Second phase is between Brodhead and Hwy. 461.

Bid awarded for construction of new Hwy. 150 last Friday.

Construction of a new Hwy 150, between Crab Orchard and Hwy 461, near Mt. Vernon, is actually getting to be completed. After years of having the project in the state’s six-year road plan, the bid on the final phase of the project was approved on Friday morning. Republican State Representative Danny Ford, who has fought for the project since Wallace Wilkerson was Kentucky’s Governor announced that L-M Asphalt of Livingston was the low bidder (approx. $21,319,884) for the project. Wilkerson had been so certain that L-M Asphalt of Wallace Wilkerson was going to bid on the project, he actually went to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital for manhãum. Wilkerson was the most serious bidder in the project, reportedly facing possible paralysis. Police said no alcohol or drugs were involved in the accident. Ironically, Atkins, grandmother, Debbie Fletcher Atkins, was raised in Rockcastle County and her father, Jerry Atkins, is a first cousin to Sam and Danny Ford. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin)

Over 500 people attended Rocket Madness at Rockcastle County High School Monday night. Both the Lady Rockets and Rockets scrimmaged each other. Above, junior Sarah Hammond is shown grabbing a rebound for her team. The Raider had two Oxycodone pills in his underwear and Denny had 81 Oxycodone pills in his property and was arrested for a few hours on Tuesday morning. According to court records, Mt. Vernon Police RCCS chief arrested for A.I. Tuesday.

Rockcastle County High School English teacher Joe Cope was arrested on Tuesday night. According to court records, Mt. Vernon Police Chief prorested for A.I. Tuesday.

Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department investigators, Joe Cope was arrested on Tuesday night. According to court records, Mt. Vernon Police Chief requested a report calling a possible drunk driver in Mt. Vernon around 1 a.m. Police stopped Sammy D. Stewart, 34, of Orleans in front of Headquarters for Elk Park and charged him with driving under the influence, after he failed a field sobriety test.

His three passengers, Frank Diddle Denny, 49, of Mt. Vernon, Jason B. Rainel, 19, of Orleans and Heath A. Jones, 35, of Mt. Vernon were also arrested. According to police, Denny had 51 Oxycodone pills in his underwear and Raulder had two Oxycodone pills in his right shoe. Denny was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree (theft), driving under the influence of a controlled substance, first degree, possession of a firearm, first degree and public intoxification. Denny is still being held in the Rockcastle Detention Center under a $20,000 cash bond or property bond and will be arraigned on Monday.

Rainel, who was released on a $3,000 property bond.

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Even though it lasted only 45 minutes, the Mt. Vernon City Council meeting last Thursday was again a something controversial one. Council members Clark Lucas, Jimmy Holt and Don Jones strongly questioned the spending practices of Mayor Charles Kathy and went as far as to ask other council members to request an attorney general’s opinion as to how much the Mayor could spend without council approval.

Three of the other council members, Shirley Lewis, Sharon Taylor and Jackie Wayne Weaver were along with the request. Councilman Wayne Bolick voted no because in his words he “was not voting for anything” (Councilman Don Jones was for). At the October meeting of the council, councilman Mullins asked the council to pass a resolution limiting the spending by Mayor Kathy. When proposed in October, Mullins and the Mayor could approve all the major bills which are considered a normal expenditure for operating the city, but that thought the council should approve any expenses for non-operating

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Mt. Vernon council requests opinion on Mayor’s ability to spend money