



A Williamsburg couple lost control of their vehicle while trying to park at the Medical Arts building at Rockcastle Regional Hospital Wednesday morning. Authorities say Arlona McKiddy, 74, of Williamsburg was attempting to turn into a parking spot when her foot reportedly slipped off the brake and onto the gas. McKiddy lost control of the vehicle as it tore through railing and drove on top of a white Nissan Maxima before sliding off and coming to rest. McKiddy and her husband, Lawrence McKiddy, 78, were taken to the Emergency Room next door where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released. The white Nissan Maxima and black Chevy Tahoe were also severely damaged in the accident.

“Council”

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believed that was how the retirement policies were set up when he was working for the state. He said sick leave is viewed more as a privilege than a right and he suggested the council look at other cities in the state to see how they have their retirement and sick pay policies written.

“When I worked for the state they viewed sick leave as more of a privilege than a right,” Bryant said. “It’s kind of like having a driver’s license. A lot of people don’t realize you have a privilege to have a driver’s license not a right to have one.”

McClure went on to say that the retirement policy was written for people to abuse the system.

“People abuse it and just call in sick a few days or weeks, that way when they retire they have already made the full 100% face value for a sick day,” McClure said. “It’s better to stay at home and get paid then it is to come to work.”

Council member Cliff Mullins suggested that the council reexamine what they classify as a sick day. Currently, if an employee misses more than three days in a row they are required to have a doctor’s excuse.

Bryant said the current sick leave policy is written so that employees don’t have to go to the doctor for stomach viruses or other minor illnesses. However, he said it’s hard to make a determination on whether an employee is legitimately sick or playing hooky.

“Some people will abuse it but we’re not a doctor. We can’t determine if someone is actually sick and we can’t force someone to go to a doctor,” Bryant said. “If the city starts to get that strict with employees we could run into some legal implications.”

McClure concluded by saying that he will lose around 1,000 full paid hours when he retires and that other city employees are in similar situations.

“It would be crazy if we didn’t use our sick leave because if we don’t we will get reduced pay for them. If I take a sick day I get my social security paid in, retirement paid in and full pay as well,” McClure said. “I just hate to see a person who comes to work every day and work hard for a living end up getting penalized with a reduction when they retire.”

Bryant suggested that the council review the sick leave and retirement policies before making a change.

“That way we can check on legal parameters and seek legal consultation. The next meeting we will have more information to view so they (the council) can make an informed decision,” Bryant said. “At the same time we want to take care of our employees but we must do what is legal and cost effective for our city.”

In other discussion, Mt.

Vernon Council member and Litter Coordinator Wayne Bullock said he and other volunteers had collected a lot of litter around Lake Linville during the month of October.

Bullock said they found 14 bags of garbage and two dead dogs in fishing spots near the intersection of Barnett Road and Mt. Zion Church Road. He suggested that the council do something to monitor and punish those who litter in the area.

Bryant suggested the city look into purchasing wireless game cameras to hide in the areas with the most litter problem. McClure also suggested that the city put up more “no littering” signs. Bryant said the city will look into acquiring the most cost effective items necessary to reduce and hopefully eliminate the litter problem around Lake Linville.

Bryant also informed the council that the city is considering placing a street light at the triangular intersection of East Main Street and Hwy 25. Bryant said Kentucky Utilities is working on approving a location where the light can be placed. He also said city crews have almost completed the new sidewalk and steps at Tim’s Barber Shop on West Main Street.

As one of the final items of business, Fire Chief David Bales and Police Chief Brian Carter reported on activities of their department for September.

According to Bales’ report, 26 runs were made and 4,550 gallons of water were used to answer: 7 accidents with injuries, 1 EMS assist, 1 vehicle fire, 2 tractor and trailer accidents, 2 structure fires, 1 mutual aid to Brindle Ridge for a structure fire, 3 woods and brush fires, 4 fire alarm activations, 1 standby for Laurel County Fire Department for chief’s funeral, 2 land searches for missing males, 1 CSEPP Deacon evaluation and 1 special detail for traffic control on Main Street. The report also showed 264 runs for the year to date.

Police Chief Brian Carter presented the council with the September activity report for his department.

The report showed 493 total calls for service including: 21 non-injury accidents, 3 injury accidents, 40 total arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 14 drug charges, 40 traffic violations, 27 warrants served, 1 criminal summons served and 7 indictments.

“Space”

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will be the responsibility of the program.

Volunteers are meeting to construct the parent-run program that they hope will help young children socialize and their parents network. The goal of the program is to provide a space where toddlers can play with others in a safe and fun environment. The target opening date for at least one location is January 1, 2014.

The Development Board applied for an ARC grant to create the program and to

purchase start-up fixtures and play items.

