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Local students could be eligible for tuition-free semester

Several local students, all freshmen at Union College, are eligible for a tuition-free final semester, thanks to President Marcia Hawkins. As part of the "Inaugural Class," these students are now part of a program geared at keeping students enrolled at Union.

Local students eligible for the award include: Nicholas Eugene Thomason of Mount Vernon; Steven Lee Thomason of Mount Vernon; and Jaclyn Cheyenne Wolfe of Wildie.

To receive the award, there are certain stipulations students must meet. In addition to maintaining a 3.5 grade point average, students must also graduate in four years and maintain full-time status during all eight semesters; participate in at least one extracurricular activity; attend all "Inaugural Class" events; and serve at least 75 hours of community service. Students who earn between 3.0 and 3.49 GPAs will have 75 percent of their tuition paid, while students who earn between 2.5 and 2.9 GPAs will have a 50 percent tuition waiver.

"It's all about student success," Hawkins said. "Our mission is tied directly to the levels of achievement our students reach."

Hawkins presented the proposal to students at a Christmas gathering at the end of the fall semester.

Louie Northern to give oil painting demonstration

On Saturday, Jan. 26, artist Louie Northern, of Mount Vernon, will demonstrate his oil painting techniques from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Always interested in art, Northern has been drawing since he was a small child. Today he is a farmer on 300 acres of land on his father's original home place in Rockcastle County. Although born in Dayton, Ohio, Northern returned to the land of his family's roots in 1977. He studied art and began painting while in high school. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in painting in 1999, from Eastern Kentucky University.

Northern prefers oil painting as his medium because it doesn't dry fast, and he likes the way oil paint handles using both a brush and palette knife. He often builds up the surface of his

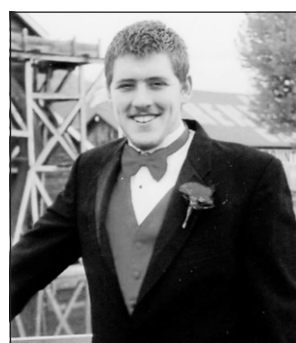
canvas to give it a more three-dimensional texture. Most of Northern's subject matter is rooted in his surroundings - farmland, mules, logging trucks and the woods that grow on his lands. Northern also creates more non objective paintings playing with color and texture, and he is adept at printmaking.

A selection of works by Louie Northern is regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties all across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit, "The Threads that Bind: Textile Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 23, 2013. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.



Louie Northern



Jadon Brock made the Dean's List at Somerset Community Technical College with a 4.0 gpa. Jadon took the maximum 18 credit hours while working part time for Peg's Food Mart. *Congratulations on an excellent job. Mom and dad are very proud of you.*

President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs has announced that Jordan Whitaker of Mt. Vernon has been named to the University of the Cumberlands (UC) President's List for the 2012 fall semester.

To be eligible students must have achieved a grade of "A" in convocation while maintaining a minimum cumulative scholastic standing of 4.0.

President's List

Angela DeBord, daughter of Tommy and Gayle DeBord of Willailla, was added to the President's List at ECU, which is established by the Board of Regents in recognition of academic excellence.

Angela is a senior pre-med student at ECU.

Dean's List

In recognition of their academic performance, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs has announced that Hannah Adkisson, Jackie Alexander, and Mallory Harper, all of Brodhead, have been named to the University of the Cumberlands (UC) Dean's List for the 2012 fall semester.

To be eligible students must have achieved a grade of "A" in convocation while maintaining a minimum cumulative scholastic standing of 3.50.

President's List

Morgan Hunt has been recognized by Eastern Kentucky University for academic excellence, based on receiving a 4.0 grade point

average for the 2012 fall semester.

Morgan is the daughter of Jeff and Angela Hunt of Mt. Vernon. Morgan graduated from RCHS and is currently a sophomore at ECU pursuing a degree in communication disorders.

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Vicki Kidd, Renfro Valley CEO, resigns

By: Doug Ponder
Renfro Valley Entertainment Center CEO Vicki Kidd recently resigned her position to accept a full-time job as a funeral director at the McCreary County Funeral Home in McCreary County.

Kidd said she handed in her resignation on January 4th and that her last day on the job will be January 31st. In February, former Vice President of Operations Doris Sanders will become the interim CEO.

Kidd said she resigned because her parents are in poor health and her mother requested her assistance with their family's funeral home business.

"She called me and said she needed me to come home," Kidd said. "She said she needed me to come back and help her. I simply couldn't tell my own mother no."

While recalling some of her greatest accomplishments as CEO, Kidd said she is the proudest of the "Malt Shop Memories" show that took people back in time as entertainers performed hits from the 1950s and 1960s.

"In 2012, I went to Rockcastle County Basic Arts Coordinator Allen Pensol and asked him for help on a 50s themed show," Kidd said. "He helped us in putting together a masterpiece. We couldn't have been more pleased with the results and people loved it!"

Kidd said she is also proud of their "Renfro Valley Auditions" that they started in 2012 to help them



As can be seen from the above photo, the state's salt stockpile is in good shape. The lack of snow has also been good for the county's finances again this year. Information from the County Judge/Executive's office said Wednesday that the county spent \$15,795 for salt from December, 2011 through February of 2012 and had not had to buy any since.

Rockcastle County Schools spared after large insurance trust dissolves

By: Doug Ponder
Rockcastle County and numerous other Kentucky public school districts are learning that they will be splitting an unexpected \$50 to \$60 million bill after a popular insurance trust recently announced its dis-

bandment. Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust (KSBIT) announced last week that they will be ceasing their operations due to a prolonged deficit.

KSBIT was created in 1978 to provide coverage under self-insured pools, which allowed school districts to combine their resources and share the risk. The trust went on to become one of the leading insurance trusts in the state that provided low cost insurance to the state's school districts for items such as property, liability and workers compensation insurance.

KSBIT will cease operations on June 30th and they will be assessing current and former members who were in the insurance program between 1990 and 2011.

According to Supt. David Pensol, the exact amount owed by each school district is not yet known because payments

are based on a complicated formula that considers each district's past claims and number of years they participated in the program. Each school district will get to choose if they want to pay their bill in a lump sum or on a twenty year payment plan.

Currently, it's estimated that 70 school districts have insurance with KSBIT. However, all 174 school districts have been involved with the group since its founding. Since all districts have participated at some time, all of them will have to make payments.

Many school districts are already estimating how much they will have to pay after the disbandment of KSBIT. The Fayette County School Board estimated that their liability would be as much as \$2 million and the Garrard County School Board believes their monetary assessment could be

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Ambulance Service looks to make major improvements

By: Doug Ponder
The Rockcastle County Ambulance Service is looking forward to making some major improvements in 2013 by installing Advanced Life Support equipment on ambulances and also hiring multiple paramedics.

Ambulance Service Board Chairman David Pensol said the ambulance service plans on making the changes within the next few months.

As of right now, Pensol said all ambulance personnel are able to provide basic life support to ill or injured patients by performing basic and intermediate health procedures. He said that their BLS ambulances are currently staffed with two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

However, Pensol said that ALS ambulances can provide transport to patients who need a higher level of care than the services provided by the BLS ambulances. He said ALS ambulances have advanced airway equipment, advanced cardiac life support equipment, IV care and cardiac monitors.

Pensol also said that the ALS ambulances are staffed with at least one paramedic on board at all times. He said paramedics are required to have more training hours than EMTs and that they can provide a higher level of healthcare to the general public while they are in the

ambulance. "Having a paramedic in an ambulance will make a huge difference as they are the only professionals who can perform advanced life support techniques," Pensol said. "They can start IVs, administer more medications and perform more advanced health procedures on the patients before they even arrive at the emergency room."

Pensol went on to say that they are still in the process of ordering some of the

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School board seat remains vacant since November

By: Doug Ponder
A vacancy, created by the resignation of School Board Chairman Martin Vanzant in November, remains open.

According to Superintendent David Pensol, under a state statute, the Kentucky Commissioner of Education has the responsibility of appointing someone to fill the vacancy within a 90 day period for a deadline of February 12th.

Pensol said the local board was required to advertise for qualified applicants to fill the vacant position.

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Snowball Express is Sunday at Brodhead

This first event of the 2013 County-wide Stride run/walk series is the Snowball Express 2-miler this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

Most small communities have at least one run/walk event in a year. Some have more, maybe three or four at most. In 2013, for the second year in a row, Rockcastle County will have 12, one in each month

of the year. Organizers at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, which created and sponsors the series, hopes to build on 2012's total participation of 1,770.

Studies show that Kentuckians (and Rockcastle Countians) do not get enough exercise, and experts have long known that exercise is essential to good health. The County-wide

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Mt. Vernon native pursues career in stand-up comedy

By: Doug Ponder
A former Mt. Vernon man is hoping to become a well-known stand-up comedian in the near future.

Aaron Drew Davidson, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio has recently performed stand-up comedy routines at numerous prominent comedy clubs such as the Go Bananas Comedy Club in Cincinnati, Funny Bone Comedy Club in Newport and Comedy Off Broadway in Lexington.

Comedic superstars such as Drew Carey, Dave Chappelle, Ellen DeGeneres, Jerry Seinfeld, and Tim Allen have also performed at one of the three comedy clubs.

Davidson said that he has always enjoyed making people laugh and that it was one of his favorite hobbies while growing up.

"Making people laugh has always been my favorite thing to do and comedy has always been a secret passion of mine," Davidson said. "I have always been interested in comedy and always tried to surround myself with funny people throughout my life."

While attending high school at RCHS, Davidson said that his interest in comedy increased when Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly, his sophomore English teacher at the time, had the students study a unit on comedy.

"I didn't know you could actually study how to make people laugh and what was funny," Davidson said. "After that unit, I started reading articles on the incongruity theory of comedy and furthering my knowledge of true comedic things."

Davidson said that the first time he performed a comedy routine in front of a crowd was in high school at RCHS. He recalled an assembly in the gym where all the students had gathered to watch a juggler perform. However, Davidson said the juggler was running late and former RCHS Principal John Hale asked him if he had any jokes he could use to stall the crowd until the juggler arrived.

Davison, the son of MVES principal Leon Davidson and Janice Davidson, a teacher at Roundstone Elementary, said he accepted Principal Hale's proposition and told him that he had some *Reader's Digest* jokes in his wallet that he was going to try on some of his friends.

"The jokes I read weren't that funny and I looked at the crowd and said those were lousy," Davidson said.

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Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department and Rockcastle County EMS responded to a single car accident last Thursday morning on Hwy 1505 in Brodhead. Authorities say Brandi Thomas, 32, of Brodhead was traveling south toward Brodhead on Hwy 1505 when she lost control of her vehicle and ran off the road before colliding with an electric pole. Thomas and her two children Hailey, 5 and Lily, 2 were transported from the scene to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries and released.

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The Roots of Rockcastle

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"Introduction to a New Phase"

As all things do, they must come to an end or in this case, a pause. For the next few weeks or months I will be writing a new series, "Strange But True?" It will be a series examining strange but supposedly true stories of happenings I find particularly interesting and hope you will, as well.

In the meantime, I will be continuing to collect and compose oral histories of stories from here in the county. I feel there is much yet to be collected, and hopefully the people of the county and former residents will aid me in preserving it.

Now, I would like to give you the first of several "Strange But True?" stories. I find this one particularly relevant. Hope you enjoy the series.

