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Montgomery wins prosecutor's seat

Acting Commonwealth Attorney Eddy F. Montgomery was an easy winner in Tuesday's primary election for Commonwealth Attorney.

Montgomery defeated his opponent David Tapp, a former assistant prosecutor and Somerset attorney, 3,292 to 1,928.

In Pulaski County Montgomery defeated Tapp 2,647 to 1,502. In Lincoln County, Montgomery won 311 to 211. In Rockcastle County, Montgomery defeated Tapp 335 to 215.

Montgomery defeated Tapp in nine of Rockcastle's 13 precincts.

Although it didn't matter, Texas Governor George W. Bush beat Senator John McCain 467 to 31 and Vice President Al Gore defeated Bill Bradley 126 to 17.

Democrat Michael Vacca defeated Sidney Jane Bailey 63 to 62 in Rockcastle County, but Bailey won overall in the fifth congressional district. She faces an uphill battle in the Fall when she will take on Somerset Republican Harold Rogers, who has been in Congress since 1989.

Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk said only 745 people voted Tuesday, or seven percent of those eligible. The fewest voted in West Livingston, where fifteen went to the polls and the most voted in West Mt. Vernon, where 111 cast ballots. Statewide only 12 percent voted.



Eddy Montgomery

Former resident dies in fiery crash

A former Rockcastle County resident was killed in a single vehicle crash in Lexington early Tuesday morning.

According to police, Sarah Hiatt Lynch, 44, of Lexington and formerly of Mt. Vernon, was a passenger in a pickup truck, driven by Gilbert Head Jr., when he lost control and struck a guardrail on New Circle Road around 1 a.m.

The truck overturned and burst into flames. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. Police said they thought Head may have been drinking before the accident.

Funeral services for Sarah Hiatt Lynch, who is survived by her father Jones Bennet Hiatt and a son Shane Lynch, will be held on Thursday at Cox Funeral Home.



Sarah Hiatt Lynch

Local man found guilty Thursday

A local circuit court jury has recommended a sentence of ten years for a Sand Hill man who has been accused of kidnapping and beating his wife and 10-month-old child in August of last year.

Benji Jones, 31, of Sand Hill was found guilty of two counts of unlawful imprisonment, two counts of menacing and one count of assault.

Jones had been accused of beating his now ex-wife, Nell, with a gun and taking his 10-month-old son with his fists last August 15.

The trial, which began last Wednesday lasted only two days. Jones will be formally sentenced on Friday.

Last two SBDM elections held

Site based decision making councils at Brodhead and Roundstone were held last Thursday, completing the process for all county schools for another year.

At Roundstone, Tena Mullins and Susan Jordison were elected to the council as parent members. Elected to the council at Roundstone as teacher members were: Michelle Adkin, Renee Burdett and Beverley Owens.

At Brodhead, Kristi Reynolds and Mary Ann Childress were elected as parent members of the council. Kareela Cash, Kathy Dyehouse and Patsy Alcorn were elected as teacher members.

The principal at each of the county's five schools serves as Chairman.

Horse Show Saturday

The annual Brodhead Lions Club Horse Show will be held Saturday at the Rockcastle County Fairgrounds in Brodhead.

The Horse Show will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the usual lead line class. The second class will be the Open Pleasure Horse for Rockcastle County residents only. Any age rider is eligible.

There will be thirty nine classes in all during the show, with the final three classes the Plantation Open and Championship, the Racking Horse Championship and the Open Championship Walking Horse class. Each of the championship classes will pay \$300 first prize.

For more information contact show manager Larry Doyle at (606) 758-8339 or show secretary Bobby Proctor at (606) 758-8585.

Waste water workshop

Kentucky suffers from a number of water problems, not the least of which is contamination of waterways with human waste materials. Many small homes on creeks and rivers have a septic tank, through which they flush their toilets in the stream.

Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest, (ASPI) of Mt. Vernon will be conducting workshops, beginning on Thursday, June 1, which will demonstrate how to build dry composting toilets and constructed wetlands on property that is not suitable for septic tanks.

The workshops will be held at the ASPI Nature Center on the Rockcastle River, at the Rockcastle - Laurel County line.

There are state grants available for these type projects. For more information contact Martha Bond at ASPI or call (606) 256-0077 to register.

I-75 injury accident



A three vehicle pile-up on I-75 Friday afternoon sent four people to the Rockcastle Hospital. According to Kentucky State Trooper Jessie Lee Owens, the 6 p.m. accident occurred when a truck hauling camera tops stalled in the slow lane of the northbound side. The accident was in the construction area, where both the slow lane and passing lane are enclosed by barriers, with no shoulder available. Owens said another truck, which left the scene of the accident, made a quick move from the slow lane to the fast lane, causing a family from Ohio to hit both walls and a Corbin man to hit the car they were driving besides the wall on the right. One of the passengers in the car from Ohio was treated at Rockcastle and flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. The other three, including a man from Corbin, were all treated at the Rockcastle Hospital.



