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Two extremes of weather are depicted in these two photos. Sunday Rockcastle Countians saw heavy rainfall (3/4 inches), thunder and lightning and flooding in the Conway area (bottom photo). A 1/2 inch snowfall fell Sunday night causing slick spots on Cedar Rapids Road in Mt. Vernon. On Monday night, another 1/2 inch of snow fell. School did not have to be cancelled either Monday or Tuesday.



ERWA strives to be more transparent to their customers

By: Doug Ponder

A Rockcastle County water association has vowed to remain more transparent to the public and their customers in the future.

The reputation of the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association has been tainted with controversy in the past after the association

closed their monthly meetings to the public. Many customers on Green Pond Ridge Road in Climax were also upset about not having water available to their homes.

ERWA President Michael McGuire said the board has since decided to keep their monthly meetings open to the public in hopes

of retaining a better relationship with their customers.

McGuire also said the association recently completed their Green Pond Ridge Road project in the Climax area, which was started in 2009.

“The project only cost us \$18,000 and provided water for all of our five customers on Green Pond Ridge Road,” McGuire said. “We were also grate-

ful that the fiscal court donated their backhoe and saved us approximately \$20,000.”

Currently, McGuire said, ERWA serves around 600 customers in Brush Creek, Orlando, Climax, Red Hill, Sand Hill, Trace Branch, Sand Springs and Pongo. He said the association has approximately 100 miles of

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Man arrested for DUI and marijuana possession after driving through a fence

By: Doug Ponder

A Brodhead man was arrested for DUI and marijuana possession last Thursday after his vehicle left the roadway and he drove through a fence on Sweetwater Road in Conway.

Arrested at the scene was Kyle Lewis Mullins, 22, of Brodhead.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant responded to

the scene after Rockcastle 911 received a complaint of a vehicle accident involving a drunk driver.

Once Bryant arrived, he detected a strong odor of

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Dates set for PRIDE cleanups

Rockcastle County PRIDE has finalized dates for the Brodhead spring cleanup and the annual Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day.

The Brodhead PRIDE Spring Cleanup is Saturday, April 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Brodhead Fire Department between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to receive trash bags, gloves and safety vests.

All volunteers will be entered in a drawing to win

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A newlywed groom was killed in a collision with a semi-truck Sunday afternoon on I-75 at the 68 mile marker. Authorities say Nick Mills, 19, of Lexington was traveling north on I-75 when he rear-ended a semi-truck that had stopped in the roadway. The semi-truck had stopped after another semi, traveling southbound on I-75, jackknifed, causing it to cross over the median and enter the northbound lanes. Mills was transported to St. Joseph Berea Hospital where he was pronounced dead by the Madison County Coroner's Office. Mills had married his high school sweetheart last Saturday, less than twenty-four hours before the wreck on Sunday afternoon.

Fiscal Court hits \$11K snag with Climax and Livingston Fire Depts.

Because of a new law passed by the state in October of 2012, Rockcastle Fiscal Court will have to cough up \$11,000 for construction drawings for the Climax and Livingston Fire Departments.

At a special called meeting of the fiscal court Monday morning, County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told the magistrates that the drawings could be done by Berea Central Kentucky Design and would cost the county \$6,000 for Climax and \$5,000 for Livingston. The

lesser amount for Livingston is due to the fact that the building is around 700 square feet smaller.

The Livingston Fire Department is 95% complete and has been approved by a state building inspector, Carloftis said and the ground is prepared for construction for the building at Climax.

Carloftis said that if the county had its own building codes in place, the state law would not have applied.

The court approved the contracts with Berea Central Kentucky Design.

Mt. Vernon Council accepts sewer plant bid

At a special meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council Monday night, a bid for repairs at the sewer plant was accepted.

The bid of \$27,937, for installation of an influent (intake) meter, from K. Hayes Limited of Lexington was the lowest of the three bids submitted and the company was recommended to the council by Eddie Brown, an engineer with Kenviron. Brown told the council that he had checked all of the company's references and they had all highly recommended the company. The bid closest to

the winning bid was from Herrick Co., Inc. of Lawrenceburg for \$35,700.

The council also accepted a bid of \$5,000 from K. Hayes for installation of an effluent (outgo) meter, which was not mandatory but is needed, Water Superintendent Dennis McClure told the council. This brought K. Hayes total bid to \$32,937. The influent meter will measure the amount of raw wastewater being taken into the sewer plant making sure it does not

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Groom killed in accident on I-75

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Mills was transported by ambulance to Saint Joseph Berea Hospital where he

was pronounced dead by the Madison County Coroner's Office.

Mills had married his

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Woman arrested for child abuse

By: Doug Ponder

A Mt. Vernon woman was arrested for child abuse after doctors and police determined that she had been abusing her daughter.

Arrested was Erica Dawn Oakes, 24, of Mt. Vernon.

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