"D.C., The Demon Cat of Washington"

Deep within the bowels, the basements, and long shadowy corridors of the Capitol Building, the White House and even the Mall, lurks a creature seldom seen and spoken of with caution; it is "D.C.", the "Demon Cat" of Washington.

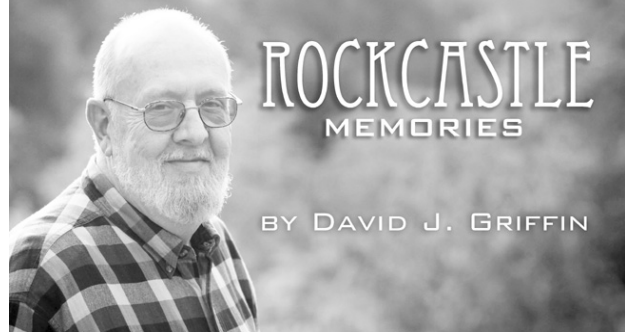
"D.C." is a phantom black cat seen just prior to national disasters, elections, and the transfer of power each four years. He joins many other paranormal sightings of Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson,

Woodrow Wilson, and some several First Ladies whose presence still remains at the White House.

This black phantom black cat usually first appears as a small, helpless kitten, then as one approaches grows in size, becoming tiger-like with red glowing eyes.

The origin is believed to have begun during the birth of the Capitol when the city was only a marsh, and was infested with vermin. Numerous cats were released around the Capitol Building, hoping to control the mice and rat population. The apparition has survived since the early days of Washington. It is said that the cat only appears at night to persons always alone. Through its two-hundred-plus year existence, several security guards and caretakers have reported seeing "D.C.". Most are usually hesitant to speak of it, fearing losing their job, and only speak of their meetings after their retirement. Some security guards have even fired upon the phantom only to have it disappear before their eyes. One source, www.unexplained.net, states that some presidents have seen the phantom. It is said to "live" in the area of the Capitol basement known as "the crypt". "The crypt" was built for the body of

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Hooray, It's A Snow Day!

Many of us remember being children and waking to find several inches of pure white snow blanketing the rolling hills of Kentucky. On those days, we rushed to the radio to see if school was going to be dismissed. As we waited for the disc jockey to announce "no school today," we could hardly wait to bundle up and head out to play in the wonderful snow. In Mt. Vernon, snow days were unusual happenings because students were not transported to school - we had to make our own way to the school house to attend classes.

I remember my dad taking me and my brother to school one day in his taxi when he slid off the gravel road of our driveway. He immediately got so mad that he rolled down his window and threw his gloves out the window into the snow. After maneuvering the car back and forth several times, we were back onto the driveway, and he said to Albert, "Son, get out and get my gloves!"

Usually when we had snow days, my friends and I got on the phone to schedule a sledding party somewhere on old US25. The get-together was often near the Winstead Halfway House so that we could ride our sleds

all the way down to the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. You could actually sled down two miles on that old crooked road. Like so many others before our time, we built a roaring fire at the top of the hill in order to warm up between rides.

When I was very young, the snow party was generally limited to a few of my close friends who lived in our neighborhood. I remember one time when Kenneth Hansel, Earl Benton Cromer, and I built a huge snowman in my grandparents' yard. When we were almost finished, Mommie Katie came out onto the porch equipped with an old hat, a carrot (for the nose), some small pieces of coal for the eyes and mouth, and one of Pop's old cardigan sweaters to complete our snowman. It was a thrill for us boys to see what we had made. That big old snowman lasted for days and days after the snow had melted in the yard.

One Friday night, Charles Shivel spent the night with me, and when we woke up the next morning the entire world was covered in white. He and I sat by the radio until we heard the announcement confirming that there would be no school

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I recently finished and started reading again, the best example of the old saw, "You can't judge a book by its cover", that I've ever had in my hands.

The cover is a beautiful photograph of an old grist mill and the book title, laid over the photo is Eastern Kentucky Short Stories 1760 - 1960. The author's name, Maynard Cornett Adams, is printed at bottom of the photo.

At first glance, I'm thinking that I'm probably looking at another collection of Jack and Bear Tales or perhaps a compilation of Appalachian Kentucky short fiction pieces spanning two centuries because the book feels thick and heavy enough to contain the best of both with room to spare.

Propped up in bed, four hours later, at 2:00 AM, my eyes were bugged out and my mouth dropped open because I was absolutely astounded and unable to lay the book down. It's not fiction at all. It is easily the best and most interesting series of essays on historic events and places in the eastern Kentucky and western Virginia mountains that I've ever had in my hands.

It certainly is not a comprehensive history, nor does it claim to be. It simply contains the authors analysis of numerous, often-tragic, events that helped to shape the values and culture of the high country that we natives of one little section of the hills call home.

Maynard Cornett Adams

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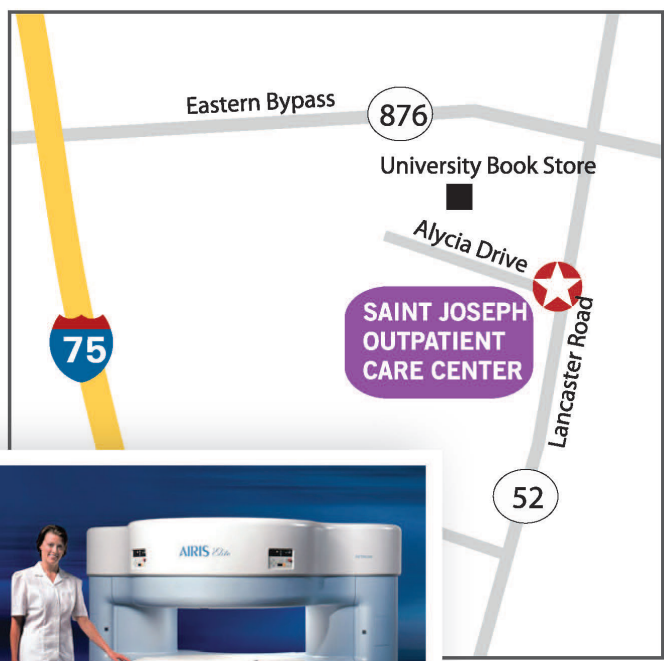
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Obituaries



Betty J. Bullock

Betty J. Bullock, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 13, 2013 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Broughtontown, April 11, 1948 the daughter of Geaderand Maxine Bruner Adams. She was a retired employee of Rockcastle Manufacturing and was a member of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Danny Bullock; her son, Scottie (Michelle) Bullock of Mt. Vernon; her daughter, Sherrie (Calvin) Creech of Mt. Vernon; one brother, David Adams of Lancaster; and two sisters, Josephine Mills of Liberty and Mary Lou Dowell of Stanford. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Brandon Bullock, Rylee Creech, Callie Creech, Ciara Johnston, and Taylor Johnston. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Denver and Billy Adams, and a sister, Alene Pittman.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 17 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Clyde Miller. Burial followed in the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery in Lincoln County.

Pallbearers were: Danny Adams, James Adams, Jerome Adams, Randy Dowell, Eddie Sowder and Willie Sowder. Honorary pallbearers were: Stevie Sowder and Dale Pittman.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Wilma Areta Edling

Wilma Areta Bullock Edling, 70, died Thursday, January 10, 2013 in Rockville, MD, after a long illness. She was born November 12, 1942 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late Irvin and Dovie Robbins Bullock. She was a retired instructional designer and trainer, enjoyed writing, architecture, was a clothing designer, and was a member of the Church of the Redeemer in Gaithersburg, MD.

Survivors are: three sons, Daniel Lewis of Hampton, VA, Brian Lewis of Maynard, MA, and Brandon Edling of Lawrence, KS; one daughter, Sharon Teske of Gaithersburg, MD; one brother, Elisha Hiatt Bullock; four sisters, Mary Roberta Cromer, Rose Elizabeth Wilford, Ruth Ester Nichols, and Francis Alene Dean; and eight grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: seven brothers, Irvin Edwin, John William, Robert Samuel, Kennesaw Mountain, Charles Curtis, James, and Wendell Boyd Bullock; and four sisters, Anna Mae Black, Belva Viviana DeBorde, Sarah Anita Young, and Flonnie Ellen Matherly.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Allen Hensley officiating. Burial was in McKinney Cemetery.

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.



Betty L. French

Betty L. French, 83, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehab. Center in Brodhead. She was a homemaker, enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, cooking, gardening, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one stepson, Coy French of Mt. Vernon; two stepdaughters, Sandy Wagoner of Mt. Vernon, and Karen Pitts of Dayton, OH; one sister, Sadie Broyles of Middletown, OH; five grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob French, and one son, William Terry Bradley.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, 2013 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Albert Griffin officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: George Bradley, Dana Pitts, Joe McFerron, Thomas Wagner, Coy French and Aaron French.

Honorary pallbearer was Evan Bradley.

Visit www.coxfuneralhomeky.com to view the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online.

Irene Brown

Irene Spoonamore Brown, 83, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. She was the wife of Frank Brown whom she married on March 20, 1954. She was born in Lincoln County on September 3, 1929. She was the daughter of the late Ernest Lee and Emma (Wren) Spoonamore. She had worked as a seamstress for Palm Beach and had formerly worked as a personal caregiver. She was a faithful member of the Providence Church of Christ. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and a friend to many.

She is survived by: her husband of 58 years, Frank Brown of Crab Orchard; son, Curt Brown; special friend, Thelma Phelps of Crab Orchard; granddaughter, Angela (David) Lewis of London; grandson, Jared Brown of Brodhead; sisters, Ann (Danny) Irvin of Lancaster, Evelyn (Glenn) Davis of Stanford, Lillian Spoonamore of Crab Orchard and Phyllis (John) French of Shelbyville; brother, Glenn (Remonia) Spoonamore of Stanford; two great grandchildren, Riley and Ivy Lewis; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Buck and Ernest Spoonamore; and her sister, Elizabeth Leigh.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Danny McKibben officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013 at McKnight Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are: Jared Brown and David Lewis.

Honorary pallbearers is Riley Lewis.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Gideon's International Bible Fund at P.O. Box 155, Stanford, KY 40484.



Denzil Abney, Sr.

Denzil Abney, Sr., 71, of Kokomo, IN, died Friday, January 18, 2013. He was born April 20, 1941 in Mt. Vernon, the son of Marion and Sally (Channey) Abney, Sr. On August 14, 1960 in Sneedsville, TN, he married Opal Faye Abney, and she survives.

He was a 1961 graduate of Berea Foundation, Berea. He was employed by Chrysler Corporation for 30 years serving as a union steward. He also owned and operated Abney's Masonry for 50 years before retiring. He enjoyed construction, motorcycling, and playing cards.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by: brothers, Preston Dolie Abney of Kokomo, IN, Keytron Abney, Terry Abney, and John Gerald Abney, all of Montpelier, IN; sisters, Zella Miller, Faye Holbrook, and Barbara Johnson, all of Mt. Vernon, Kathy Utterback, and Ruby Stone of Lexington, and Ruth Nestlerod of Montpelier, IN; sons, Denzil Abney, Jr. of Holland, MI, and Jeffrey Scott Abney of Kokomo, IN; one daughter, Teresa Faye Smith of Miami, IN; grandchildren, Denzil Jacob Abney, and Andrew Douglas Rigsby of Holland, MI, Benny Hillis of Russiaville, and Joesphy Scott Rigsby of Lawrenceburg, TN; great-grandchildren, Kayla Hensley, Quiency Hensley, and Bailey Hensley, all of Kokomo, IN, Aubree Hillis, and Jalen Hillis of Russiaville.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; brothers Marion Abney, Jr., Keith Ray Abney, and Tenon Abney; and one grandchild, Nicole Faye Regan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN, with Gary Foster officiating. Burial was in Albright Cemetery.



