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## Sara Hammond helps lead team to NCAA Final Four

By: Doug Ponder

Former McDonald's All-American and Lady Rockets star Sara Hammond was instrumental in helping her Louisville Cardinals reach the women's final four.

The fifth seeded Cardinals upset the number one seed Baylor Bears 82-81 during the Sweet Sixteen Sunday night before upsetting the number two seed Tennessee Volunteers 86-78 during the Elite Eight Tuesday night.

During the Baylor game, Hammond had 7 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal. Hammond also helped pave the way for her team's victory. With the Cardinals ahead 80-79, she blocked Baylor senior Kimetria Hayden's jump shot with 21 seconds left in the game. However, Baylor junior Odyssey Sims retrieved the blocked shot and attempted to drive the lane and Hammond positioned herself to draw the charge and force a Baylor turnover with 19 seconds remaining. Both teams would then make two free throws each for a final score of 82-81.

After the Baylor game, Hammond went on to get 11 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal during the Elite Eight matchup against Tennessee Tuesday night as she helped lead her team to a 86-78 victory.

Lady Rockets Head Coach Chrysti Noble said that she is proud to see a former player she coached have success in the women's NCAA tournament.

"It makes me proud to know someone from Rockcastle County is having so much success," Noble said. "It's something for everyone to cheer about back home, knowing that our hometown star is making such a huge name for herself."

Hammond and the Lady Cardinals next game will be during the Final Four Sunday night when they take on the California Lady Golden Bears. Tip-off for the game is at 6:30 p.m.

## Barnett arrested after he is found lost in the woods

By: Doug Ponder

An Orlando man was arrested Tuesday morning on three active warrants after Rockcastle EMS received a complaint about a man screaming for help in the woods next to the Rocky Top Trailer Park on Hwy 461 in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested was Anthony Wayne Barnett, 29, of Orlando.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush had three active warrants for Barnett's arrest and received information last Monday night that Barnett was at a home in Sunnyside Estates on

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## Hunter selected to KY All-Star team

By: Doug Ponder

Lady Rocket senior Michaela Hunter will be playing in the Kentucky-Indiana all-star series this summer even though she wasn't on the initial list of invitees for tryouts.

Although Hunter eventually made the all-star team, she wasn't initially included on the list of players that were invited to tryout for the team. Lady Rocket Head Coach Chrysti Noble said she became suspicious when she learned that Hunter didn't receive an invitation to the tryout.

"When I first saw the list of invitees for tryouts, I immediately called Kentucky All-Star Head Coach Chris Souder and asked him why Hunter didn't receive an invitation," Noble said. "Souder said he couldn't believe Hunter was left out and told me that he would see what he could do for us."

About a week after Noble made the phone call, Souder called Noble and told her that Hunter could tryout for the Kentucky All-Star team. After the tryouts, Noble said she

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## Respiratory Care Center named one of nation's best

The Respiratory Care Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital has been named one of the nation's best care facilities by U.S. News & World Report.

U.S. News awarded the "Best Nursing Home" designation to homes that recently earned an overall rating of five stars, the agency's highest. Each home is also rated separately on quality of care, health inspections record and level of nursing staff.

Data from Nursing Home Compare, run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), was used to compile the list of the nation's best care facilities.

"We are dedicated to providing the best possible, top-quality care for patients and their families," RCC Quality Director Tammy Brock, RN said. "CMS sets and enforces standards for nursing homes, collects information and assigns ratings. Our overall rating was a five star...thus designating us as one of the best!"

Data released by U.S. News shows that more than three million Americans will spend at least part of 2013 in a nursing home.

"Our unique facility has been recognized nationally by healthcare providers for patients who require mechanical ventilation," Rockcastle Regional Hospital President & CEO Stephen A. Estes said. "Our mission is to be the destination of choice, we not only specialize in this care, but

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## Two arrested in separate burglaries

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Two people were arrested in two separate burglaries this past week.

A Richmond man was arrested for burglary and criminal mischief on Monday after burglarizing a residence last Thursday on Shady Lane in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested was Shane Michael Snow, 27, of Richmond.

Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant received a complaint last Thursday about a residence being burglarized on Shady Lane in Mt. Vernon.

Once Bryant arrived, he noticed a broken window that had been pried open at the front of the house. The homeowners also told Bryant that two Emerson 32 inch flat screen TVs and a

Kindle Fire tablet were missing.

The homeowners told Bryant that they had recently purchased both TVs during the "Black Friday" event at Berea Wal-Mart for \$330 each. The homeowners valued the stolen Kindle Fire at \$200. Contractors also determined that the cost to replace the broken window would be approximately \$250.

Upon further investigation, a neighbor told Bryant that he saw a white Ford Crown Victoria at the residence last Thursday afternoon when the homeowners weren't at home. He also said that he observed a male carrying a large TV and putting it into the vehicle.

