

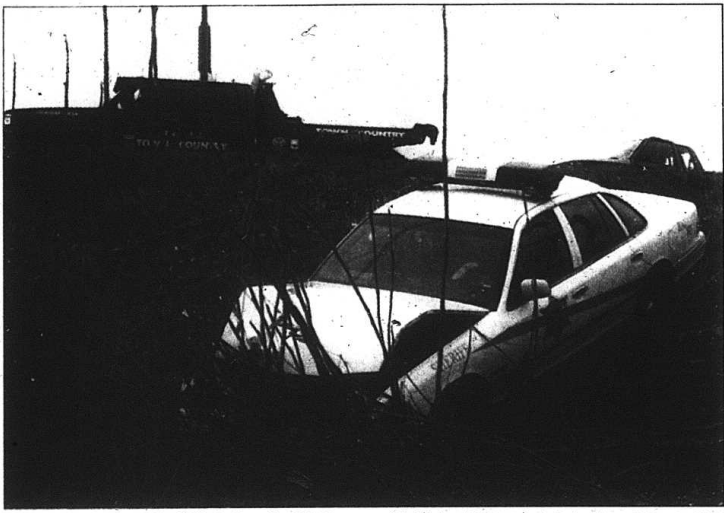


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Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Charles Gray, 26, of Mt. Vernon was slightly injured Monday morning, when James D. Poynter, 69, of Somerset pulled his Toyota truck in Gray's path. The accident happened on U.S. 25, in Mt. Vernon in front of Town and Country Chevron. The 1992 police cruiser was totaled in the wreck.

Controversy arises over another county road in Conway area

By: Richard Anderkin
There is another controversy brewing this week over a county road in the northern section of Rockcastle County.

One local resident believes the county is missing tax money by graveling a private drive.

Jim Lambert says that last week

Governor to visit county December 22

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton will deliver some early-Christmas gifts on December 22 when he visits Rockcastle County.

The Governor is scheduled to appear at a meeting in the Community room of the new Citizens Bank on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon.

The purpose of the meeting is to deliver funding for several projects in the county.

The meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

No injuries in bus, truck wreck

No one was injured in an auto accident in Mt. Vernon last Wednesday, involving a Rockcastle County school bus.

Rockcastle Schools Transportation Director David Perkins said that the accident occurred at 7:37 a.m. on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon.

the county gravelled the drive of his neighbors, Gordon and Sue Mink, although the Mink's house is the only one on that road.

The road is in Conway and runs off U.S. 25 to a deadend at Interstate 75. The road was evidently the old Sweetwater Road, also known as the Old Conway Road, and when the interstate was built over 30 years ago the county did not close the section of the road that the Mink's live on.

According to Lambert, when he complains about the gravel being put down, Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitis said the road was not on the county work program and that he would tell county workers to stop graveling it. That was six months ago. And when county workers showed up last week to gravel the road, Lambert took pictures of the work being done and complained again.

Carlolitis, who was out of town at the time, said that he did not know why the road department gravelled the road, after they were told not to. But Carlolitis pointed out that the

road is indeed a county road and has never been officially closed.

He said that although the road probably serves no purpose to the general public, the county by law is still required to maintain it, until it is closed.

"There are quite a few of these smaller, dead-end roads abutting I-75 - some of which were indeed, split by I-75 over thirty years ago," Carlolitis said.

"I agree with Mr. Lambert that indeed some of these roads may no longer serve a public purpose. I am, however, absolutely required by state law to see that they are maintained

School canceled Wednesday

Along with many other school districts across the state, Rockcastle County students got a day off on Wednesday.

Many people were wondering why school was canceled just before 7 a.m. Wednesday, because no snow had fallen.

However, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond said the weather forecast, which called for sleet, ice and snow for Wednesday made it a tough call.

"I guess we blew that one, but it is very dangerous to try and get students back home, when you are dealing with sleet and ice," he said.

Rockcastle students have missed two days of school so far this school year.

until the Fiscal Court takes official action to close them," he said.

"I know that the county has put gravel on the road at least four times and when we asked the county to come out and clean the ditch lines out they told us they couldn't because it wasn't a county road," Lambert said. "I really believe the county is wasting taxpayer's money in this case," he said.

Carlolitis said that Mink also has a relative who works for the road department - but he did not know if that had anything to do with last week's work.

Currently, the county requires that a road have at least four occupied dwellings before they take it into the county road program, but there are numerous county roads already in the program that do not.

The county is also involved in two lawsuits at the present time over county roads.