Andy Miller

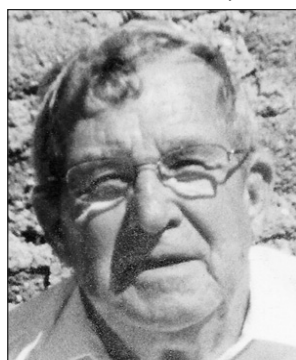
Andy Miller, 80, of Orlando, died Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on August 18, 1932 the son of John Branaman and Mary Francis Hammonds Miller. He was a self-employed stone mason and a member of the McNew Chapel Church.

He is survived by: two brothers, Charlie (Shirley) Miller and H. B. Miller, all of Orlando; three sisters, Annie Chasteen of Franklin, OH, Jenny Renner of Orlando, and Penny (Hugh) Cameron of Brodhead; and a special nephew, Tim (Amanda) McNew of Crab Orchard. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Wanda Miller; three brothers, Elmer, Bob, and Glen; and two sisters, Barbara Sue and Delphia.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 20 at the McNew Chapel Church by Bros. Jerry Ballinger, Vernon Doan, Elzie Doan, and Jerry Owens. Burial followed in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Chesnut, Chris McNew, Tim McNew, Tuck Rigsby, Donnie Robinson and Michael Robinson.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



J. P. Smith

J. P. Smith, 81, of Eubank, died Sunday, January 13, 2013 at the Somerset Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Burr in Rockcastle County, December 4, 1931 the son of O. V. and Flora Mullins Smith. He was a US Navy veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired supervisor for Celotex Corporation of Lockland, OH and was also a retired farmer and school bus driver in his hometown of Eubank. He was a kind and loving dad, husband, grandpa, brother,

uncle, and friend. His favorite pastime was watching Fox News and debating the current issues with a passion. He was a member of the Burnett Chapel Church and is celebrating his completed race in heaven with many loved ones.

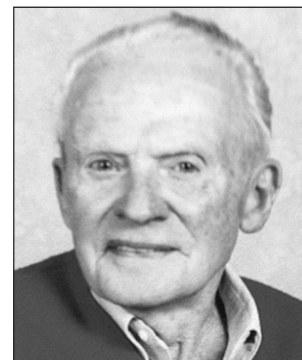
He is survived by: two daughters, Garna Jane (A.C.) Donahue of Somerset and Tina Denise Smith Najarro and boyfriend Martin of Eubank; two brothers, Herman Smith of Lebanon, OH and Dennis Smith of Urbana, IL; and two sisters, Judy Robinson and Alrene Smith, both of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Chaz, Eleya, Lauren, Emma, Max, and Alex; and two great grandchildren, Elaina and Charles Calvin "Chip".

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Glenna Rickels Smith; a son, Brian James Oberle; three brothers, Monroe, Garner, and Virgil Smith; and two sisters, Vivian Smith and Dessie Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 16 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon by Bros. Slade Rickels and Dustin York. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: AC Donahue, Chaz Donahue, Bobby Gordin, Bill Robinson, Dennis Smith and Herman Smith.

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Carl W. Thompson

Carl W. Thompson, 93, of Williamsburg, OH and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, January 14, 2013 in Batavia, OH. He was born in Quail, in Rockcastle County, February 27, 1919 the son of Kay and Maude Osborne Thompson. He was a US Army veteran of WWII and was a retired piano tuner.

He is survived by: his wife, Sudie Thompson of Williamsburg, OH; one son, Michael D. (Dorothy) Thompson; and one daughter, Sharon (David) Bass. Also surviving are: four grandchildren, Melissa Unger, Elizabeth Rigby, Mary Sue Shinkle and Michael Carl Thompson; and six great grandchildren. In addition to

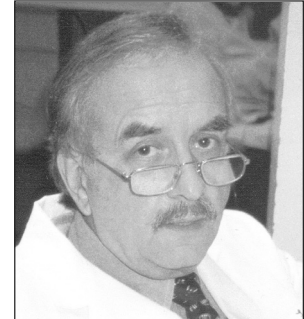
his parents, he was preceded in death by: one son, Gary Wayne Thompson; six brothers, Chester, Lester, Lucian, Marshall, Glenn and Russell Thompson; and three sisters, Mildred Bennett, Cora Cummins and Lena Vaccaro.

Funeral services were conducted January 18, 2013 at the Fairview Church of Christ in Willailla by Bro. Curt Herrington. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Denver Cummins, Brian Rigby, Todd Shinkle, Jeffrey Thompson, Michael Thompson, Waymon Thompson, and Wendell Thompson.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Dr. Jack D. Lewis

Jack D. "Doc" Lewis, MD, 77, died January 23, 2012 after a long illness. Arrangements are incomplete at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.



Mary Halcomb

Mary Beatrice Halcomb, 87, of Ludlow, died Saturday, January 19, 2013 in Elsmere. She was born in Rockcastle County, June 27, 1925 the daughter of McKinley and Ona Mae SowderKirby. She was a homemaker and attended the Church of God.

She is survived by: three sons, Carl (Marianne) Halcomb of Germany, Roger (Joyce) Halcomb of Hebron, and Everett (Gayla) Halcomb, Jr. of Ludlow; and one daughter, Betty (Don) Ruward of Las Vegas, NV. Also surviving are five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Everett Halcomb; two brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted January 23 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Halcomb Cemetery.

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Our Readers Write

Law makers raising the debt ceiling...

Dear Editor,
Our law makers insist that raising the debt "ceiling" is simply so we can pay the "obligations already incurred" - Let me take a stab at explaining this to them...

Let's say I give my child \$10 a week allowance. He wants a new bike that costs \$100 so I agree that his allowance will be used toward this "loan" if I pay for the bike. His "obligation" is \$10 each week for 10 weeks to be put in a jar on his dresser.

Now, Try to Follow this Mr. Congressman - I AM GIVING THIS CHILD THE \$10/wk. ALLOWANCE. But instead of putting his money in the jar, the "CHILD" takes his allowance and spends his \$10/wk. on ice cream, candy, pop and gum at the corner market,

plus he runs a tab for an additional \$10/wk. for 10 weeks. Now the 10 weeks have passed and the "obligation" is due. He marches in and demands that I increase his allowance to \$20/wk. He says he needs more so he can pay his bike debt and also his "treats" tab.

When I finally come to myself, take his allowance away, and send him to his room (without a video game or cell phone) - he cries and stomps and says I just don't understand that he is simply asking for money to pay the debt I had already agreed to when I bought the bike.

Allison Reynolds
Excellent article on Eight Gables...

Dear Editor,
That was an excellent article in the Mt. Vernon Signal concerning the Eight Gable Hotel as well as all the other photographs including the train turntable at Livingston and the passenger trains no.21,22, 23, and 24.

When I was growing up at Brodhead, I, as well as several other boys would

run down and carry box lunches on the passenger train at noon. Each boy would carry 5 box lunches which included coffee, pie, and a good lunch at a total cost of 0.75 cents per lunch. We would get 15 cents for selling the lunches and spend the 15 cents in the pinball machines before returning to school.

The three restaurants at Brodhead were Mrs. Murphies, Mrs Friths, and Mrs. Clarks. In the evenings we would carry in coal for the different restaurants and likewise spend our money on pinball machines. Each one of these restaurants kept hogs on their back lots where the hogs could get partially into the water. Made some very good spots for catching fish.

Back then the old steam engines would stop and take on water at Brodhead and the old pumphouse still exists where it pumped water out of the river up into the water towers. Lord we had a good time growing up in the small communities like Brodhead.

Keep up your good work!

Jim Cass
London, KY

Enjoyed reading Eight Gables article...

Dear Editor,
I enjoyed reading your article on the Eight Gables in Livingston. I wasn't familiar with that area. I am from a railroad family. I lived my childhood at Wildie just north of Livingston. My Uncle John French ran the pump house that put water into water tanks. Many trains stopped there. We had other relatives and friends employed by then L&N R.R. Company. My Dad worked 35 years for the bridge department. Earlier 5 years on a section gang that was hard labor at that time. My Uncle J.A. White was a signal man. I give him and his job credit for my survival. Oh! I failed to men-

tion I am a depression baby, born 1932. Proud to be 80 this year. I think I was about 2 years old when I had diphtheria. My Uncle and Aunt provided my medicine, money was so scarce those days. My parents lived at Hurrrikan Hollow in Rockcastle County. Back to my version of Wildie. Passenger trains we had were #18 morning, #30 around noon, #32 in evening. Going north. South bound were #29 at noon and #17 at somewhere between 11-12 p.m. at night.

My husband J.T. Poff worked as a brakeman starting in 1955 to 1988. L&N at the beginning then Seaboard Coastline then CSX. When I was a child at Wildie we rode train #30 to Berea and walked from the depot to town, shopped for Mom and rode #29 home. We had about one hour to do our shopping and get back to the depot. I wondered if the trains in your article #22 & 24 and #21 and 23 came from Louisville to Livingston. Mine ran from Cincinnati to Corbin. I and my family are left alone without our railroad only wonderful memories of railroad and trains.

Sarah Poff
Berea, KY

"Roots"

(Cont. from A2)

George Washington before he was buried elsewhere.

Some of the national disasters that D.C has foretold were the assassinations of Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, and John Kennedy; the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan, the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the 1929 Stock Market crash, and of course was spotted the night of September 10, 2001-the night before the 9-11 tragedy.

has left his own mark on the Capitol Building. In the Capitol Rotunda, on the floor near the old entrance to the Senate Hall set in that stone floor is a set of cat footprints said to have been made by D.C, the phantom

demon cat of Washington.

January 20, 2013 was the swearing in of President Obama. One has to wonder if a security guard or caretaker in Washington has seen "D.C."? Strange But True?

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(Remember, I'm always looking for a bit of Rockcastle history. If you have a story to tell, and all of us do, please contact me at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net)

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

that day. You never saw two boys so excited. Then my mother gave us an assignment.

It was about one hundred yards from my house to my grandparents' house, and Bee suggested that we shovel a path to their house. It took us the entire morning to carve a path to Pop's house. When we finally made it, we walked into Mommie Katie's kitchen to find that she had two large mugs of hot chocolate waiting for us. I do believe that might have been the best hot chocolate that I have ever had. Because the roads were in such poor condition for driving, Charles' parents agreed to let him spend another night with me.

There is another snow day that I will never forget when several of my friends and I staged one of the most aggressive snow ball fights ever. Kenneth Hansel, Billy Ramsey, Earl Benton Cromer, Paul Hansel, Glenn Cromer, and I were in my yard. We divided into two teams, and each team was determined to be declared the champion snow ball fighters of the neighborhood. That was the most memorable snow ball fight I have ever witnessed. After about an hour of rock 'em and sock 'em, Mommie Katie decided that we all needed to warm up a bit. It was a notion that we would not challenge because it meant that we were to enjoy hot chocolate in her kitchen. We were so cold, wet, and exhausted that we dropped to the floor and watched television in the living room until we dried out and truly warmed up.