After receiving the neighbor's information, Bryant asked the homeowners if they knew anyone who drove a white Ford Crown Victoria. The homeowners told Bryant that they knew a male named Shane Snow who drove the same vehicle matching the neighbor's description and that they knew him personally.

The homeowners emailed a picture of Snow to Bryant. When Bryant showed the neighbor a picture of Snow, he immediately identified him as the male he saw during the burglary.

Bryant later discovered that Snow was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center on other charges. Bryant was granted permission to question Snow about the Burglary on Monday.

During questioning, Snow signed a Miranda Waiver and provided a written statement saying he committed the burglary on Shady Lane and that he sold

the TVs to a man named "Sylvester" who lived in an apartment complex in Richmond. The items have not been recovered at this time.

Snow was charged with second degree burglary and third degree criminal mischief. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash/property bond.

A Brodhead man was arrested for burglary last Wednesday after police received a complaint of a burglary on Pine Tree View Drive in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested was James Cody Spoonamore, 25, of Brodhead.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush investigated the complaint and was told by neighbors of the homeowners that they had seen Spoonamore in the area and suspected he was involved in the burglary.

Rush and Mt. Vernon Assistant Chief Barry Adams then went to Spoonamore's residence in Brodhead and, during questioning, Spoonamore told the officers that he had committed the burglary on Pine Tree View Road. Spoonamore also told officers that he kicked-in the front door of the residence and stole seven Fenton glass fixtures that were valued at \$651.

Upon further investigation, officers found the seven glass fixtures inside Spoonamore's residence and the items were later returned to the owner.

Spoonamore told officers that he only stole the seven glass fixtures from the residence on Pine Tree View Road. However, the

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## Mt. Vernon water main break causes boil water advisory throughout county

By: Doug Ponder

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## Boil Water Advisory

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association has issued a boil water advisory for customers in Sand Springs, Pongo and Orlando until further notice.

ERWA President Michael McGuire said that he expects the advisory to be lifted in these areas on Thursday (today).

## Man arrested for possession and providing a false name to officers

By: Doug Ponder

A Mt. Vernon man was arrested last Thursday for drug possession and giving an officer a false name at a police roadblock on Big Cave Road in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Douglas Edward Smith, 30, of Mt. Vernon.

According to state police reports, Trooper Delzie Kelley was conducting a safety check point on Big Cave Road when a suspicious vehicle came through the roadblock.

When Kelley approached the vehicle, he noticed that the driver had bloodshot eyes and constricted pupils. After asking for the driver's license and registration, Kelley determined that Smith was the driver of the vehicle. However, before asking for his driver's license and registration, Smith had told Kelley a different name than the one that appeared on his

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water main break on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Vernon Water and Sewer Superintendent Dennis McClure said the break occurred around 9 p.m. last Thursday on Richmond Street near McDonalds. He said crews had the break fixed at 4 a.m. last Friday.

McClure said he believed the water main break was possibly caused by the ground settling due to the recent warmer temperatures.

Mayor Mike Bryant said he issued a boil water advisory for Mt. Vernon residents last Thursday night and that he lifted the advisory around 3 p.m. last Saturday. The areas under the advisory were Richmond Street to Town Hill, Hwy 25 to Chestnut Ridge and Hwy 25 to White Rock Road.

Bryant said that after the repairs were made early Friday morning, the repaired water lines were flushed and water samples were sent to a laboratory to be tested. Bryant said that he lifted the advisory once he received the positive lab results.

The water main break also affected areas outside Mt. Vernon city limits. Western Rockcastle Water Association and Eastern Rockcastle Water Association said they also issued boil water advisories for their customers last Thursday night. WRWA lifted their boil water advisory last Saturday and ERWA also lifted their boil water advisory for Climax residents last Saturday.

However, ERWA President Michael McGuire said Sand Springs, Pongo and Orlando residents are still under a boil water advisory until they receive positive lab results for those certain areas. McGuire said that he expects the advisory to be lifted for these areas on Thursday (today).

## Participants needed for 2nd annual 25 Yard Sales

A Berea man is trying to help fill a 120 mile gap in this year's second annual U.S. 25 Yard Sale route.

The event is set for June 6, 7 and 8 and Randy Coffey has taken on the responsibility of getting participants in his section of the state, which includes Scott, Madison and Rockcastle counties.

"I'm not getting much cooperation out of Scott County but Madison County is getting on board," Coffey said recently.

The event is patterned on the successful 127 yard sales that that has been going on for years and will follow a route from Covington to LaFollette, TN. "This event is an economic boon for the areas where there is participation," Coffey said. "I'm trying to get the word out so that people can save their yard sale stuff to put out during this event."

Coffey expects heavy participation in the Conway area of Rockcastle and encourages residents there to rent space out to others. There is a US 25 Yard Sale page on Facebook and anyone interested in participating can call Coffey at 859-779-3005 for more information.

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