

Bryant also provided updates on the Mt. Vernon police and fire departments. He said the police department purchased a police ca-

nine for tracking and narcotics/drug detection. He also said the city installed security cameras on the inside and outside of the police department and bought new uniforms for the officers. Bryant said the city helped the Mt. Vernon Fire Department buy new helmets and purchase a custom made 7x14 trailer to serve as a fire mobile command center.

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Blood Drive next Monday

The Kentucky Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Mt. Vernon on Monday.

Those wishing to donate in Rockcastle County can do so at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School cafeteria from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

To schedule a donation visit kybloodcenter.org or call 1-800-775-2522. Blood donors must have a photo ID, be seventeen-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and meet other additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip which can be found at www.kybloodcenter.org.

Cash Express theft settled

By: Doug Ponder

Two former Mt. Vernon Cash Express managers, who were involved in a fraudulent check scam recently, had their cases settled in Rockcastle County Circuit Court.

Kim Elizabeth David, 23, of Corbin and Karen Ann Mink, 25, of Brodhead were arrested in September after they both admitted to being involved in a fraudulent check scam where they made fraudulent checks and fake loans on customers of the Mt. Vernon Cash Express.

As a result of the fraudulent check scam, 78 fraudulent checks were issued, 78 false loan applications were made and the total amount of missing funds from the Mt. Vernon Cash Express was more than \$43,000.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley said that David and Mink both agreed to partici-

pate in a four year period of diversion. The diversion program is a form of sentencing designed to enable first time offenders to avoid criminal charges and keep a clean criminal record.

The diversion terms for David and Mink include supervisiion by a probation or parole officer and payment of a monthly supervision fee of \$10, probation and parole officers will conduct periodic home visits, defendants shall not have access to any firearms during the period of diversion, defendants shall not commit another criminal offense during their period of diversion, defendants shall remain drug/alcohol free and be subject to random testing, defendants shall report to and answer all reasonable inquiries by the probation officer, both defendants shall pay their own court costs and both defendants shall work faithfully at suitable employment as far as possible.

The only difference between the two periods of diversion are David has to pay restitution in the amount of \$15,000 in monthly installments during the four year period and Mink has to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,000 in monthly installments during the four year period.

If either defendant fails to complete the terms and conditions of the diversion then the court voids the diversion agreement and the defendant is sentenced to a four year term of imprisonment.

Both David and Mink agreed to enter the pretrial diversion on February 8th. If both defendants successfully completes the four year pretrial diversion then they will retain a clean criminal record as all criminal charges will be dismissed.

Brodhead discusses vacant council seats

By: Doug Ponder

The Brodhead City Council called a special meeting last Friday morning to discuss their plans to fill two vacant council seats.

Mayor Walter Cash said a special meeting needed to be called since two seats remain vacant on the council. Former councilman Vernon (Mush) Cash’s seat remains vacant after he officially resigned last Monday by turning in his written resignation to Clerk Becky Bussell. 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.

Bussell reminded the council of Kentucky state law KRS

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Indictments returned

Four indictmernts were returned by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday, February 8th.

Named in the indictments were:

Jeannette McClure, 39, of Ottawa Road, Brodhead was indicted for the offene of theft of a controlled substance, involving the theft of a controlled substance from Rockcastle Hospital in November of 2011.

McClure’s bond was set at \$10,000 cash.

Rose C. Osborne, 60, of South Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree involving possession of a forged Kentucky Title Lien statement release form.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash/property.

Two Barbourville residents were named in a joint in-

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Farmers/Business Banquet next Tuesday at RCMS

The 53rd Rockcastle County Farmers/Business Banquet will be held at the middle school next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

2013 Miss Kentucky Jessica Casebolt will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

Tickets are \$17 each and can be purchased from the Rockcastle County Conservation District office or Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York’s office. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Derek Adams at 606-256-0070.

Everyone is invited to attend the event. Any business or organization that wishes to donate a door prize is encouraged to bring it with them to the event.



Brodhead Fire Department and Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue responded to a grass fire that caught two trailers on fire at Shandon Lane in Brodhead. Authorities say the trailers were abandoned and no one was injured in the fire. Fire officials also wants to remind everyone that it’s illegal to burn anything between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. due to it being spring fire season. Anyone in violation of this state law is subject to fines from the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

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