

“Nation”

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and he turned it on so we could figure out what was going on. We actually heard the officer down call come over the scanner.”

Shortly after the shooting incident, Nation said they received emergency texts from MIT alerting everyone to stay at home or if they were on campus to stay inside and away from the area of the shooting.

“We were told to stay inside and stay away from the Building 32 area which was where the shooting occurred. At the time of the shooting, we were in building 35 which is just a few blocks down from building 32,” Nation said. “As we were all huddled together listening to my buddy’s scanner, we soon realized that someone had shot a MIT police officer just a few blocks down from us. Needless to say, we were in shock and frightened.”

At the time, Nation said they had no idea that the shooting on their campus was connected to the Boston Marathon bombings. He said he and his classmates listened to emergency personnel and locked themselves inside there room at Building 35 on MIT’s campus for approximately three hours.

Around 1 a.m. Friday, while they were still locked inside their building, Nation said they heard on the scanner that a robbery had occurred at a gas station in Watertown and that dispatchers were warning the police officers that the two robbers were indeed the bombing suspects.

“It became clear that police were caught in the middle of something much worse than a campus shooting and a 7-11 robbery,” Nation said. “We all stayed huddled together in our building and heard the radio call on the scanner warning officers that the two suspects were armed and throwing explosives.”

After the shootout, following the gas station robbery, one bombing suspect was killed and the other suspect escaped. During this time, Nation said he was able to leave campus and return safely to his apart-

ment.

However, a major man-hunt was launched to find the escaped suspect and all public transport in the Boston area was brought to a standstill, schools were closed and residents were told to stay inside their homes and keep their doors closed.

“My roommate and I followed instructions and stayed inside our apartment all day last Friday. We spent all of our time glued to the TV, watching the news in anticipation of what would happen next,” Nation said. “Like everyone else, we wanted to do our part by letting the police officers have control of Boston and the surrounding areas so they could capture the other suspect.”

Then around 8:30 p.m. last Friday, Nation and his friends received the news that the escaped suspect had been captured and the man-hunt was over. He said they then joined everyone in celebration as they could once again go outside their homes.

“Once the other suspect was caught, you could sense the entire city finally breathe a sigh of relief after a week of tension and fear,” Nation said. “I definitely joined my friends at MIT last Friday night to relax, celebrate and also reflect on the tragic events of the week.”

Nation went on to say that none of them expected something like the Boston Marathon bombing events to happen to them or their city. He also said that he was proud to call himself a Bostonian after the tragic events.

“I’m so proud to be a new member of the City of Boston and the performance of law enforcement was nothing short of excellent,” Nation said. “This city united together, prayed together, conquered together and now we all mourn together over the lives who were lost last week. We are a strong community and nothing will ever change that!”

However, Nation said that he is also thankful for the thoughts and concerns from his hometown in Mt. Vernon.

“Words cannot express how touched I was by the

thoughts, prayers and support I received from those I know in Mt. Vernon,” Nation said. “Everyone’s support during those trying times meant so much to me and I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful extended family in Rockcastle County.”

“Agreement”

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Peters said the agreement has been beneficial to his office in many areas of law enforcement as they have been able to make arrests, seize property, deliver subpoenas and perform all other duties in the service areas of the departments in the agreement.

“It has allowed our department to be more effective on meth busts, burglaries and mutual aid to accidents,” Peters said. “A lot of times, items stolen from burglaries here are sold to pawn shops in other counties. With this agreement, we can seize property from burglaries without having to jump through a bunch of hoops.”

Peters said the agreement also increases the safety in the communities that are served by each department as they can patrol in the areas of the police departments listed in the agreement.

“If I am transporting someone to a correctional facility in Hazard and I see a DUI driver weaving all over the roadway on Hal Rogers Parkway in Clay County,” Peters said, “I can now conduct a traffic stop and arrest the driver, getting them off the roadway before they hit someone.”

Peters went on to say the county’s deputies still answer only to him and that they would only be used in certain situations. He also said another benefit of the agreement is that if the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Office or Fiscal Court wanted out of the agreement, all that is required is a 90 day written notice but he said the department plans on staying in the agreement as of right now.

“It’s been a huge benefit for us so far and we have no intentions of quitting the agreement,” Peters said. “But it’s nice to know there is no penalty if we or the Fiscal Court wanted out of the agreement.”

“Brodhead”

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mously during the April council meeting to have their lawyer draft a letter to be sent to the nursing home that identified the problems and urged them to address the problems in a prompt manner. Mayor Walter Cash said their lawyer has drafted the letter and that they are currently “handling the matter.”

Aside from the nursing home concerns, the agreement was signed by the City of Brodhead and the Kings. Mayor Cash said they will start installing the lift station when the weather permits.

“We got everything straightened out and both parties have now signed the agreement,” Mayor Cash said. “We will install the lift station when we get a string of good weather because the ground has to dry up first. We are hoping to get started on the installation in the next week or so.”

National Day of Prayer is next Thursday

The 62nd National Day of Prayer will be observed in Rockcastle County on Thursday, May 2nd at noon on the courthouse lawn. Guest speaker will be Kent Ostrander, Executive Director of the Family Foundation of Kentucky, Bro. Luther Allen will lead the singing and special music will be provided by Zack Rice from Corinth Baptist Church in London. Senator Jared Carpenter will give the opening remarks and prayer and the event will be closed by prayer by Bro. Randy McPherson.

“Facilities”

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classrooms at the middle school would be around \$19 million and, if this were ever considered, his recommendation would be that the cafeteria, kitchen and gymnasium be retained. “If you decided to replace the gymnasium,” Noel said, “you could only get one about half the size you have now.”