Anyone interested in participating in the development of the program, remodeling of the space or volunteering your time when the program starts up, please contact Lynn Tatum of the Rockcastle County Development Board at 606-308-4646.

“Indicted”

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arraignment date has been set for December 13th at 10 a.m.

Also indicted was Johnny F. Abney, 54 of Shug Road, Mt. Vernon.

Abney was indicted on one count of Wanton Endangerment, First Degree involving operating his vehicle in a manner which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to Alicia C. Abney.

Abney’s bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property. His arraignment date was set for December 19th at 10 a.m.



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Drug Tip Hotline
1-866-424-4382
(toll-free - your calls are kept private)

Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE

Rockcastle receives \$10,000 grant from Kentucky Oral

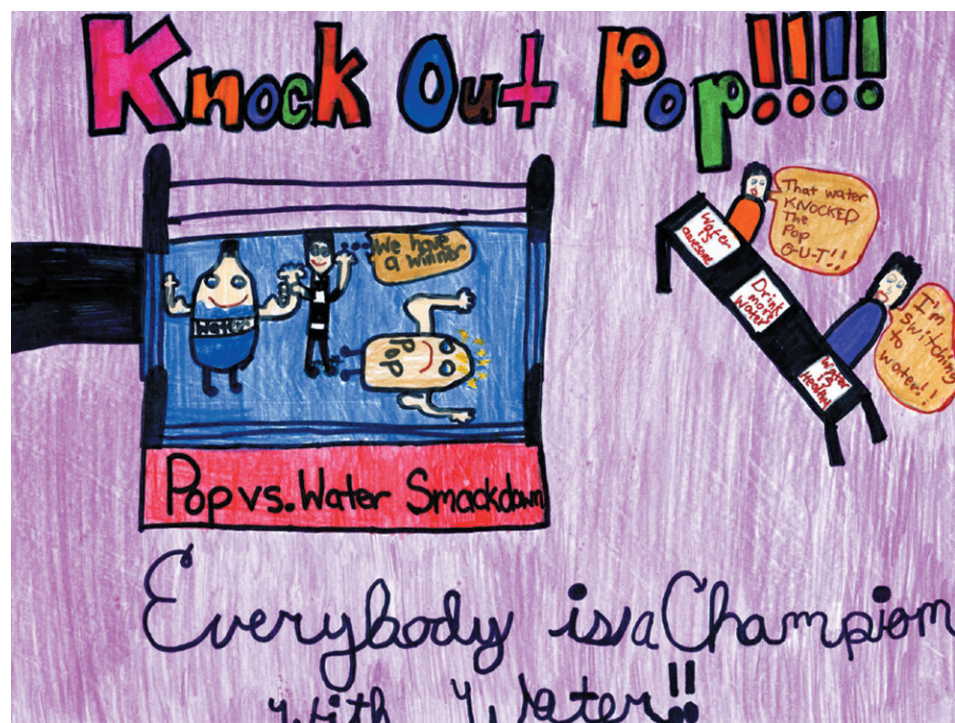
Rockcastle County has received a \$10,000 grant from the Kentucky Oral Health Program. The Purpose of the grant is to develop an Oral Health Coalition and to promote oral health within the community. Bright Smiles Coalition was formed in the spring of 2013. Bright Smiles Coalition has promoted oral health through print and radios ads. A display board, Rethink Your drink, has been displayed throughout Rockcastle at several community events. Our focus for this year is Drink More Water, Drink Less Pop.

September 24th, Nancy Keber, Nutritionist from Rockcastle Health Department, presented a program to an assembly of sixth graders at Rockcastle Middle School. Students learned that a 12 ounce pop has over 9 teaspoons of sugar. In addition to that, pop has either phosphoric or citric acid. Both the sugar and the acid can damage our teeth. They also learned that all cells and organs in our bodies depend on water to function. Water serves as a lubricant in digestion and in our joints. Water transports nutrients and regulated body temperature. It also removes toxins from our bodies. Water is amazing! Students were asked to help promote the message Drink More Water, Drink Less Pop by participating in a poster contest.

First place winner of the Bright Smiles Poster Contest is Selicity Broadbuss. Second Place winner is Emma Smith and Third Place winner is Katelynn Singleton.



Winners of the Bright Smiles Poster Contest were from left: Katelynn Singleton, 3rd place; Selicity Broadbuss, 1st place and Emma Smith, 2nd place.



Selicity Broadbuss’s winning poster in the Bright Smiles Poster Contest

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ON MAIN and TRICK OR TREAT nite

OCTOBER 31 ST 6-8 PM

Music by RCHS Band
Clogging by Romp and Stomp

Local Businesses and organizations will be handing out TREATS on Main Street.

Bring the kids for a Nite of Trick or Treating .

Businesses or organizations that wish to participate will need to call City Hall at 256-3437 to reserve a space.

Main Street will close at 5 p.m. for booth set-up.