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Two new buildings are currently being erected in Rockcastle Business Park South on Hwy 150 in Mt. Vernon. In the above photo, Goff Excavating recently broke ground for the new Rockcastle County Emergency Services Center. The new center will house Rockcastle 911 as well as the emergency services center and is located next to SourceHOV. In the bottom photo, Goff Excavating also recently broke ground for the new White House Clinic building, located on the right as you enter Business Park South. The clinic, which will eventually employ 90 people, will offer a full range of medical services including a pharmacy, dental, a physician, nurse practitioners, mental health facility, etc. The building is schedule to be completed in the spring of 2014.



Local man noted for community service for almost four decades

By: Doug Ponder

A well-known local man has contributed to Rockcastle County through his community service that he has provided for nearly four decades.

David Baron, 55, of Mt. Vernon has collected aluminum cans in ditches along roadways in Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County for over 37 years.

Baron, who is known as the “can man” by many Rockcastle Countians, said he started picking up aluminum cans along ditches in the spring of 1976 when he lived on Old Hwy 25 near Wendy’s in Mt. Vernon. He said he started the service to contribute to the community after he noticed a large number of aluminum cans in the ditches along the roads in

the county.

“I always saw a lot of cans in the ditches so I just simply started picking them up,” Baron said. “Picking up cans helps me as I enjoy seeing and meeting people. It also helps control the litter in the ditch lines along the county as well. So it helps me and it helps my community too.”

Baron said he originally

started picking up aluminum cans along Richmond Street and, after moving to Barnett Road, he now has a new route.

Approximately three to four days a week, Baron said he starts his adventure around 6 a.m. with an empty trash bag. He says he picks up aluminum cans along Barnett Road and Purr Rigsby Road before coming to the West Main Street and Hwy 461 intersection in Mt. Vernon. He then said he travels along West/East Main Street and Hwy 25 collecting cans and then sells them to the Rockcastle County Recycling Center.

“I start out in the morning around 6 a.m. with an empty trash bag,” Baron said. “At the end of the day my bag is always half-way or completely full, depending on how many cans I find along the way.”

As the years rolled by, Baron said he has met several different people and business owners in Mt. Vernon who learned about what he was doing and he said that many of them started giving him their aluminum cans as well.

“A lot of people leave their cans on their front porch or front yard for me and a lot of businesses give me the cans they save as well,” Baron said. “It’s a really good thing because a lot of people would throw them away with their trash and the cans would just end up in landfills taking up more space with the other garbage.”

Baron has received numerous awards and recognitions from the City of Mt. Vernon as well as businesses and churches in Mt. Vernon. Baron said he

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David Baron, 55, of Mt. Vernon is shown picking up a can along West Main Street in Mt. Vernon near PBK Bank. Baron, who is known as the “can man” by many Rockcastle Countians, has been picking up aluminum cans in ditches along roadways in Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County for over 37 years.

Jury trial begins for woman charged with Bullock murder

By: Doug Ponder

The jury trial is underway for the fifth and final defendant in connection with the December, 2011 shooting death of Jackie Bullock, 34, of Mt. Vernon.

Jessica Hailey Robinson, 22, of London is charged with murder, manufacturing methamphetamine and first degree robbery.

A jury was seated for Robinson’s murder trial on Monday and the prosecution started presenting their evidence to the jury Tuesday morning.

For the prosecution’s first witness, Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery called Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant to the stand. Bryant, who was in charge of the murder investigation, said that Bullock was at a home on Lone Oak Drive in Mt. Vernon on December 1, 2011 before he was murdered.

Bryant said that Bullock’s death started out as a vehicle accident investigation after he and other law officers found Bullock dead in the driver’s seat of his vehicle after it had

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First day of school set for August 14th

By: Doug Ponder

Summer break is coming to an end for Rockcastle County teachers and students as the first day of school is scheduled for August 14th.

To prepare for the new school year, open houses have been scheduled throughout the district to acquaint students with their new teachers and schedules.

Rockcastle County High School has already held their open house for seniors and juniors. They will hold an open house on Thursday for sophomores from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday for freshman from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. During open house, students will be able to pick up their schedules, purchase parking passes/lockers and incoming freshmen will be allowed to tour the building.

Brodhead Elementary School will hold their open house next Thursday, August 8th from 4 to 7 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School will hold their open house on Monday, August 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. MVES preschool open house will be held on Tuesday, August 20th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Roundstone Elementary School will hold their open house Monday August 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. and the

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Little World’s Fair begins this Saturday

The 132nd Little World’s Fair will begin this Saturday, August 4th and run through Saturday, August 10th.

Events will kick off this Saturday with a horse show at 5:30 p.m. Admission to the horse show will be \$6.

This Sunday, the grandstand feature will be a mule pull at 2 p.m. Live music will also be provided, featuring entertainers Wilderness Road from 2 to 3:15 p.m., Dix River Crossing from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. and Jake Vanhover and Jordan Leigh from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Gates will open at 12 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Sunday’s events will also feature the Miss Little World’s Fair Pageant at 4 p.m. at the Brodhead Elementary School.

Admission to this year’s

Boil Water Advisory

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association has issued a boil water advisory for customers on Hwy 1955 and adjoining side roads, Red Hill, Three Links and Climax until further notice.

ERWA President George Shackleford said the advisory effects all their 265 customers who receive water from Jackson County.

Shackleford said that he expects the advisory to be lifted in these areas between this Friday and next Monday. He said the advisory was issued due to a water main break in Jackson County.

midway will be \$10 with the rides opening at 6 p.m. each night and events beginning in the grandstand at 7 p.m.

The carnival rides will open next Monday and the

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Nearly 30 marijuana plants seized in Brodhead last week

By: Doug Ponder

Brodhead was buzzing with activity last Tuesday and Wednesday as several police cruisers, military vehicles and helicopters were present within the city limits because the Kentucky Governor’s Marijuana Eradication Detail were searching for marijuana plants in the area.

The Detail is a division of the Kentucky State Police Cannabis Suppression Branch.

According to Detective Darren Allen, the detail responded after receiving information, from an aerial spot by helicopter, about marijuana growing in a wooded area off Old Hwy 150 in Brodhead near the Dollar General Store.

Allen said around 30 marijuana plants worth approximately \$2,000 each were found, cut down and later destroyed.

Allen said that no arrests

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