However, Pensol also said Wednesday that the priority at this point was the roofs at MVES and the high school. “We have to replace these two roof systems and then we’ll step back and look at what would be the best and most conservative way to take care of the middle school. We might decide to keep the shell and remodel what we have. We would just have to look at options given us by architects.” Pensol said the middle school’s ranking by the state as to its need for replacement or major renovation was high.

The construction of an Early Childhood Center, with a 200 student capacity, was included in the plan at an estimated cost of \$4,860,141. This facility would enable the district to offer all-day kindergarten for students. Rockcastle is one of the few districts in the state not providing all-day kindergarten.

Roundstone Elementary School was another big ticket item in the plan, \$3,149,948 for major renovations. The facility also came in for its share of praise from Noel who told

the board that maintenance at the school was impeccable and that the school was talked about across the state because of the way it had been preserved. “Roundstone is a testament to how Rockcastle County works,” Noel said.

Other smaller items listed in the plan included: \$735,297 for renovations at the central office; \$159,517 for renovations at the Teaching and Learning Center; and \$282,534 for renovations at the central bus garage.

The district presently has a bonding capacity of \$12,8850,000 and Noel said this would increase at about \$1 million each year.

“Tax Bills”

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are eventually sold to a third party,” Reynolds said Monday.

If payment in full, or a payment plan has not been arranged before the delinquent tax bills are sold in August of this year, all bills

will be available for sale to a third party purchaser. The County Attorney’s office will then file suit in September against all 2011 delinquent tax bills that have not been sold to a third party or payment arrangements have not been made.

“I’m totally against the practice of selling delinquent tax bills to a third party,” Reynolds said “their fees/interest charges amount to usury, but we have no choice, it is the law of the land.”

If you need to arrange a payment plan, please contact Tammi Martin at Reynolds’ office, 256-2730.

Softball Evaluations

All girls participating in Little League Softball must attend the Softball Evaluations on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Brodhead Softball field. Players may register on the day of evaluations. All money and forms must be completed by evaluations to be eligible to participate.

Cancer Survivor Dinner to be held May 17th

In honor of your battle against cancer, the 2013 Relay For Life of Rockcastle County would like to extend to you a special invitation to participate in our Survivor Dinner.

Please join us May 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School for a dinner in your honor.

Food and entertainment will be provided by Roundstone Baptist Church.

Each Survivor is entitled to bring one guest to the Survivor Dinner. There is no cost for you or your guest to attend this Survivor Celebration! After the dinner, we invite you to come to the track for Relay for Life Survivor Ceremony at 7 p.m.

Please call Melissa Brock at 256-7703 or Arielle Estes at 256-7880 by May 15 to register.



The RCMS fast pitch B team took second place in the Jungle Classic at North Laurel this past Saturday. Pictured are front from left: Lindsey Mahaffey, Katelyn Smith, Rachel Carrol, Breoyna Napier, Brooklyn Combs and Savannah Goff. Back row from left: Coach Garry Fain, Statistician Mark Carpenter, Brooklyn Smithern, Lauryn Carpenter, Jordyn Powell, Courtney Wren, Krisitin Holcomb, Bailey Chasteen, Mckayla Pennington, and Coach Steve Holcomb. Bailey Chasteen won the pitching contest.



HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR SOCCER?

BRING or MAIL REGISTRATION FORM & FEE TO:

First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon
340 West Main Street (Drop Off)
PO Box 639 (Mailing)
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Parents may pickup their registration form at the church office anytime between 8:00 am and noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Monday –Friday.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The registration cost per child for soccer is \$60.
Soccer shorts are optional at an additional cost of \$15.
\$20 late fee, after July 26

EVALUATIONS:

Every child **MUST** attend one soccer evaluation.
 For students entering Kindergarten through 8th grades fall 2013 Evaluations will take place at First Baptist Church Mt. Vernon as follows:

Saturday, May 4th, 10am – noon
Tuesday, May 14th, 6-8pm
Thursday, May 30th, 6-8pm

LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

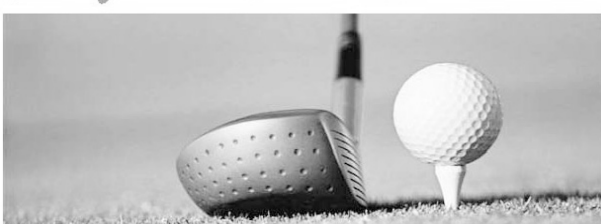
Practices begin – Monday, July 29, 2013
First game – Saturday, August 10, 2013
Awards night – Saturday, October 12, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Beth Saylor/Church Office (606) 256-2922
Matt Sherrow (606) 758-8989
Scott Winstead (606) 256-2626
Greg Cowan (606)256-2369

LADY ROCKETS SOFTBALL

Joughest Pins Scramble



Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m.
Cedar Rapids Golf Course, Mt. Vernon, KY
Entry Fee: \$35

Sponsoring businesses will have a sign at their designated hole and will be recognized in the local newspaper.

For more information contact: Matt Brown at (859) 230-8022 or email mattbrown@rockcastle.kyschools.us

- ☐ I will enter the Rockcastle County High School Softball Golf Scramble for \$35.
- ☐ I will sponsor a hole at the Rockcastle County Softball Golf Scramble for \$20.
- ☐ I will enter a four person team into the Rockcastle County Softball Golf Scramble for \$140.

Team members will be: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

- ☐ My business will sponsor a hole the Rockcastle County Softball Golf Scramble and enter a four person team into the event for \$180.

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Make all checks payable to: Rockcastle County Softball Boosters Club.

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