

# Mount Vernon Signal

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## No primary for city offices

By: Ray McCure

There'll be no city primary election in May in Mt. Vernon and Livingston.

The council voted Monday night to go along with a State Election Commission rule that allows 5th and 6th class cities to bypass the May primary.

The mayor and city council in both towns will be on the November ballot. Mt. Vernon will elect a mayor and six councilmen. Livingston will elect a mayor and four councilmen.

Broadhead will likely join the two towns Thursday night at a council meeting. A mayor and 4 councilmen will be on the ballot if Broadhead approves.

The mayoral and council candidates can file between now and Aug. 24, the end of the filing date.

The top vote getters in each town will be elected.

In other business the council voted Monday night to continue the city's liability insurance with Singleton Insurance for the \$11,497 annual

premium. It was about \$4,000 less than last year.

A proposal by Mrs. Shirley Burton to sell the city property adjacent to the city sewer plant for \$50,000 was turned down by the council. An appraisal made by the city came up with \$30,000. The council said no.

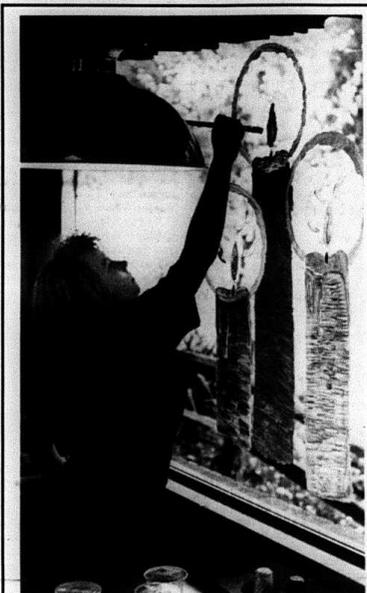
The council reminded residents that house numbers must be posted. If a resident does not know their number they should contact city hall.

Glynnis Miller, president of the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce reported tourist trade in Rockcastle during 1992 resulted in \$6 million in business.

The November police report was made by Policeman Eddie Delaney. It showed:

Complaints, 244; assists to other agencies, 63; motorist assists, 11; cases opened, 6; traffic accident investigations, 13; citations issued, 12; total charges filed, 15, DUI arrests, 2.

The Livingston Fire Department made two runs. The Mt. Vernon Fire Department had 21 runs.



Elizabeth Morgan, a junior at RCHS, decorated a window last Wednesday at the local Wendys restaurant. Students in Lawrence Bullock's art class participated in the project, which kicked off the holiday season.

## Buses to get two-way radios

By: George Ferrell

The Rockcastle County Board of Education approved the purchase of a two-way radio communication system for the buses, primarily for use in the school buses.

The system, which was advertised with a low bid of \$18,724 coming from Wilson and Deal, a communications firm from Somerset, will see a radio base in the bus garage and in the central office.

Eleven radios will be included in the initial purchase, which includes a repeater, which enhances range, and the installation apparatus and the two base stations.

Glenn VanWinkle, transportation director, told the board that the radios could provide help when buses break down or when students were ill or needed assistance.

The money was essentially appropriated in this year's school budget, according to VanWinkle, who said the plan was to have the radios on all buses by fiscal year 1994. One radio will go in the service truck for the maintenance team.

Board member Dr. George W. Griffith motioned to approve the bids after saying that he wanted the system to commit to having the radios available on all buses. Griffith asked if the system should "wait or do it all or none."

Superintendent Towery said that if the system works well contingency funds could be used to expedite purchase of the remaining radios.

The supplier said they would be able to provide the radios at the same price through the end of the school year and would commit to that in writing.

Board member Terry Burton said he felt a lot more comfortable about the purchase than he did when it was tabled during last month's meeting. VanWinkle said both bids for the equipment were within \$600 of each other and that he had contacted several other firms and found that the prices were competitive.

VanWinkle also said that he has already drawn up a procedure manual for the strict use of the radios. Drivers will also be required to sign agreements on the radio use.

A representative of Wilson and Deal said the radios would cover 90 to 92 percent of the county, and that mobile unit to unit communication was also possible.

Paperwork and other requirements will mean that it may take until late January to bring the system completely on line. The radios would be on a trial basis until then.

Each radio, which is a mobile unit that can be worn in a pocket or used of buses, is at a cost of slightly more than \$500.

Three other nearby systems have successfully brought radio systems into their transportation departments.

Laurel, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties currently have systems and (Cont. to A8)

## Man arrested here for imprisonment of two

A Marion County man was arrested in a Mt. Vernon motel last week and charged with two counts of improper imprisonment. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Carl Ray Wisner of Lebanon is said to have kept two elderly men in a padlocked mobile home in Barbourville and stole their welfare checks.

One man reported he had been with Wisner about 9 months. The other said he thought he had been with Wisner for five years.

Held captive allegedly were James Hopper, 65, and Ed Perkins, 72. The two men were found Monday when police responded to a tip that led them to the trailer. The door was padlocked outside.

Police described the trailer as cluttered, but not filthy. The two were dressed warmly and appeared in good health.

Both were watching television when police broke into the trailer.

Wisner is facing charges in Louisville where he is wanted on a charge of attacking Harvey Long, 68, on Oct. 9 and running over him with a pickup truck after an argument.

## Car recovered

A 1979 Chevrolet belonging to Walter Lee of Jeffersonville was recovered on I-75 this week by Deputy Sheriff Tommy Cromer.

## Booze found

The home owner was not around when Sheriff Shirley Smith, Jack Miller, ABC agent, and Deputy Darrell Dean raided a Livingston residence recently.

The officers found 193 cans of beer and a package of marijuana seeds.

A warrant was issued for William Carpenter.

