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Rockcastle County was the scene of two fatal crashes this past Sunday within 14 hours of each other. In the top photo, Ashley Cross, 19, of Monticello, was killed at the intersection of Ky. 461 and Hwy. 150 early Sunday morning. Cross was a passenger in a Chevy Cobalt driven by Dipesh Soma, 27, of Albany when they collided with a Chevy S-10 driven by Ronald Klein, 19, of Berea. Klein and Soma were taken to Rockcastle Hospital for treatment. Klein's passenger, Jordan Hays, 24, of Berea, refused treatment at the scene. Mt. Vernon Fire Department and Police Department responded to the accident. In the middle photo, a seven vehicle pile-up on I-75 Sunday afternoon claimed the life of Keith Holbrook, 55, of Beaver Creek, Ohio. Holbrook's wife, Teresa Holbrook, 55, was flown from the scene to UK Medical Center. In the bottom photo, Mitch and Roberta Butler, of Hamilton, Ohio were also flown from the scene to the UK Medical Center. I-75 was closed for around three hours before one lane was re-opened to traffic. Along with police and EMS, Mount Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston Fire Departments all responded to the scene.

Sunday accidents claim the lives of two people

By: Doug Ponder
Two people are dead and five injured as a result of two fatal crashes this past weekend in Mt. Vernon that happened within fourteen hours of each other.

In the first accident, a collision at the intersection of Hwy 461 and Hwy 150 around 2 a.m. Sunday claimed the life of a Wayne County college student.

According to State Police records, a 2003 Chevy

S-10 driven by Ronald Klein, 19, of Berea was traveling east on Hwy 150 when it struck a 2007 Chevy Cobalt driven by Dipesh Soma, 27, of Albany who was traveling south on Hwy 461.

Ashley Cross, 19, of Monticello, was in the passenger seat of the Cobalt and was ejected from the vehicle. Cross was pronounced dead at the scene by Rockcastle County

Coroner Bill Dowell.

Jordan Hays, 24, of Berea, a passenger in the S-10, refused medical treat-

ment at the scene while Soma and Klein were both

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Saturday's "Trash Day" used by 446 countians

In what has apparently become one of the most popular and used programs, provided by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and PRIDE, the annual Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day was taken advantage of last Saturday by 446 residents.

The event is held each year at the Brodhead Fairgrounds and this year saw the biggest use ever.

According to James Renner, Solid Waste Coordinator

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Lines formed at several precincts Tuesday as voters waited to cast their vote in the wet/dry issue. The proposition to allow alcohol sales in Rockcastle County failed 65% to 35%. The above photo was taken at the North Mt. Vernon precinct.

Voters give emphatic No to sale of alcohol in Rockcastle

By: Perlina Anderkin

Rockcastle Countians voiced their opinion on the sale of alcoholic beverages in the county with a resounding "No" in Tuesday's special election.

42% of the total 11,529 registered voters in the county turned out -- 1,712 gave their approval to the measure while 3,108 voted no, a 65% to 35% ratio. Ironically, in last year's governor's race, only 25% of registered voters deemed the state-wide races important enough to go to the polls.

The measure lost in every one of the county's 14 precincts, coming the closest in the Bullock precinct where the measure lost 59-65.

Reportedly, about \$30,000 was spent on advertisements, mailers, yard signs, etc. was spent by anti forces and the campaign was obviously very effective.

David Sargent, pastor of Freedom Baptist Church and one of the leaders of the anti forces, said Wednesday, "Rockcastle Countians spoke loud and clear concerning alcohol sales on Tuesday. The majority showed they do not want the dangers alcohol sales would bring. We're all for economic development in Rockcastle but we understand that economic prosperity depends on a good work ethic, not selling alcohol. Our focus now shifts to eliminating the drug problem and bringing everyone together to make Rockcastle even greater than it is. I appreciate the efforts of everyone to keep Rockcastle dry and more secure."

The measure cannot be brought up again for three years when the very same procedure will have to be used. Steve

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Police arrest two more in meth bust

By: Doug Ponder

Two people were arrested last Thursday night for manufacturing methamphetamine after officers from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and Mt. Vernon Police Department raided a home on Sweetwater Road in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene were Joyce Hoover, 30 and Larry Tillery, 46 both of Berea.

The raid was instigated when Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant received information from Mt. Vernon Asst. Police Chief Barry Adams after he used "MethCheck" to discover Hoover had purchased a large quantity of pseudoephedrine at a pharmacy in Berea earlier in the day.

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Authorities searching for escaped inmate

By: Doug Ponder

An inmate at the Rockcastle County Detention Center escaped from authorities while on work release last Friday.

According to a spokesman at the Rockcastle County Detention Center, Matthew Boswell, 24, of London was eating lunch with the rest of the inmates at the county garage before he walked away.

Boswell was originally arrested for theft by unlawful taking on September 13, 2011.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Mt. Vernon Police Department and Kentucky State Police are still searching for Boswell and ask if anyone has any information to call Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department at 606-256-2031.



Matthew Boswell

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