When I first started to drive, I owned a '58 Chevy and, for some reason, I loved to drive my car in the snow. There was one Saturday evening when it had been snowing all day long, and I drove my Chevy down to Mt. Vernon to see if any of my friends had also made it out to town. To my surprise, I was the only teenager on the streets that night. I finally went to some of my friends' homes and managed to convince their parents that we were going to the Dinner Bell Restaurant for burgers and fries. The group that I assembled included: Marty Sowder, Lloyd Fain, Dorcus Woodall, Paul Daily, Patsy Cummins, Bud Cox, and Howard Coffey. We spent several hours watching the snow pile higher and higher on the roads. Eventually, we

all decided to pile into my car and drive around town. One of our adventures was to drive out to the high school parking lot and do "doughnuts" as my car spun around and around. I can still hear those girls screaming as we created circles in the snow.

I cannot remember a single night when snow in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County prevented me from driving my automobile. I loved to drive in the snow, and I believe I was pretty good at maneuvering my vehicle when the roads were snow covered. Since my car was a standard shift, I was able to take it almost anywhere I wanted to go.

One night, Bud Cox and I decided to see if we could go all over the county on snow-covered roads. We made it to Mary Ellen Hansel's house (way on the other side of Renfro Valley), the water reservoir, Brodhead, and even up on Chicken Ranch Hill. Not one time did we get stuck and have to turn around. I even let Bud drive part of the time. Because of his training as an ambulance driver, I was comfortable with him behind the wheel of my car. We were extremely proud of our driving skills.

When I was still teach-

ing, I really loved snow days. One of my friends and a co-teacher, Larry Jefferson, and I spent many snow days riding around in one of my SUV's. One could say that I have many frosty recollections.

Even as a senior citizen, I still love it when huge snows have covered the area where I live. I have a sign above my back door that says, "Let It Snow - Let It Snow - Let It Snow." That sign is there all year around. But I will admit that I'm not so anxious anymore to hit the roads in the snow. Don't get me wrong, I am still, in my humble opinion, an excellent driver in inclement weather.

However, these days I usually find myself quite content to keep my snow adventures close to home. And I don't need to gather up a bunch of people in order to enjoy a beautiful snowfall - my faithful companion, Shiloh, and I do just fine.

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Mt. Vernon Council Meeting Date Changed

Due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday falling on January 21st (regular meeting date), the Mt. Vernon City Council will instead meet Monday, January 28th at 7 p.m.

Volunteers Needed at BVFD

Help your community, join the Brodhead Fire Department. Applications available at www.brodheadfire.com or at Brodhead City Hall.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Jan. 28th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek and Wildie. **Tues., Jan. 29th:** Pongo, Ky. 3245 and Bryant Ridge. **Wed., Jan. 30th:** Seek 'n Learn and Wayne Stewart Center.

Brodhead Alliance Committee

The BAC will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 7th at 6 p.m. at Brodhead City Hall. Please note the change in location. The public is welcome.

Foster/Adoptive Parents Needed

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will begin new classes for those interested in becoming foster/adoptive parents, on February 4th. For more information, please contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

Tenth Annual Books for Bikes

Registration for the Tenth Annual Books for Bikes began January 7th and will continue through January 31st at the Rockcastle County Public Library in Mt. Vernon.

Conceal Carry Class

Concealed Carry Class, February 1st, Renfro Valley, Ky. For information call 606-256-3800.

Kiwanis Meeting Change

The Kiwanis Thursday luncheon meetings are held at the Tea Cup Cafe, Main St., Mt. Vernon.

VFW News

During the winter months, the post will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

RCIDA Meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Authority Board meets the first Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. on the third floor (teleconference room) of the courthouse. The public is invited.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at The Renfro Valley Lodge in Renfro Valley. Everyone welcome.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month at the Back Porch Restaurant in the Renfro Valley Village. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Ford Brothers Auctioneers-Realtors held their Annual Awards Banquet for 2012 at the Hal Rogers Fire Training Center in Somerset on Saturday, January 5th. Sales awards were presented to top producers from each office as well as company wide.

The Million Dollar Award: Matthew Silcox (Mt Vernon), Shelby Reed (Mt Vernon), Johnny Alcorn (Mt

Vernon), and Penny Jones (Somerset).

The Two Million Dollar Club Award: Paula Chadwell (London), Jeffrey Cromer (Mt Vernon), Sharon Bengé (London), Debbie Hoskins (London), Rhonda Smith (London), and Ron Shaw (Somerset).

The Three Million Dollar Club Sales Award: Eugene McCowan (London).

The Four Million Dollar

Club Sales Award: Verlan Owens (Somerset).

The Five Million Dollar Club Sales Award: Karl David Reynolds (Somerset).

Local Offices' Rookie of the Year Awards: Doug Bishop (London).

Local Offices' Most Improved Agent of the Year Award: Penny Jones (Somerset).

Local Offices' Auction

Sales Person of the Year Award: Karl David Reynolds (Somerset).

Local Offices' Sales Agent of the Year Awards: Shelby Reed (Mt Vernon), Paula Chadwell (London), Verlan Owens (Somerset).

Local Offices' Listing Agent of the Year Awards: Eugene McCowan (London), Jeffrey Cromer (Mt Vernon), and Ron Shaw (Somerset).

Local Offices' Top Pro-

ducer of the Year Awards: Karl David Reynolds (Somerset), Eugene McCowan (London), and Jeffrey Cromer (Mt Vernon).

Company Wide Award for Auction Salesperson of the Year: Karl David Reynolds (Somerset).

Company Wide Award for Real Estate Salesperson of the Year: Verlan Owens (Somerset).

Company Wide Award

for Listing Agent of the Year: Eugene McCowan (London).

Company Wide Award for Top Producer of the Year: Karl David Reynolds (Somerset).

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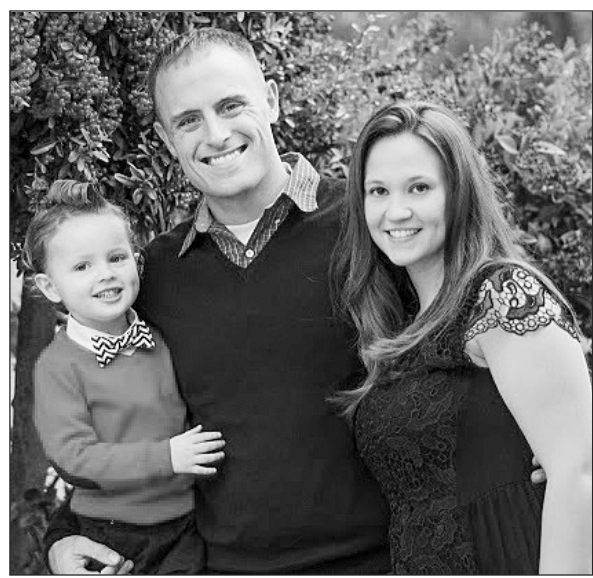
"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

was born, as near as I can tell, around 1930 at UZ, Kentucky, a small community on the upper North Fork of the Kentucky River, seven miles or so downstream from Whitesburg. His family later moved to Dry Fork, a nearby tributary of the river, and later to McRoberts and Jenkins where he finished high school.

After high school, he attended Morehead State College and Coyne Electrical School in Chicago where he earned a degree electricity and electronics. After career stints in Texas and New Mexico, he moved to Colorado where he has lived for the last 45 years. After retiring in 1997, he began a second career in writing and publishing. He has written several historical novels set in the West.

Eastern Kentucky Short Stories is the culmination of over 4 years of dedicated research, including numerous interviews conducted during frequent trips back to the hills of home. The last 20 pages of the book detail reference sources and a bibliography Adams relied on to document his work. Several articles from Letcher County's Mountain Eagle, written up to 100 years ago



Canterbury promoted to SSGT..

On January 1, 2013 SGT. Cory Canterbury, a 9 1/2 year Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, was promoted to Staff Sergeant. SSGT Canterbury is currently serving on his 5th deployment, with the 31st Military Expeditionary Unit (MEU). His current home station is Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California. SSGT. Canterbury and his wife Christina (Amyx) Canterbury are both 2003 graduates of Rockcastle County High School, and they have a son, Cooper Green. Congratulations Cory. We are so very proud of you.

are cited and I found it interesting to compare writing and reporting styles from then to now.

The book is laced with several humorous and insightful personal essays about growing up in Letcher County during the Great Depression and the formative years of the coal industry. It contains some insight into the lives of several early, notorious politicians and other unsavory charac-

ters. Several essays are dedicated to murders, hangings, lynchings, and ambushes.

A dozen or so pieces document Civil War activity in the mountains. Several others describe feuding activity. I found myself totally fascinated with Letcher County's Wright-Reynolds Feud and found myself embarrassed that I'd scarcely heard about it. Hair-raising stories having to do with Ku-Klux-Klan activity in the hills also surprised me.

The bottom line is that there is something here for anybody interested in the formative years of, especially Letcher, as well as Pike, Harlan, Knott and Perry Counties in Kentucky and Wise County, Virginia.

The book contains 460 pages when introductory material is included, hundreds of photographs, portraits and illustrations and not an inch of available space is wasted. The pages are literally crammed with concise information.

At this writing, the easiest way to get a copy of the book is to order directly from the author at: M.C.A. Books, PO Box 804 Lupton, CO 80621. The cost is \$27.50 plus \$5.00 S&H--\$32.50 per book. If you want to order multiple copies, S&H is only \$1.00 for each additional copy.

The only retail outlets that I am aware of are the John B. Adams Store in Isom (Letcher County) KY, Heritage Nook Books in Pound, Virginia and Top Drawer Gallery in the Old Town section of Berea, KY.

I don't have phone numbers for the first two, but I do suggest you call Top Drawer at 859-985-2907 to be sure they have it in stock. I know for sure, that either of these retailers can have a copy for you within a week if they are currently sold out.

I would also suggest that Book Stores or other retailers interested in stocking the book get in touch with the author at 303-857-6122 or email him, mcabooks@live.com or write to the address above. Mr. Adams allows retailers a generous profit margin as well as free shipping for orders of more than 12 copies.

I will finish my second reading of Eastern Kentucky Short Stories tonight, but I have marked at least a dozen places in the book that I intend to read, yet again.

Local Boy Scouts enjoy activities in Somerset event

The attached photo shows Ethan Cromer, age 7, and his mother, Melissa Cromer. Both acknowledged waivers to have their photos in a public newspaper for the Boy Scouts.

This past Saturday the Lake Cumberland District, Boy Scouts of America, invited hundreds of area youth to participate in a day of fun and activity at the Somerset Fitness Center in Somerset. The boys were from Cub Scout packs in the eight county areas of Lake Cumberland. The day included both siblings and parents to enjoy the day swimming and designing cars for their annual Pinewood Derby/Polar Bear Swim activities with each pack.

utilized power saws and other equipment to cut the designs that each boy chose. In the next few weeks the scouts will be sanding and painting their cars for competitive racing. Over 100 scouts, siblings and adults enjoyed the day of scouting activities in family fun.

The Rockcastle County Pack 263 enjoyed the activity and each participant received a Polar Bear Splash patch. Pack 263 is chartered by the Light House Assembly of Mt. Vernon.

Anyone interested in scouting may go the Bluegrass Council's Boy Scouts of America website at www.bgbsa.org, or phone Scout District Executive Danny Ashlock at 859-583-9627.

Adult scout volunteers



Ethan Cromer, 7, and his mother, Melissa Cromer were among those participating in Boy Scouts activities held in Somerset.