## Tobacco stolen

About 20 bales of tobacco were stolen from the farm of Jerry Blevins of Paducah and reappeared recently.

No value was placed on the tobacco.

## Carmichael announces for state prosecutor

A former Young Republican leader is the first to announce his candidacy for his party's nomination for Commonwealth Attorney for the newly enlarged 28th Judicial District.

Ray Carmichael officially opened his campaign Saturday morning as he addressed more than 100 supporters at Dixie's Restaurant in Somerset. The former Kentucky Young Republican State Chairman pledged to establish a Victim's Rights Program, to concentrate on crimes of violence and drug abuse, and to vigorously prosecute those offenders. He told his audience that he would make every effort to bring to trial all cases within 90 days of indictment.

Carmichael then reviewed his many services to his party, locally and statewide. He was State Chairman, Kentucky College Republican Federation, 1979-81; State Chairman, Kentucky Young Republican Federation, 1985-88, and a 1980 Reagan-for-President Young Coordinator. One of his proudest duties, he said, was to serve as Chairman of the John Sherman Cooper Commemoration Committee which erected the statue of Senator Cooper on the Fountain Square in downtown Somerset.

An attorney now practicing with the firm of Reese, Lang & Breeding in nearby London, Carmichael was formerly Assistant U.S. Attorney under the Reagan and Bush Administration with offices in Lexington and London. He prosecuted environmental violators, white collar crimes, and drug offenses mainly in Eastern Kentucky.

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## More candidates file

Seven additional candidates have filed for a spot on the May Primary election, according to County Clerk Norma Houk.

They are: Jailer, Joe Howard. Magistrate, District 1, Shannon D. Bishop

Magistrate, District 2, Paul Junior Renner

Magistrate, District 3, (reported earlier) Albert L. Thomas

Magistrate, District 4, Charley Lamb and William K. Bullen. Magistrate, District 5, Dell F. Ponder, Jeffery Robinson; Joe Clark, former magistrate.

Constable, District 4, Howard Gadd. William Kidwell has withdrawn.

Filing period is until Jan. 26. The primary election is May 25.

## Bowling sentenced

A judge Friday sentenced a south-eastern Kentucky man to die in the electric chair for the 1989 slayings of two gasoline station attendants.

"As a family, we're relieved," Martha Hensley, the widow of the Rev. Marvin Hensley, said of Ronnie Bowling's sentence. "We feel like justice has been done."

Laurel Circuit Judge Lewis Hopper followed a jury's recommendation in sentencing the 23-year-old Clay County man, Bowling, whose 24th birthday was Friday, is scheduled to die Jan. 23, the fourth anniversary of the death of his other victim, Ronald Smith.

All death sentences, however, are automatically appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

A jury found Bowling guilty in October of murder in the deaths of Smith and Hensley, who was killed the night.

## Weather cold

It's been cold, has been a familiar statement heard these past few days. True—cold and cloudy has been the rule.

To date in December, there has been 32 of an inch of precipitation. The high to date was 45 on Dec. 3. The low was 15 on Dec. 6, according to figures at Cox Funeral Home weather station.

Back to November, there was a total of nearly 5 inches of rain/melted snow. Most rain fell on Nov. 24 when there was 1.05 inches.

High for month was 71 on Nov. 1 and 20. The low for the month was 21 on Nov. 16.

## Santa arrives Saturday

Santa Claus is coming to town, Saturday.

He'll be in the Christmas parade that is scheduled for 1 p.m. The activities are sponsored by the Rockcastle Region Antique and Street Rod Association.

Grand Marshal for the parade will be Fire Chief John Cox, one of the oldest fire chiefs in the state.

Chief Cox became chief of the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department in 1974. He was one of the firemen when the department was formed in 1937.

A merchant on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, Cox is married to the former Frances Brown. They have a son, James H. Cox.

## Wreck victims improving

Two girls injured in an auto wreck last week, are reported improving slowly at K. Hospital.

Brittany Lamb, 4, is reported in good condition at the hospital. Tava Robinson, 8, is reported stable.

Brittany's mother and Tava's sister, Michele Lamb, was killed in the accident at U.S. 25 and Ky. 461.

Clayton Lewis, driver of the other auto, is in the county jail on \$500,000 dollar bond on two counts of assault in the first degree.

## CVADD gets \$300,000

A \$300,000 grant to the Cumberland Area Development District from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) was announced this week.

The grant will be added to the district's revolving loan fund.

"This grant will recapitalize the revolving loan fund used by the Cumberland Area Development District to create jobs in an eight-county region," said Sen. Mitch McConnell. "The loan fund provides capital for small businesses, and will directly benefit eastern Kentuckians."

"I am delighted that more small business in the Cumberland Area Development District will have access to loans as a result of this grant," said U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers. "This will ultimately mean jobs and economic growth for this region."

The CADD serves Laurel, Jackson, Rockcastle, Whitley, Clay, Knox, Bell and Harland.

## Dr. Adams is Master Conservationist

The 33rd Annual Rockcastle County Farmers and Business Banquet was held Nov. 20, at the Rockcastle County High School. It was sponsored by the Rockcastle County Soil Conservation District.

Wendall Bruce, assistant to the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ed Logsdon, spoke at the banquet. Tom Kelley the minister from the First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon gave the invocation.

About 100 people attended the banquet. Entertainment was provided by Greg Daugherty, a junior music major at Eastern Kentucky University.

Dr. William L. Adams was awarded the Master Conservationist Award by the Rockcastle County Soil Conservation District. Dr. Adams is a well known veterinarian and farmer in the county. Adams has completed

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1992 Master Conservationist Dr. Bill Adams being presented award by Randall Templeman, District Conservationist.