



Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department had to direct traffic on Scaffold Cane Road in Conway after a semi-truck ran off the roadway Monday morning while attempting to drive through a curve. Authorities say a driver for Stevens Transport in Flemingsburg was using his GPS which took him on Scaffold Cane Road instead of Hwy 25 while he was traveling to Berea.

“Bids”

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Codell Construction, managers for the new emergency services building being built in Rockcastle Business Park South, had requested an increase in their management fee since the project had ballooned from \$1.5 million to over \$1.9 million.

Holbrook said that Codell agreed on a \$115,000 fee originally but were requesting that it be raised to \$145,700. However, Carloftis, and the magistrates, decided that because Codell signed a contract setting their fee at 7% of the project that the amount should be \$138,394 and this was all the court approved.

The court also approved payment of an assessment levied by the Kentucky Association of Counties in the amount of \$22,977.20. The levy came about primarily because of an increase in the payroll for road paving/maintenance drivers from \$223,000 to \$415,000. Carloftis said that KACo had picked up a figure from the 90s for the payroll for road department employees, causing the error.

As one of the last items of business, the court approved the transfer of \$200,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund.

“UNITE”

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ber 25th at the Rockcastle County Rockets field. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. Tailgating will begin at 6 p.m. and is provided by the local churches in the parking lot of Rockcastle County Middle School.

Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers, Congressman Hal Rogers, and Karen Kelly, Operation UNITE's first CEO, will be the honorary guests for the coin toss.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of Operation UNITE. With its beginnings in Clay County and the annual UNITE Bowl beginning in Rockcastle County, the two teams and their communities will join together for the "Wipe Out Drugs Challenge" toilet paper drive. All toilet paper collected will be donated to drug treatment centers (Chad's Hope, Karen's Place, and Hope in the Mountains). The Traveling Toilet Paper Trophy will be awarded to the high school who collects the most toilet paper for donation.

The theme for the 2013 UNITE Bowl is "Be A Hero." At halftime, Rockcastle County and Clay County citizens will be asked to participate in the annual Red Balloon Memorial Launch in memory of those whose lives have been adversely affected by drugs. Also, we will be honoring local heroes in our community, who inspire our young children every day to choose a drug-free life. Our heroes will be lighting ten wish lanterns representing the ten years of Operation UNITE.

Because Operation UNITE has brought hope to our communities, the RCHS Band and the Rockcastle

and Clay County cheerleaders will be participating in the Balloon Launch, representing hope, with white balloons.

Any and all contributions/donations are appreciated for the Wipe Out Drugs Challenge. Unopened packages of toilet paper can be dropped off at any of the five Rockcastle County schools.

All monetary donations collected will be used to purchase cases of toilet paper from the IGA in Mt. Vernon. IGA has been a major supporter of the Wipe Out Drugs Challenge for several years.

For more information contact Karen King or Precia Bowling at (606) 256-3976.

“Livingston”

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just have to realize that a lot of things they have been told will happen aren't going to." For instance, Medley said there would not be any new sidewalks installed on side streets.

The project cost estimate, presented to the commissioners by Grider, showed a total project cost of \$449,732 but Mayor Jason Medley said this would have to be trimmed back to the original \$390,000.

Grider pointed out that the project total included \$31,563 for contingencies and that figure might be considerably lower, depending on what change orders or unexpected expenses happened during construction.

However, Medley asked that the project, when ready for bid, not include the light fixtures or a section of the sidewalk between Church St. and Livingston Motors in the base bid. Instead, these two parts of the project, should be included as added alternatives, Medley said.

The cost of the 10 light fixtures was estimated at \$62,000 in the project cost estimate.

The city will have to come up with approximately \$78,000 as their part of the project but a lot of that cost can be taken up with the use of work release inmates furnished by the county. Medley said the fiscal court had already helped the city out by paying the first two invoices received for engineering design for \$17,000 so the project could get underway. Of course, there will be an 80% reimbursement from the state grant for these funds.

Grider told the commissioners that the next step would be to get the plans approved by the District 8 Highway Dept. after which construction funds will be programmed by the state and the project can be let for bids. Grider said that would probably be no sooner than January of 2014.

In other business, the commissioners discussed the recent Alumni Banquet held at the former Livingston School House, Commissioner Katha Carpenter said the attendees loved the setting for the banquet. A tour of the school was given the alumni during the event and 60 memorial lanterns were released.

The commissioners also discussed the new ordi-

nances, recently put in place. Police Chief Carl Swanigan told the council that all the ordinances were being obeyed with the exception of the dog ordinance which deals with dogs running loose in the city. "The dog ordinance has to be enforced," Swanigan told the commissioners. Medley agreed saying that all avenues to resolve the problem would be exhausted but that he had contacted the dog warden who said that he would come and get the dogs after they were caught.

