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## 241 take part in Run, Bike or Hike held last weekend

A large number of participants came out for the 4th annual Rockcastle Regional Hospital Run Bike or Hike at the Lake Linville Recreational Area last Saturday. The event featured a 2-mile walk, 5K run and a duathlon that featured a 16.8 mile bicycle ride, followed by a 2.2 mile run. 241 people participated in all the events combined which broke the record attendance for the event. Shown above are participants starting the 2-mile walk on Mt. Zion Church Road near Lake Linville.

Shown at right is Mt. Vernon resident Tim Sweet finishing the bicycle portion of the duathlon.



## Livingston Homecoming begins next Friday

The annual Livingston Homecoming will begin Friday August, 30th and run through Sunday, September, 1st.

This year's Homecoming events will be kicked off with a gospel singing Friday August 30th from 6 to 9 p.m.

## Brodhead man arrested for passing fake travelers checks

By: Doug Ponder

A Brodhead man was arrested last Friday for criminal possession of a forged instrument after he used fake travelers' checks at several different businesses inside the Grand Central Shopping Center in Somerset.

Arrested was John Chris Newland, 39, of Brodhead.

According to Somerset Police reports, officers responded to complaints of a man who had recently used fake traveler's checks at Goody's inside Grand Central Shopping Center.

Once officers arrived, they were flagged down by employees at the neighboring Pet Sense store and told that a man had just used a fake traveler's check inside their store as well. Goody's and Pet Sense employees gave officers the man's physical description and vehicle description.

While officers were continuing their investigation, and talking to an employee at Dunham's Sporting Goods, they noticed a man

On Saturday, the day will begin with a pancake breakfast at the homecoming committee room at 8 a.m. The 5K Livingston Leap – a five mile run/walk will also begin at 8 a.m.

The parade line up will be at White Star at 10 a.m. with the parade at 11 a.m.,

led by Bobby Wilson as this year's Grand Marshall.

At noon, the Bittersweet Cloggers will perform followed by an Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m.

The Bittersweet Cloggers will return at 2

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## Local lawyer nominated for Family Court Judge vacancy

By: Doug Ponder

A local lawyer was recently nominated as one of the three candidates to fill the vacant Family Court Judge seat in Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

Mt. Vernon lawyer William D. "Bill" Gregory was nominated by the Kentucky Judicial Nominating Commission as one of the pos-

sible candidates to replace Family Court Judge Walt McGuire, who retired in June.

Gregory received his Juris Doctor from the University Of Tennessee College Of Law and has 34 years' experience in the general practice of law. He is also the former Master Commis-

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## Newly proposed state house redistricting plan has Rockcastle County in 71st district

By: Doug Ponder

A special legislative session is underway in Frankfort to redraw state legislative districts for both the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives.

The newly proposed redistricting plans still has Rockcastle County placed in Senate District 34 with Madison County and a southern portion of Fayette County, represented by Senator Jared Carpenter.

However, the proposed redistricting plan for the State House of Representatives has Rockcastle County moving from House District 80 to House District 71, meaning Rockcastle County's new representative would be Jonathan Shell instead of David Meade. House District 71 will also include Garrard County and a portion of northern Laurel County.

The redistricting plans for the house and senate are being hashed out in a special legislative session in their respective legislative chambers at the state capitol in Frankfort. The special session started Monday and is suspected to end this Friday.

The special legislative session came as a result of a federal court order entered by a panel of three federal judges last Friday that said the state legislature could no longer use legislative district lines drawn in 2002 which had been declared unconstitutional.

The special session costs taxpayers a total of \$60,000 a day. However, some lawmakers believe the session could last longer than the expected five days, meaning costs could well exceed \$300,000 of taxpayers' money.

Senate President Robert Stivers unveiled a redistricting plan for members of his chamber that wouldn't pit any incumbents against each other in upcoming elections. The senate redistricting plan was met with little opposition and is expected to be finalized by Friday.

Things are not going as smoothly in the House of Representatives as the latest plan, proposed by Speaker

Greg Stumbo, has four democrat and four republican incumbents running against each other in upcoming elections. However, the House State Government Committee approved the plan Tuesday and the redistricting plan is expected to come up for a vote on the House floor Wednesday afternoon.

The redistricting process is revisited every ten years to account for population changes based on census figures from the U.S. Census bureau. In the 2010 census, Kentucky showed major population shifts between 2000 and 2010 which required a reconfiguration of the legislative districts in both the senate and house.

## Indictments returned

Indictments were returned against nine people on August, 9th by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Indicted were:

Vernon D. Renner, 62, of Woodland Place, Mt. Vernon, for assault, first degree, in connection with the shooting of Christine N. Renner in February of 2013. His bond was set at \$100,000 cash/property.

Erica D. Oaks, 24, of Iron Weed Road, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for criminal abuse, first degree. Her bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property.

Kimberly Gadd, 42, of Lime Plant Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for Welfare Fraud. Her bond was set at \$2,500 cash/property.

Pamela Gail Horne, 34, of Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for receiving stolen property, with a value of over \$500. Her bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Seth T. Taylor, 24, of Todd Road, Brodhead, was indicted for the offense of theft by unlawful taking. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

James L. Hellard, 32, of Pitman Lane, Mt. Vernon and Dallas E. Kirby, 63, of

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## Rep. Shell will hold forum at courthouse

Rockcastle Countians will have a chance to meet their new representative at the Rockcastle County Courthouse on the third floor next Monday at 7 p.m.

Representative Jonathan Shell will replace David Meade as the representative for Rockcastle County, if, as expected, a proposed redistricting plan for the house is approved this week during the special legislative session to redraw state senate and house legislative districts. Under the plan, Rockcastle County will be moved to House District 71 from House District 80.

Both Shell and Meade will be available to answer any questions or concerns Rockcastle Countians have about being in a different district. For more information contact Rockcastle Republican Chairman Travis Burton at 606-308-1204.

## Police arrest four people in two separate meth raids

By: Doug Ponder

Police arrested four people this past week on methamphetamine charges during two separate meth busts.

In the first incident, two people were arrested last Wednesday for meth possession after police raided a home on Gum Sulphur Road in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene were Elliot Joseph Dooley, 34, of Mt. Vernon and Amanda Shafer, 25, of

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The City of Mt. Vernon and Leadership Rockcastle officially opened the new skateboard park last Thursday at the city park on the corner of Hwy 150 and Williams Street in Mt. Vernon. The skateboard park is adjacent to the city park and can be accessed from the park's parking lot. The park will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The city has now installed 22 security cameras at the park and skateboard park. Two local skate boards held the ribbon during the ceremony. Shown above from left are: Mt. Vernon Project Coordinator Jill Medley, Mt. Vernon Water and Sewer Superintendent Dennis McClure, Rockcastle County Development Board Director Lynn Tatum, Leadership Rockcastle graduates Robbie Phelps, Virginia Hansel, Carol Bryant, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and Mt. Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter. There are presently four ramps in the park and, Mayor Bryant said that plans are to install more ramps and a rail in the future. The project was funded by the City of Mt. Vernon.

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