Program could revitalize downtown Mount Vernon

Special to the Signal

The City of Mt. Vernon, with the assistance of the Rockcastle Co. Development Board and several business owners and local citizens, is in the process of applying for the Renaissance Kentucky initiative.

This initiative that was designed by a 26-member Renaissance Kentucky Committee appointed by Governor Paul Patton in 1996, brings the full capacity of state government together to address downtown revitalization efforts.

While the City of Mt. Vernon's downtown has in the past received revitalization funding, it has become evident to this group that to halt, or be satisfied, is in part to die. It is also quiet evident that downtown Mt. Vernon is in dire need of a deliberate new and aggressive revitalization and restoration program if we are to become a healthy downtown that is so vital for a community's economic well being.

This volunteer community group has met several times, in addition to hosting a public forum asking for the

Democrats to meet

Democratic County Chair John Holbrook announced today that Rockcastle County's County Caucus will be held June 3, 2000, 10:00 a.m. local time at Kastle Inn Restaurant. The purpose of this county-wide caucus is to elect delegates to attend the Congressional District and State Conventions on June 17 in Frankfort where we will be electing delegates from our Congressional District to represent Kentucky at the National Convention in Los Angeles on August 14-17, 2000.

All Democrats who reside in Rockcastle County and are registered to vote are eligible to attend on June 3 and participate in the election of delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions.

communities opinion and support. This group recognizes the fact that here lies opportunity, provided that we do not overlook the place where it is to be found...within our people and our visions and goals—to restore and revitalize—to provide economic opportunity in the tourism industry—to protect and enhance the unique character of our small town and its heritage, while creating lively downtown that supports industrial recruitment by creating a community with evident self-pride.

The goal of the Renaissance Kentucky is to recognize and honor those cities that have maintained or restored their central downtown areas as safe, vibrant, efficient and functional urban cores and to provide support and assistance on development strategies

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Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Darrell Dean, center, is investigating an incident in Livingston Monday afternoon, in which resident Mark Sanders, 28, was bitten on the hand by a part Pit Bull dog. Also in the photo at left is Dean Jones, owner of the Pit Bull. Dean said a witness said that Jones' dog attacked a dog being walked by Sanders on Main Street around 2 p.m. But Jones said that his dog was provoked into breaking his chain and leaving the yard. Sanders was trying to pull the dogs apart when he was bitten. Dean said that Sanders may also file civil charges against Jones. Sanders was taken to the Rockcastle Hospital by ambulance and treated for a severe wound to the thumb.

Graduation scheduled for Saturday at Rockcastle High School

Graduation ceremonies at the Rockcastle County High School will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the high school gym.

168 graduates of the twenty-eighth class at RCHS will receive their diplomas during the ceremony.

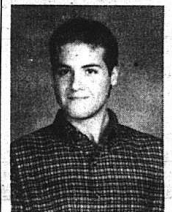
State Representative Danny Ford, of Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County Superintendent Larry Hammond and Rockcastle County High School Principal Ruth Allen will all speak.

Rockcastle County School Board Chairman Dr. George W. Griffith will present diplomas.

Abram Joe Taylor, son of Joe and Rita Porter Taylor is the Valedictorian and Jessica Lynn Lowery, daughter of Dee Lowery and Vicki Whitley is the Salutatorian of the class of 2000.

Graduation at the Rockcastle County Middle School is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m.

The last day of school in Rockcastle County is also Saturday. Students will be dismissed at 10 a.m.



Abram Joe Taylor



Jessica Lynn Lowery

River Day

The seventh annual Rockcastle River Day will be held on Saturday, June 3 at the Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest Demonstration Center.

The Center is located on the banks of the Rockcastle River off US 1329.

Festivities begin at 9 a.m. for you "Early Bird" canoeists who'll paddle 2.5 hours from Livingston back to ASPI and short canoe rides will be available all day.

At 12 p.m. landlubbers can enjoy hikes on the nature trails, special activities for kids and tours of ASPI environmental projects such as Appalachia Sustainable Forestry Center, solar energy demonstrations, and low-cost housing.

Snacks and drinks, the picnic area and grill will be provided. Bring foods for lunch, lawn chairs and blankets to sit on and instruments for a "River Jam."

For more information call 606-453-2105.

Corvette Show Sat.

The annual Reno Valley Corvette Show will be held Saturday on the Reno Valley Entertainment grounds.

Corvette owners from all across the nation are expected to participate in this six day event.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. with judging from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m.