The county has sued all of the landowners along Oscar Isaacs Road in the northern part of the county in an effort to acquire enough right-of-way.

And, in the southern part of the county, landowners Mike and Lori

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Grand Jury returns 17 indictments

By: Richard Anderkin

A well-known Rockcastle County farmer and land developer has been indicted by the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Benton Bullock, 53, of Mt. Vernon was indicted Friday on a charge of receiving stolen property.

According to Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Darrell Doan, Bullock admitted to police that he knew tobacco he bought on November 5 from two other local men was stolen.

Those two men, Trenton Owens, 32, of Mt. Vernon and Jason Burkhart, 24, also of Mt. Vernon, were indicted Friday as well. Both of them are charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$300.

The tobacco had been stolen from a farm owned by Kenneth Stewart of Wilde.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shirley Smith, Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane and Doan recovered the stolen tobacco around 11 p.m. at Bullock's residence, the same day it was stolen from Stewart's farm.

Doan said that Bullock had bought over 20 bags of tobacco from Owens and Burkhart and had paid \$40 for each one of them.

All three men will be arraigned on December 22.

The Grand Jury also handed down 14 other indictments on Friday.

They included: William H. Renner, 39, of Mt. Vernon on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Tabetha Kates, 28, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of promoting contraband (marijuana and Dzacapan) into the Rockcastle County Detention Center on October 6.

She was also indicted on a charge of burglary for entering the home of Sherri Prewitt on September 21.

Terry Montjoy, 27, of Brodhead was indicted on one count of receiving stolen property.

He is accused of having firearms in his possession on October 3 that belonged to Joan Garrison and which had been stolen from her home.

Donnie Lunsford, 25, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance first degree and one count of possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

A six count indictment was handed down against Claudetta Alexander, 24, of Crab Orchard. She is accused of fleeing from Kentucky State Trooper Lafe Owens on September 2.

Alexander is accused of fleeing or evading police, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, operating a motor vehicle on a revoked license, carrying a concealed deadly weapon (firearm).

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Laswell charged in Clark murder case

By: Richard Anderkin

Another indictment has been returned in a local murder case.

Friday, the Rockcastle County Grand Jury indicted Sandra Laswell, 33, of Boyle County, in connection with the shooting death of Patricia Clark on August 10 of this year.

Davy E. Stewart 32, of Orlando has been charged with Clark's murder.

Clark was found shot to death in a remote section of Rockcastle County on August 13. She was last seen alive on August 9.

Laswell is accused of criminal complicity to commit murder, tampering with physical evidence, concealing, removing and altering evidence, and complicity to assault.

Stewart is also accused of shooting Creek the same night he allegedly killed Clark.

The day after Patty Clark disappeared, Sally Hoskins walked to the

home of Sammy Stewart, Davy's brother, where Laswell was staying. Hoskins had been shot, but told police she did not know what had happened to her because she had been hit in the head.

According to police, Laswell told them that she thought Hoskins had been in a car wreck.

However, police say that Laswell cleaned Hoskins up before Hoskins was taken to the hospital.

Police also determined later that the vehicle Davy Stewart drove the night of the murder, a 1988 Jeep Wrangler was registered to Laswell.

Laswell was also indicted on four counts of possession of a controlled substance, including cocaine, one count of possession of marijuana and one count of carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Those indictments have no connection with the indictments in the

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The annual Mt. Vernon Christmas parade was held Saturday afternoon. Above, Tim Cameron gave Santa (Bill Jack Parsons) and his self, (Blake Parsons) a ride into town. The rest of the Christmas parade pictures will appear in next week's special Christmas issue of the Signal.

RGHS Rifle Team wins State

By SGM Keith Taylor

The Rockcastle County Rifle Team travelled to Owensboro on the first of December where they once again won the Kentucky State Air Rifle Team Championship (Sporter category) for the second year in a row. The nearest team was Mulesburg

South which trailed the RGHS team by close to one hundred points.

Three of our team members took first through third in individual standings, earning their place on the First All-State team. They were Tami Taylor with a score of 543,600, Johnathan Noe with 519,600 and Tim Tyler

with 512,600. Shannon Bullock fired a 487,600 to earn ninth place and a spot on the Second Team. The team fired a great team score of 2061,2400 which is their highest team score to date.

Other members of the team were: Cont. to 9



The Rockcastle County High School JROTC Rifle Team won their second straight state title last week. Top four scorers for the team are shown above. From left: Tami Taylor, first team all-state, Johnathan Noe, first team all-state, Timothy Tyler, first team all-state and Shannon Bullock, second team all-state.