Medley also reported on negotiations he is having with CSX for 19 acres adjacent to the river trail. The city wants the area for parking, camping and access to the river for canoes. Medley said that CSX was resisting selling the property to the city because of environmental concerns. "I have been talking to CSX officials at their Jacksonville, Fla. headquarters," Medley said, but added that little progress had been made.

The financial statement presented to the commissioners by City Clerk Trish Doan showed a balance in the general fund of \$15,190.26, \$4,878.42 in the operation and maintenance fund, \$3,656 in the water works depreciation reserve fund and \$3,471.34 in the LBEA and road fund.

“Arrested”

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told dispatchers that Northern and Kirby "were extremely high and they were afraid they were going to leave with the baby."

Once officers arrived, Northern and Kirby had finished eating and were getting ready to leave the restaurant. Officers noticed that both Northern and Kirby were unsteady on their feet, had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and appeared to be extremely intoxicated.

During questioning, Northern denied being "high" and said he had driven from Berea Walmart to Mt. Vernon McDonald's without any problems. Northern told officers that he used a Suboxone strip and smoked a marijuana cigarette earlier in the morning and that he took a Xanax the night before his arrest.

The one-year-old child was taken into protective custody and social services placed it with a family member.

Both Northern and Kirby were arrested for endangering the welfare of a minor. Northern was also separately charged with DUI and Kirby was charged with public intoxication.

Northern and Kirby were lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Northern was later released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond and Kirby was released on a \$1,000 10% bond.

“Wanted”

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mation about Reynolds' whereabouts, or if you see him in the community, call the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department at 606-256-2032 or the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department at 606-365-2696.

“Wildcat”

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at 10 a.m. and closing at 4 p.m. on both days.

For more information contact the Laurel Home Guard at 606-878-2563 or email them at nita@wildcatreenactment.org.

“Brodhead”

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Cash suggested postponing the vote until everyone could be present at the meeting. Cash also said that he believes they should see how many respond to the delinquent tax letter they recently mailed out to those owing city taxes.

"I'm anxious to see what response we have from the letter before we create a new ordinance," Cash said. "Some of those amounts are as little as a few dollars. But there is still some large amounts in there as well. But I believe we need to see how many formulate a payment plan before we issue a new ordinance."

Cash also said that a lot of the city's citizens are struggling financially and that he wants to avoid having their names publicized in the local newspaper. However, he did say that it is the city's responsibility to

collect city taxes.

Buras agreed with Cash that it's the citizens' responsibility to pay city taxes and, he said, it's the city's responsibility to collect taxes.

"The law states that the city has to tax property. It's also the law that people pay taxes and the city collect taxes," Buras said. "If we don't do this then we are not abiding by the law."

Buras went on to say that this would only be considered a first reading of the proposed ordinance. He said the second reading would be during the next meeting when all council members hopefully are present.

Buras also proposed a new ordinance establishing working sessions for the mayor and council members to meet and discuss city issues. However, Buras said if they don't publicize it and make it known to the public, that they would be breaking state law by violating the open meetings act.

"Any informal meeting where council members discuss how they are going to vote on a measure constitutes a public meeting under the open meetings act," Buras said. "I think it's beneficial but we need to make it legal. When you discuss something that leads to a vote it is illegal unless we do it the right way."

Cash agreed with Buras that the working sessions are beneficial for them and that if they have them it should be legal.

"That way we could publicize the meetings in the

newspaper and people can be informed about what is happening," Cash said. "People have a right to know what we are doing and we want them to even attend the meetings if they can."

Buras made a motion that they adopt the working session ordinance and have them twice a month. He suggested that they have them on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The council agreed unanimously.

In the final item of business, Cash asked the council to donate the alleyway off of Maple Street next to Brodhead First Baptist Church's new parking lot. He said it was a ten foot wide alley that empties into a branch behind the church's parking lot.

Cash said the church can use the alleyway to finish their sidewalk and also use it for a drainage system as they can dig a sloping ditch to allow water from the parking lot to empty into the branch. He said the proposal has to run for two weeks in the *Signal* so that if anyone has any concerns they can contact City Hall.

Buras said he didn't see a problem as the city has never used the small strip of land. He said it would be good for the city too as it's another piece of property they have no use for that would now be maintained.

The council agreed unanimously to donate the alleyway to Brodhead First Baptist Church.

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Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center To Host Annual Car Show

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center will be hosting its annual Classic Car/Truck & Motorcycle Show. An event that showcases local car, truck and motorcycle enthusiasts, the car show not only gives local owners an opportunity to show off their "treasures", it also provides an opportunity for RHRC residents to participate in and enjoy the event as well.

Registration for the event will begin at 1:00 p.m. The show itself will begin at 2:00 p.m. and trophies will be awarded for each division at 3:30 p.m.

Live music and food will be available. All proceeds from this event will go to the Resident Activity Fund.

For more information regarding activities and special events at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center, please visit our website at www.rockcastlehealth.com or come by the facility for a tour.

We are located at 371 W. Main St., Brodhead, KY and can be contacted at 606-758-8711.