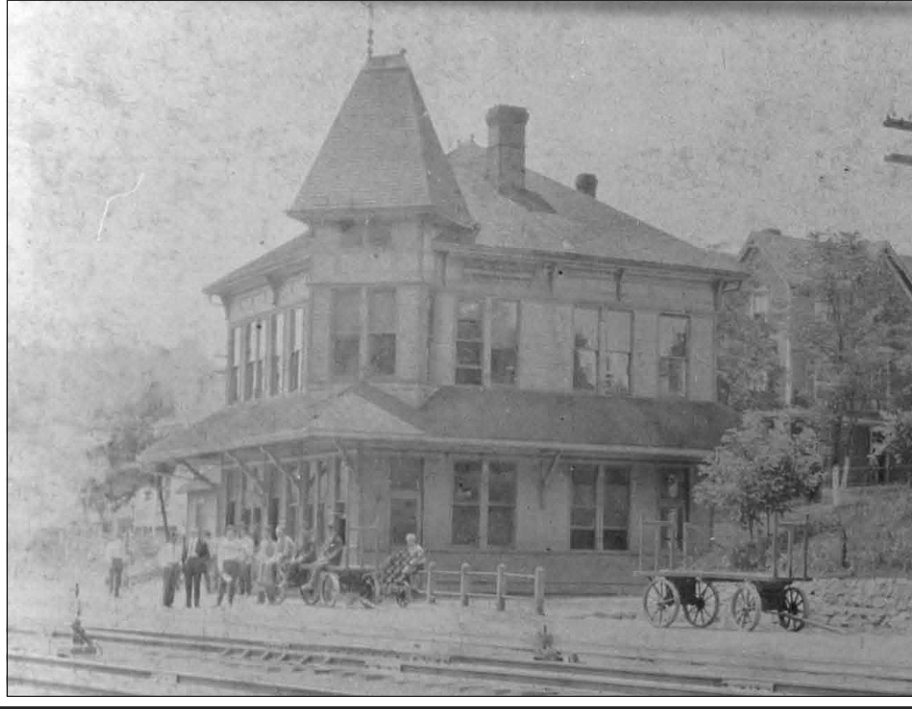
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Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photograph shows the Livingston Train Depot being turned down. Pictured below is the Depot before the demolition. If you have a picture for Blast From The Past contact David Owens 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.



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Local UNITE Clubs selected as Clubs of the Year for Region 1

Three Rockcastle County UNITE Clubs have been selected as the UNITE Clubs of the Year for Region 1.

Mt. Vernon Elementary, Rockcastle County Middle and Rockcastle County High were three of nine schools recognized for their exceptional programs during the 2011-12 school year.

To qualify, each club submitted a scrapbook showcasing their monthly activities, service projects and mentoring activities. Scrapbooks were judged in elementary, middle and high school categories to determine the regional winners.

Winning clubs will be awarded an additional \$750 funding for anti-drug activities during the 2012-13 school year and members will be treated to a pizza party by Operation UNITE.

"Participation in UNITE Clubs increases the students' protective factors, such as positive role models, high self-esteem, healthy lifestyles, high student achievement, and positive relationships," said Debbie Trusty, UNITE education director.

"Students participate in service projects at school and in the community that are aimed at increasing their awareness of civic responsibility and development of leadership qualities," Trusty said. "UNITE Clubs give

students the opportunity to practice resistance skills at their school and in their community."

There were 95 registered UNITE Clubs in 23 counties during the 2011-12 school year. These clubs had 6,841 student members.

UNITE Clubs help youth develop healthy attitudes and behaviors by learning and practicing life skills, enhancing academic performance, connecting peers, adults, communities and learning through service.

Youth are involved in developing and conducting activities designed to help make their schools and communities healthy and drug-free as well as mentoring younger students.

UNITE Club of the Year Winners

Region 1 – Mt. Vernon Elementary (Rockcastle County), Rockcastle County Middle, Rockcastle County High.

Region 2 – Hayes-Lewis Elementary (Leslie County), Pineville Middle (Bell County) and Whitesburg Middle (Letcher County).

Region 3 – Rogers Elementary (Wolfe County), Johns Creek Middle (Pike County), Belfry High (Pike County).

For more information about UNITE Clubs visit the Operation UNITE website at www.operationunite.org or www.operationunite.org.



Blast From The Past....

Shown above are members of the 1951 Brodhead High School cheerleading squad, from left: Laverne Albright, Mary LaFevers, Everett Gentry, Rhetta Hendrickson and Kathleen Albright.

RCMS Honor Roll...

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Voyagers - Seth Barrett, Jasmine Barron, Janelle Brown, Cade Burdette, Carl Cantrell, Jordan Casteel, Joseph Coffey, Katelynn Cook-Vance, Hannah Denny, Amber Doan, Brittany Doan, Dalton Durham, Zachary Fetters, Paige Fowler, Shelby French, Kayla Ginter, J.D. Hamilton, Sierra Hansel, Alexandria Hasty, Brianna Headrick, Evan Hendrickson, Sydney Hines, Sierra Johnson, Elizabeth Kidwell, Logan Kidwell, McKenzie Lowery, Heather Miller, Kagan Miller, Lindsay Mink, Jacob Mobley, Jaden Payne, Tessa Pickle, Eli Rose, Casey Rowland, Cayden Shaver, Amber Silva, Isaac Stratton, Bailey Taylor, Angelina Weaver, Katlyn Williams, Tyler Wood, Billy Wynn.

Adventurers - Isaiah Amyx, Nathaneal Barnett, Clare Beichler, McKayla Blair, Katina Bond, Brandon Bullock, Marshall Cain, Elizabeth Cameron, Haley Carpenter, Lauryn Carpenter, Carlee Cash, Kyle Cash, Joseph Cowan, Julie Cox, Jackson Cromer, Jesse Day, Emily Deubel, Joy Frith, Shelby Goff, Noah Gross, Angel Halcomb, Kendra Hensley, Kristin Holcomb, Anthony Houk, Tasha Howard, Grant Isaacs, Austin Kirby, Rebekah Lake, Peggy Lawson, John Lear, Brent Lovell, Cora Machal, Lindsey Mahaffey, Morgan Mason, Anna McClure, Jacob McGuire, Logan Miller, Pamela Miller, Kiersten Mink, Mackenzie Payne, Brooklyn Reynolds, Shyann Reynolds, Hunter Rigsby, Sarah Roberts, Lea Ellen Rogers, Michael Rowe, Makayla Singleton, Austin Smith, April Volk, Madison Wilson.

Shooting Stars - Brinkley Abney, Emily Adams, Dylan Anderson, Hannah Artley, Holden Barnett, Logan Barnett, Megan Bond, Sam Brickley, Cameron Brown, Miranda Brown, Grant Bryant, Haley Bullock, Keith Carpenter, Kennedy Carpenter, Tanner Carrera, Charles Clark, Hannah Cotton, Karlee Cromer, Ashley Crouch, Nick Dillingham, Michael Flint, Alysa Goodman, Dixie Hammond, Aaron Helton, Chelsea Helton, Jacob Hensley, Claudia Holstein, Sydney Hughes, Tony Jones, Mahala King, Brooklyn Lane, Dylan Long, Malee Mason, Jessica McFerron, Taylor Mink, Breonya Napier, Destiny Osborne,

Kira Owens, Megan Peacock, Makayla Pennington-Lopez, Jordyn Powell, Makayla Powell, Raymond Pursiful, Makayla Roberts, Nicole Rountree, Brandon Smith, Andrew Spoonamore, Megan Taylor, Shyanne Thomas, Caden Vanhooose, Kimberley Wheat, Ryan Winstead, Hannah Zanet.

Challengers - Makayla Abney, Mackenzie Alexander, Ashton Ashcraft, Tommy Benge, Jacob Blair, Marina Blevins, Anna Buckley, Taylor Bullock, Sierra Carpenter, Brittany Cash, Logan Coffey, Dominique Cope, Olivia Copenhaver, Cameron Coy, Austin Cromer, Megan Cromer, Presley Cromer, Heaven Davidson, Kristen Day, Ethan Elliott, Maleigha Elliott, Paul Holbrook, Hannah Howard, Alex Jaramillo, Austin Jasper, Logan Jett, Dalton Killen, Tiffany King, Brianna Lay, Drew Martin, Ryan Martin, Brandon McCown, Kylie McDiffitt, Isaiah Mercer, Jennifer Mercer, Sierra Mercer, Tara Mink, Tony Moore, Madison Navarre, Shelby Newcomb, Tabitha Newcomb, Ciana Owens, Emily Payne, Rebekah Pearson, Anna Petrey, Jonah Pillion, Andrew Ponder, Callie Powell, Cassie Poynter, Adrianna Reams, Allison Renner, Cierra Robbins, Jared Robinson, Kerra Robinson, Travis Ross, Katelyn Smith, Savannah Smith, Dylan Spoonamore, Madison Stewart, Logan Taylor, Rodney Thacker, Michael Tomlinson, D.J. Vanwinkle, Adrienne Walker, Frankie Woodall, Jaran Woods.

Comets - Jayna Albright, Sarah Alcorn, Daniel Alexander, John Ballinger, Emme Barker, Jaiden Barnes, Chelsea Barnett, Michaela Barron, Victoria Barron, Dakota Bishop, Samantha Bradley, Abigail Bray, Madelyn Bullen, Thomas Burdette, Sarah Callahan, Eric Caudill, Carley Childress, Caroline Coguer, Jacob Collins, John Cornelius, Kieara Cromer, William Daugherty, Morgan Didelot, Tiffany Fain, Maggie Franklin, Lucas Gentry, Shelby Ham, Katelyn Hensley, Buddy Herring, Destiny Johnson, Lucas Jones, Hope Kelley, McKenzie King, Caleb Kirby, Juliann Kirby, Arie-Anna Lawson, Desiree Mason, Chayse McClure, Andrew McKinney, Ashley McKinney, Ileana Miller, Tina Miller, Steven Mills, Carson Noble, Zachary Pheanis, Sarah Poynter, Gary Prewitt, Lanna Prewitt, Cory Ratliff, Delton Robinson, Devon Robinson, Dylon

Robinson, Dalton Rowe, Mikaela Sadler, Christie Samples, Austin Saylor, Mahala Saylor, Serena Shackelford, Kevin Smith, Courtney Spires, Abby

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Aaron Drew Davidson, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio has recently performed stand-up comedy routines at numerous prominent comedy clubs such as the Go Bananas Comedy Club in Cincinnati, Funny Bone Comedy Club in Newport and Comedy Off Broadway in Lexington. Comedic superstars such as Drew Carey, Dave Chappelle, Ellen DeGeneres, Jerry Seinfeld and Tim Allen all performed with at least one of the three comedy clubs.

“Davidson”
(Cont. from front)

“People then laughed and started joking about how I was supposed to be stalling for the juggler. People laughed at my jokes when I was not trying to read some other dude’s jokes.”

After the high school assembly, Davidson said he started writing his own jokes instead of reciting other comedian’s jokes. However, while growing up he said he always put his comedy on the “back burner” as he was trying to focus on a more “respectable” career.

As the years flew by, Davidson graduated from RCHS and attended Centre College in Danville and Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights.

While at NKU, he graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Acting Performance in the class of 2011.

Davidson said that he rekindled his interest in comedy during his birthday party at Crazy Fox Saloon on July 11, 2012. During his party, it was “Open Mic” night where amateur comedians got their chance to perform their stand-up routines on stage.

“I looked over at my girlfriend and told her that I had always wanted to do that,” Davidson said. “She looked at me sternly and told me that I needed to get up there and try it! So of course I listened to her because she wasn’t going to let me give up on the idea.”

Davidson said he then wrote his name down on the list. After realizing he didn’t have any paper, Davidson said he rushed to the bathroom so he could quickly write down some jokes on toilet paper.

Once his name was called, Davidson said he experienced one of the most exciting moments in his entire life as approximately a hundred people were laughing and smiling at his jokes.

“I knew right then I wanted to get serious about comedy. I didn’t know how I was going to do it but I knew I had to give it another try,” Davidson said. “It was more exhilarating than acting or playing a character on stage. It was only my mannerisms, my lines and my thoughts with no other actors or directors. It was just me, myself and I and I loved it!”

After his first open mic session, Davidson said people started requesting and paying him to perform for their private parties. He said bands started paying him to perform stand-up before their concerts and comedy clubs also starting paying and requesting him to perform his stand-up comedy routines as well.

“I opened up for a rock band called Thruster in front of 400 people. My name was even on their radio advertisements on WEBN, one of the main Cincinnati radio stations,” Davidson said. “I’m actually getting paid to perform comedy after a matter of months. It has really been an awesome seven months.”

Davidson said that he is

auditioning for graduate school this spring and that he is planning on pursuing his Master’s Degree in Fine Arts and Acting. However, he said that if he doesn’t get accepted to any of the graduate schools he wants that he is going to move to Los Angeles to pursue a comedy career.

“My dream would be to work at Second City or Groundlings out in L.A.” Davidson said. “Those are big improv groups where a lot of SNL cast members come from. I’d love to get a booking agent and do comedy around the country. It has always been a dream of mine and I will always question myself in life if I don’t give it a try.”

“Express”
(Cont. from front)

Stride series consistently gives runners and walkers an incentive to complete at least some of the recommended exercise. In addition to muscle strengthening activities two or more days a week, the Centers for Disease Control recommends one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity such as jogging and running, or two and half hours of moderate-intensity aerobic activity such as brisk walking.

Entry fees are inexpensive, and giveaways and age-division trophies are given to participants. There are incentives as well. Those who complete seven of the 12 events will receive a free long-sleeve County-wide Stride T-shirt. Participants get the shirt and a \$25 gift certificate for completing 10, and an additional personalized plaque for finishing all 12 races.

Details about each race can be found at rockcastleregional.org. A publication called Rockcastle Strides, which highlights the races and local runners and walker, is also being distributed throughout the community. Free copies can be picked up at the hospital’s registration desk.

Proceeds from Sunday’s race go to the American Cancer Society.

For more information, contact Susan Turley at Rockcastle Regional at 606-256-7746.

“Vacancy”
(Cont. from front)

tion and this had been done in the *Signal* twice, as required. However, the superintendent also said that he had been told by the state that only one application had been received and that two were required to meet the requirements of the statue. Since only one application had been received -- the state does not provide the name of the applicant, Pensol said -- the local board must run the advertisement for two more weeks, on January 31st and February 7th. If, after the required advertisement cycle has been repeated, and no candidates or only one candidate has applied, further advertisements may be suspended and other meth-

ods considered to recruit additional applicants.

“The Commissioner said if we didn’t have two applicants by the 90 day deadline, they would extend it, Pensol said. “We are hoping we don’t have to do that. We are hoping the Commissioner gets at least two candidates during this next advertising process so he can appoint someone before the deadline.”

“Insurance”
(Cont. from front)

between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Superintendent David Pensol said that his office has not received their bill of how much they owe yet. However, he is certain that the amount they owe will be minimal.

“We have not been with them since the early 1990s,” Pensol said. “We are not sure what our exact amount will be, but we are certain that the amount we owe will be very small.”

Pensol said the school board realized years ago that they could have lower premiums for the same type of coverage with other companies instead of with KSBIT.

“We have most of our insurance through Van Meter Insurance Group,” Pensol said. “We realized years ago that we could broker out our insurance in order to get the best bang for our buck. We will always take the lowest bid for the highest amount of insurance coverage.”

Pensol went on to say that he thought it was unfortunate that many of the other school districts, with larger liability will have to cut their budgets as a result of the dissolution of KSBIT.

“A lot of districts are going to have to make drastic cuts to their budget in order to pay their bill,” Pensol said. “We are very fortunate that we won’t have to do that here in Rockcastle County.”

Fiscal court buys used tractor/mower

At a special called meeting of the fiscal court Wednesday, the court voted to buy a tractor and boom mower for the road department.

The tractor, a New Holland with Diamond Mower attached, has been used for 2600 hours and is coming from the Alabama State Highway Department. It was purchased from an equipment company in Owenton.

On a motion by Magistrate Ralph Allen, the purchase was approved with Magistrate Lee Earl Adams voing no. Adams said he preferred a new machine.

The purchase price was \$55,000 and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis said the cost of a new machine would have been in the \$90,000-plus range and would have been lighter weight equipment.

The only other item on the agenda was payment of \$989.85 to Central Body Service for the repair of damages to the portable sign message board that was hit by a car. The damages were covered by insurance.

“Kidd”
(Cont. from front)

discover young talented musicians. The auditions will be an annual event, Kidd said.

“We have discovered so many young and locally talented musicians through these auditions,” Kidd said. “These musicians that we discovered through last year’s audition went on to help shape our 2012 Renfro Valley shows.”

Kidd went on to say it will be hard for her to leave Renfro Valley and all the memories she has accumulated while CEO.

“I will always have a special love for Renfro Valley,” Kidd said. “I have always loved the people and the tradition here at the Valley. Leaving these things will be the hardest for me.”

Brodhead man arrested for possession

By: Doug Ponder

A Brodhead man was arrested for meth possession Monday night after officers responding to a complaint at the Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene was Richard Dean York, 53, of Brodhead.

According to Kentucky State Police reports, troopers Ryan Loudermilk and Eric Moore went to the residence while performing “knock and talk” investigations in the area.

After receiving consent from York to search the apartment, officers found two used syringes, a tray of suspected methamphetamine and coffee filters inside the residence. York told officers that he had previously used the two syringes to inject prescription medicine.

Dean was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, first degree. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$5,000 10% bond.

BHS Alumni Banquet will be April 6th

The 55th Annual Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6th. Please note that this is one week later than normal since the committee decided to hold the banquet one week after Easter week instead of Easter weekend.

Honored classes this year are: 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. Members of the honored classes are encouraged to help spread word of the change in date. All graduates, family and friends are welcome. Letters are being sent to members of the honored classes.

The meal will be catered by Ladonna’s of London and will be served at 7 p.m. Early reservations are encouraged and will be \$20 per person. Reservation checks may be sent to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. If any class wants to meet, room will be made available. The last graduating class at the high school was the Class of 1972.

“Ambulance”
(Cont. from front)

ALS equipment for one of their six ambulances and that they will also be hiring paramedics for the ALS ambulance within the next few months.

Pensol estimated that staffing the paramedics and EMT’s on their ambulances will cost about \$170,000 to \$180,000 more a year. He said that Rockcastle Regional Hospital also donated \$50,000 for new cardiac monitors and the Fiscal Court gave \$60,000 toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

Pensol said that the board has still not finalized a schedule on how many paramedics they will need and that is something they will be figuring out in the next few months.

“We will still have to work out a schedule that will provide the most care to the community and be the most affordable for us,” Pensol said. “It will be a tentative schedule but we are hoping to get everything we want accomplished in 2013.”

Pensol said that through the ALS care and the hiring of paramedics, the ambulance board will be improving the level of care they can provide the county with

their ambulance service.

“We want to make an effort to improve our level of care to our service area,” Pensol said. “Having an ALS ambulance will move us to a higher degree of healthcare, which is our main goal here at the ambulance service.”

Church News

Renfro Valley Chapel
Non-denominational services are held at Renfro Valley Chapel each Sunday at 9 a.m. They are led by Joe Bussell, Jr. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us.









Revival
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Lady Rockets defeat Mercer County, 66-43

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets varsity basketball team snapped a four game losing streak with an impressive 66-43 win over the Mercer County Lady Titans Tuesday night.

With the Mercer County win, the Lady Rockets are now 13-8 on the season and 2-3 in district play.

During Tuesday night's game, the Lady Rockets came out hot and energetic in the first half jumping out to an early 22-20 lead at the

end of the first quarter and a 35-30 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Rockets improved their game, leading 54-35 at the end of the third quarter and pulling away from the Lady Titans in the fourth quarter for a final score of 66-43.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by all-state senior guard Michaela Hunter with 18 points, senior guard Sara Adams was next with 17, senior guard Emily Miller and sophomore guard

Alaina Coguer were both credited with 10 each, sophomore Amelia Eversole scored 9 and junior guard Brianna Hansel got 2.

The Mercer County win came after a 54-49 loss to Casey County at home last Friday night. Casey County also beat the Lady Rockets 63-57 one week prior to last Friday night's match-up.

During last Friday night's game, the Lady Rockets outscored Casey County 13-9 in the first quarter but the Lady Rebels battled back, putting up 14 points in the second quarter for a 23-21 lead at the end of the first half.

The Lady Rebels momentum continued after halftime as they led 34-29 at the end of the third quarter. They would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 54-49.

The Lady Rockets were once again led by Michaela Hunter with 22 points, Sara Adams was next with 14, Emily Miller scored 7 and Alexis Chasteen had 6.

The Lady Rockets also had to play their two games this past week without senior guard Alexis Chasteen who reinjured her left ACL during the Casey County game last Friday night. Chasteen originally injured her ACL last year and was out for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season. She will also be out for the remainder of this season as well.

Head Coach Chrysti
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Sophomore guard Sam Pensol dribbles around a Rebel defender during last Friday night's 58-39 win against Casey County. Pensol led the Rockets in scoring with 17 points.

Rockets lose to Madison Southern

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle Rockets varsity basketball team is now 6-15 on the season and 2-3 in district play after a 73-56 loss against Madison Southern and a 58-39 win against Casey County.

The Rockets traveled to Berea Tuesday night to square off against the Madison Southern Eagles in what proved to be a close match-up.

The Eagles came out strong, outscoring the Rockets 18-15 at the end of the first quarter and 31-26 at the end of the first half. After halftime, the Eagles extended their lead to 52-40 at the end of the third quarter and 73-56 at the end of the game.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore guard Sam Pensol with 21 points, junior forward Josh Mason

was next with 20, senior center Ben Allen scored 5, senior guard Jon Curtis Wilson 4, sophomore guard Dakota Hasty 3 and junior forward Tyler Harper 2. Senior guard Ashton Arvin and junior guard Corey McPhetridge were both credited with 1 point each.

The Madison Southern loss came after a 58-39 win at home last Friday night against district foe Casey County.

During last Friday night's game, the Rockets jumped out to an early 17-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 31-17 lead at the half. Their momentum continued into the second half as they led 45-28 at the end of the third quarter. The Rockets would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 58-39.

Pensol led the Rockets in scoring with 17 points, Mason was next with 12, Arvin scored 9, Blake Mullins got 8, Allen 5 and Zach Poynter 1. Wilson, Hasty and Bryson Amyx were all credited with 2 points each.

Head Coach Benny Blanton said that he is

pleased with his squad's second district win over Casey County. He said the win will go a long way once the district tournament begins.

"Getting two district wins will help us in the long run when the district tournament begins," Blanton said. "With those wins, we shouldn't have to play the number one seed which increases our chances of getting a win during the first round and advancing to the regional tournament."

The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Rockets game is at 7:30 p.m.

Pulaski County almost doubled the score on the Rockets during their match-up at the beginning of January, beating them 81-43.

"If we can just hang around and stay within 8 or 9 points, you never know what could happen," Blanton said. "If we want a chance to win we have to find a way to score and have a high shooting percentage in the game."

Swim Rockets take 2nd at Barbourville

In their last meet before Regions the RCHS Swim Rockets placed 2nd in a six team meet at Barbourville. The girls placed 1st overall.

The girls got things off to a good start right away by winning the 200 yard Medley relay with the combination of Lauren Burton, Holly Cromer, Kellan Coffey and Rachel Cain.

Senior Heather Clontz kept things going by finishing 2nd in the 200 freestyle.

Sophomore Rachel Cain placed 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle and 3rd in her first time of swimming the 500 yard freestyle.

In one of the most heated races of the day Senior Ashton Arvin out touched

his competitor to win 1st place in the boy's 50 yard freestyle.

Junior Lauren Burton posted her best time of the year in winning the 100 yard butterfly. She also placed 1st in the 100 yard backstroke.

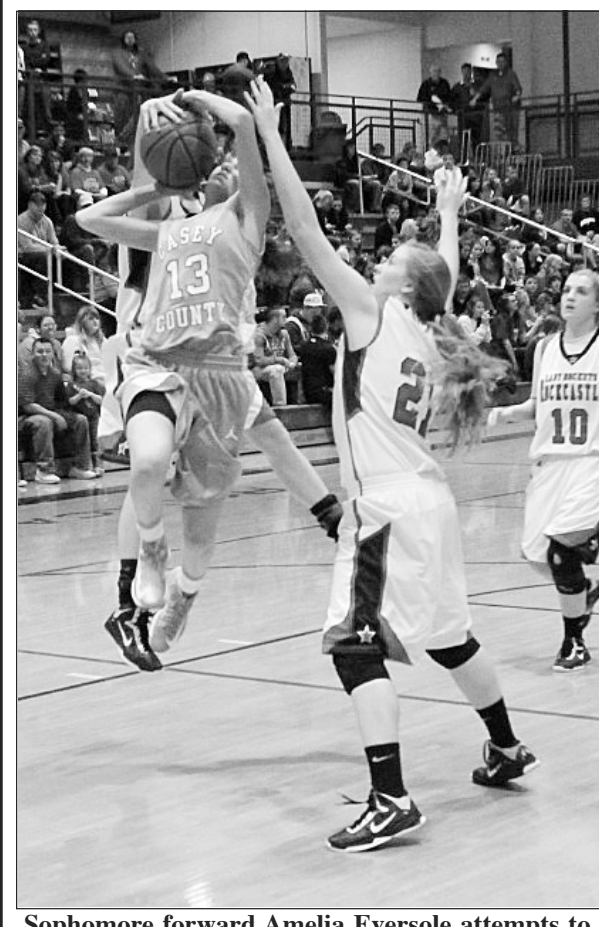
Freshman Emily Childress also turned her fastest time in winning the 100 yard freestyle.

Junior Kellan Coffey, competing for the first time in the 500 yard freestyle, took 2nd.

Heather Clontz, Holly Cromer, Rebecca Barron and Emily Childress finished 2nd in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Senior Jacob Houk was

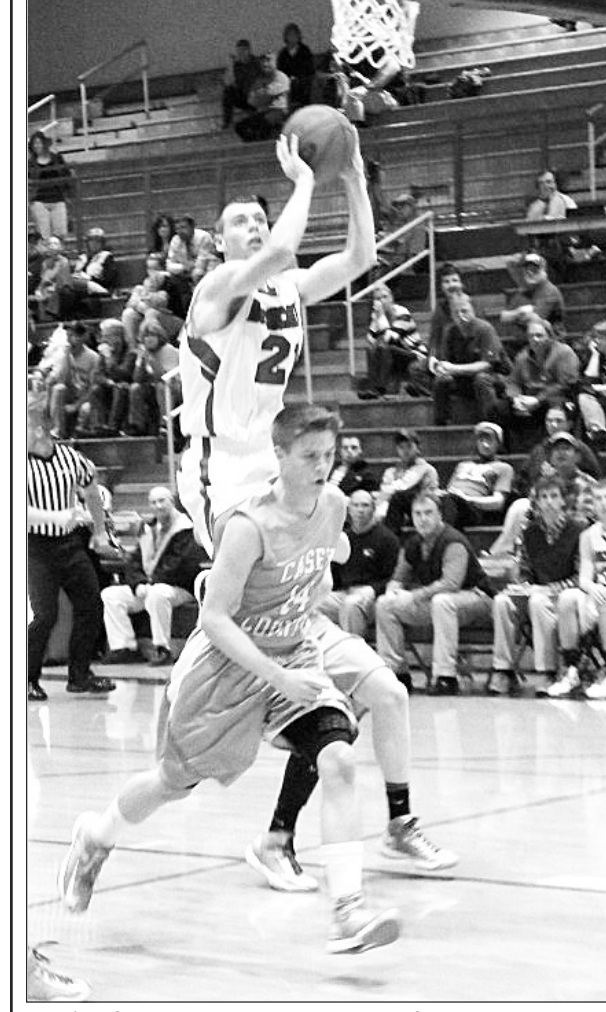
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Sophomore forward Amelia Eversole attempts to block a shot during last Friday night's 54-49 loss to Casey County last Friday night. Casey County also beat the Lady Rockets 63-57 a week prior to last Friday night's match-up.



Sophomore guard Alaina Coguer dribbles around a Rebel defender during last Friday night's 54-49 loss to Casey County. The Lady Rockets beat the Mercer County Titans 66-43 at home Tuesday night.



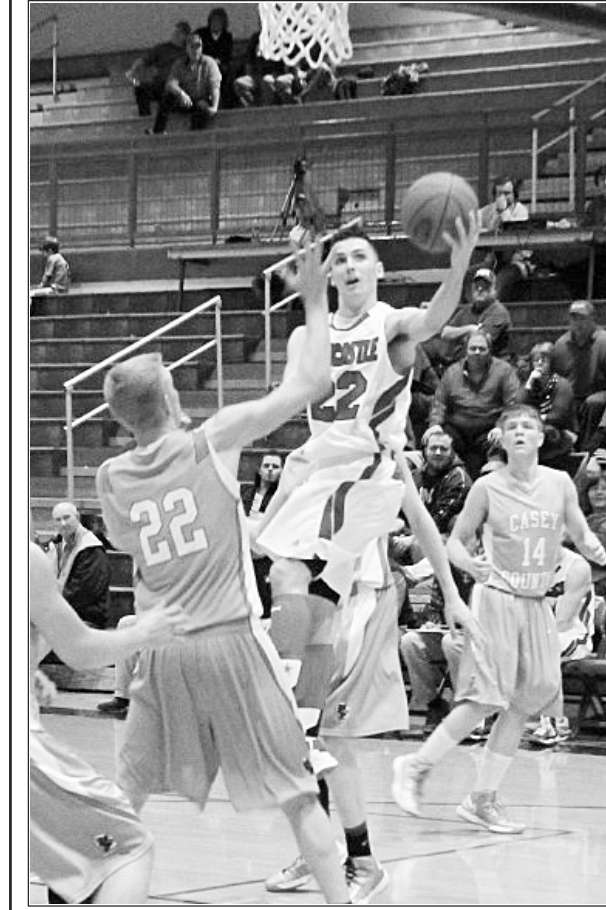
Junior forward Josh Mason goes for a lay-up during last Friday night's 58-39 win at home against Casey County. The Rockets lost to Madison Southern Tuesday night 58-39.



Senior guard Alexis Chasteen puts up a floater during action last Friday night. Chasteen reinjured her left ACL during the game. She originally injured her ACL last year and was out for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season. She will also be out for the remainder of this season as well.



Junior forward Kayla Reynolds and senior guard Emily Miller trap a Lady Rebel defender during last Friday night's 54-49 loss to Casey County. The Lady Rockets will join the Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Lady Rockets game is 6 p.m.



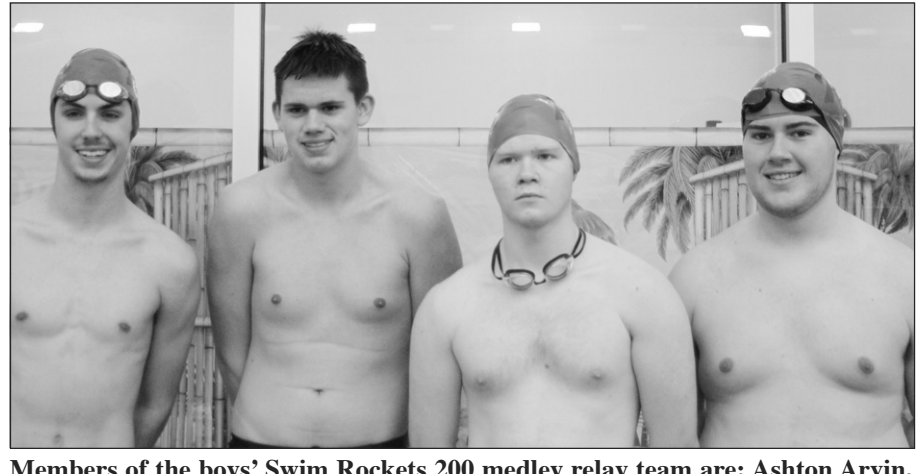
Senior guard Ashton Arvin attempts a lay-up during the 58-39 win against Casey last Friday night. The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Rockets game is 7:30 p.m.



Rock Elite won first place in the 5th grade Shoot Out this past weekend on January 12th and 13th at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Pictured are, front row from left: Coach Gary Burns, Kaleb Burns, Garrett Hamilton, Seth Shepherd, Bentley Taylor, Dakota Kirby, Trevor Todd, Coach Anthony Noel, and Coach Billy Todd.



Members of the girls' Swim Rockets 4 x 100 relay team are: Kellan Coffey, Emily Childress, Lauren Burton, and Rachel Cain.



Members of the boys' Swim Rockets 200 medley relay team are: Ashton Arvin, JT Taylor, Garrett Hasty, and Jacob Houk.

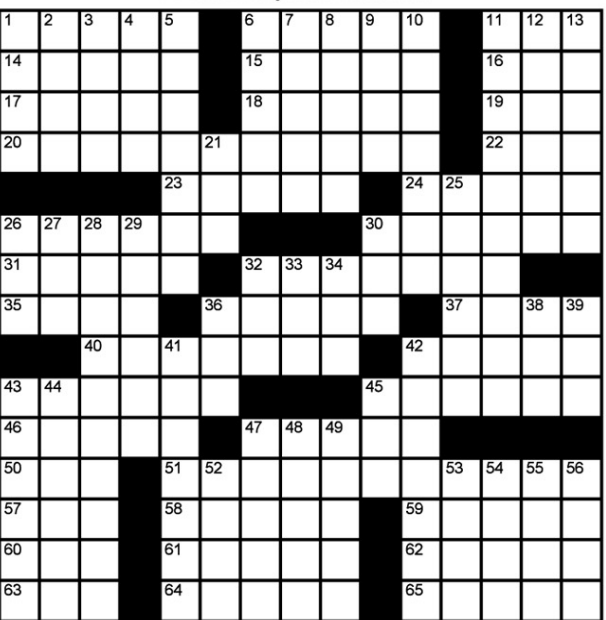
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 5.62 seconds faster in placing 3rd in the 100 yard backstroke.
 In the last race of the day Rachel Cain, Kellan Coffey, Emily Childress and Lauren Burton placed 1st in the girl's 400 yard freestyle relay.
 The Swim Rockets will be back in action in the Region 5 Championship meet at Barbourville on February the 8th.

“Rockets”
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 Noble said that the strong win against Mercer County Tuesday night was what her squad needed after losing four straight games and losing Chasteen to a season-ending injury.
 “It is unfortunate that we lost Alexis during her senior year to a season-ending injury,” Noble said. “I really hope the Mercer County win provides the girls with the motivation to finish the season strong, even without having Alexis in the line-up.”
 The Lady Rockets will join the Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Lady Rockets game is at 6 p.m.
 Noble said Pulaski County is another district game and that every district game they play for the remainder of the season will be important for her team as they need all the district wins they can get.
 “We need to get as many district wins as we can for the remainder of the season,” Noble said. “Our goal is to make it to the regional tournament this year and the higher seed we get in the district tournament, the higher chance we will have of accomplishing that goal.”

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 6. Microsoft's Bill
 11. Alt. spelling
 14. Hilo hello
 15. Frost over
 16. Before of yore
 17. Trip planner's aid
 18. Ballet rail
 19. Big bird of myth
 20. Kentucky city named for George Washington's home
 22. Kentuckian, author
 23. Ghostlike
 24. Family groups
 26. Sound quality
 30. Earthlike shapes
 31. Embellish
 32. Title for George B. or Thomas L.
 35. Faux pas
 36. Breathitt Co. area, or camp craft
 37. Chimney channel
 40. Facing
 42. Kentuckian, baseball's Pee Wee
 43. Highly flavored
 45. College treasurer
 46. Electronics wiz, maybe
 47. Day of "Pillow Talk"
 50. "___ we there yet?"
 51. Kentucky's oldest city, named for an early pioneer
57. Zero
 58. Troy story
 59. Former Governor
 60. Rank above maj.
 61. Kentuckian, artist
 62. De Gaulle's birthplace
 63. Tokyo, once
 64. Painter's plaster
 65. Cherished
- DOWN**
 1. Hat-tipper's word
 2. Choir voice
 3. Aromatic balsam
 4. Comparative word
 5. University at
 6. Richmond, KY
 7. Mites
 8. Lead alloy
 9. Dollar rival
 10. Kentucky county formed from parts of Bullitt, Nelson and Shelby
 11. Woodford Co.'s seat
 12. In the vicinity
 13. Time out
 21. Churchill's sign
 25. Step-in shoe
 26. Summer shade
 27. Bachelor's last words
 28. Kentucky city named for Thomas
- Jefferson's home
 29. Decorative pin
 30. "Oh, my!"
 32. Long-snouted fish
 33. Epilogue
 34. Figs.
 36. Real heel
 38. Olympics chant
 39. Always, to a poet
 41. Kentuckian, pro baseball pitcher
 42. Lake Cumberland sprawls across this county
 43. Gull lesson topic
 44. Full stop
 45. Auction action
 47. Small amounts
 48. Face-to-face exams
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Farm Credit Services vs. Glenn R. Crossin, et al, \$229,981.09 plus claimed due.
 Rhonda E. Hayes, Admn. vs. Jody Hayes, complaint.
 Stephen W. Brinson vs. Kimberly D Brinson, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Michael Bryles, et al, \$70,337.69 plus claimed due.
 LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kimberly Ayer, \$7,432.80 plus claimed due. CI-00011.

District Civil Suits

Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center vs. Willia Gentry, \$1,800 plus claimed due.
 Ephraim McDowell Reg. Medical Center vs. Paulette Burris, complaint.
 RJR Rental vs. Greg McGuire, forcible detainer complaint. C-00014

Deeds Recorded

James H. and Brenda H. Lambert and Joseph E. Lambert, property in Sand Hill, to Anthony and Nell Cromer. Tax \$12.
 Charles Thomas and Teresa Lynn Bussell, property in Rockcastle County, to Johnny and Janis Loudermilk. Tax \$8.
 Charles B. and Sharon A. Stump, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael M. and Patricia Brown. Tax \$187.
 Charles B. and Sharon S. Stump, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald and Sherry Stellene Adams. Tax \$190.
 Allen and Tandra Hendrickson, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Troy L. and Karen A. Durham. Tax \$245.
 Ralph and Jeanie Lynn Renner, property on Lower Dr., Mt. Vernon, to Michael Wayne and Vickie Lynn Renner. Tax \$19.
 Tom Beggs, Executor, property in Rockcastle County, to SLP Assn., LLC. Tax \$25.
 Gena Ann and David Howard, property on Copper Creek Road, to Brian Keith Holman. Tax \$2.
 Barbara Ann Lovell, property in Rockcastle Co., to Paul and Gail Nicely. Tax \$6.

tucky registration receipt, \$50 fine/costs merged.
 Joshua W. Alexander: fines/fees due (\$111), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Jeffery D. Barron: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Carter L. Bowling: fines/fees due (\$549), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.
 Justin L. Burkhardt: fines/fees due (\$178) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Daniel B. Cummins: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Donald E. Damrell: instructional prmit violations, \$50 fine; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$50 fine and costs.
 Ashlyn M. Duncan: fines/fees due (\$177), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Kenneth D. Evans: fines/fees due (\$49), bw issued for fta/1 day in jail or payment in full.
 Speeding: Jeremy D. Gadd, \$20 fine and costs; Melonie M. Reyes, \$20 fine plus costs/state traffic school authorized in lieu of fine; Clark R. Fallis, paid; Sharronda D. Grant, Mariah L. Mitchell, Michelle T. Morrissey, Logan T. Schulkers, Christian W. Jackson, Christine A. Nowoczynski, license suspended for fta; John P. Philippo, paid \$30 fine plus \$133 costs; Chris Jason B. Tucker: harassment, \$50 fine and costs; harassing communications, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Matthew D. Holmes: viol. Part 390 Federal Safety Regs - General Policy, paid.
 Elvis Isaacs: fines/fees due (\$758), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.
 William L. Mason, Jr: fines/fees due (\$476), bw issued for fta/9 days in jail or payment in full.
 Chrisdal N. Moze: fines/fees due (\$178), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Sean C. Powers: operate w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax lic., license suspended for fta.
 Ronald Raider: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
 Millard R. Richmond: solicitation prostitution, bw issued for fta.
 Christopher D. Riddle: fines/fees due (\$133), 3 days/concurrent with any sentence currently serving.
 Rebecca Senn: speeding and license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Shannon D. Simmons:

fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
 James C. Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$737), bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or payment in full.
 Bennie L. Stephens: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.
 Samantha Sturgill: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, court notice issued for fta.
 Joe Williams: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure of owner to maintain rquired insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$400 on condition and no operators license in possession, \$50 fine/costs merged.
 Billy R. Wynn: fines/fees due (\$253), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
 Richard D. York: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Brittany Jo Farris: resident hunting/trapping without license/permit, bw issued for fta.
 Randall L. Baker: failure to wear seat belts and three other charges, license suspended for fta.
 Kelvin Damrell: fines/fees due (\$126), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Robert E. Evans: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine.
 Christopher S. Foster: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Donald A. Gadd: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
 Joshua S. Little: fines/fees due (\$67), bw issued for fta/2 days in jail or payment in full.
 Nathan J. Purcell: fines/fees due (\$150), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Lester Senters: resident hunting/trapping without license/permit (two cunts), \$100 fine each; illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey, \$100 fine and costs.
 James A. Shumate: failure tow ear seat belts, \$25 fine; DUI, 1st off., \$200 fine and cost, \$375 service fee and 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.
 Jessica A. Sizemore: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Gregory W. Spoonamore: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended, bw issued for fta.
 David L. Stockton: no exterior ID/improper display, bw issued for fta.

Local man arrested for cattle theft

By: Doug Ponder
 A Mt. Vernon man was arrested for receiving stolen property last Saturday after allegedly stealing a two-week-old calf from a neighboring farm.
 Arrested at the scene was Ricky Dale Barron, 35, of Mt. Vernon.
 According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Mike Peters received information that Barron had stolen a two-week-old red heifer from a neighboring farm in Mt. Vernon.
 The owner told Peters that he noticed the calf was missing from his farm when he went to feed his livestock last Monday afternoon. He also told Peters that the cow that gave birth would stand by the fence and continuously bawl for her missing calf.
 The owner went on to tell Peters that he observed boot prints in the lot where the calf and its mother had been pinned up. He also said he noticed drag marks where someone had pulled the calf from underneath the fence. Peters later accompanied the owner to the site where he observed the same boot prints and drag marks.
 Upon further investigation, the owner and Peters went to Barron's residence. Once they arrived, the owner identified the calf as the one taken from his farm. When the calf was returned to the field from where it was taken, it went straight to the cow and the cow immediately accepted the calf.
 Barron was charged with receiving stolen property under \$500. He was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and later released on a \$3,000 unsecured bond.

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Posted: No trespassing, hunting, fishing or ATVs on property of Rick and Louise Spall on Chestnut Ridge Road in Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 46x12p

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/10/14)

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Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on land belonging to William and Donna Asher, located in Sand Springs Area on School House road. Violators will be prosecuted. 37x29p

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

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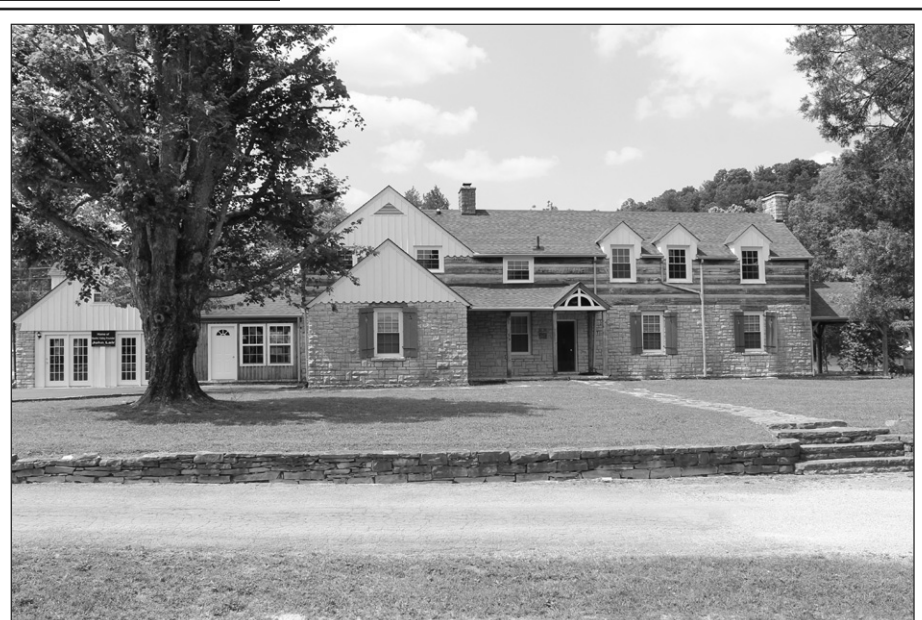
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