



Rockcastle County High School senior football player Tanner Abney, center, signed a letter of intent Thursday to play football for Campbellsville University next fall. Abney was a three year starter for the Rockets and named Honorable Mention All-State this season. Abney was also named Mountain Player of the Year as a defensive lineman. He is shown above with his parents, Paul and Ann Abney. Shown standing from left: Campbellsville head coach Mark Peach, Rocket assistant coach Tony Saylor, Campbellsville assistant David Pool and Rocket head coach Tom Larkey.

"School"

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Election Day on May 20th. School bus drills are scheduled for April 4th, when school will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. and Spring Break begins on Monday April 7th. Hammond said that the current state legislature is considering a bill that would allow school districts in the state who have missed more than ten days, to apply for five disaster days. The Superintendent said that if the bill passes, the board would have to decide whether or not to apply for the days. If the board did apply for the days and they were approved, school would be dismissed on May 30th for students but not teachers. "That would be completely left up to the board," Hammond said. Thursday night the board also approved next year's school calendar.

Next year's calendar has school beginning for teachers on July 30th and school for students beginning on Monday, August 6th.

"Crimes"

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Mignon Looney of Brodhead for Burglary, 1st Degree and Theft of property on February 2, 2003 from the home of David Howard on Red Hill near Livingston. The two were indicted on February 14, 2003. "We work with other agencies and the County Attorney twenty four hours a day to move quickly on these cases," Price said. Aaron Blackburn of Livingston remains in jail after being indicted on February 14th for Burglary, 2nd degree charges. He is alleged to have unlawfully entered the home of Robert Allen on Red Hill. He is also charged with assaulting the arresting officer, Trooper Jason McCowan. Blackburn's brothers, Darrell and Daniel, were indicted February 14th for burglary of a building owned by J.J. McKinney in Sunny Side Estates on Hwy. 1152. Darrell Blackburn remains in jail on a \$10,000 cash or property bond. Daniel Blackburn is facing a potential revocation of a circuit court probation.

A co-defendant with the Blackburns, Della Horn of Livingston, was released on a \$20,000 property bond pending trial.

"ASPI"

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The main office for ASPI is located in Mt. Vernon and the geographic area of focus in Central Ap-

palachia includes Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and portions of Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Ohio.

The building and grounds at the Mt. Vernon office feature solar applications, a greenhouse, cistern, wildscape, a raised-bed garden and solar charging station for an electric vehicle.

There is also a 252 acre demonstration site on the Rockcastle River where there is a solar home, cornwood buildings, compost toilets, various garden plots, a sustainable forestry operation, a nature center and over five miles of nature trails. "Our various projects fall under three major program areas, which include the Appropriate Technology Demonstration Project, Appalachian Sustainable Forest Program and ASPI Publications," Perry said.

The Technology Project includes the Kentucky Solar Partnership and various alternative energy initiatives, low cost housing, waste utilization and organic gardening applications.

The forest program encompasses a Nature Center, the nature trails, a program to promote the use of Ginseng, an off-road vehicle project and a project which addresses flooding. ASPI publications produce two quarterly newsletters, a weekly tele-

vision program, a website, a video series, a technical paper series and several informational books.

The newsletter reaches about 4,000 people, many of whom are regular contributors to ASPI.

"Our current projects include the Kentucky Solar Partnership, which is

advocating the widespread use of solar technology in Kentucky, the Appalachian Ginseng Foundation, which is promoting ginseng and other native herbs as health, sustainable alternatives to unsustainable logging and doing research on various ginseng derivatives," Perry said. "A major upgrade of our Nature Center exhibits, interpretive booklets for our Nature Trail and a video to promote our facilities and programs to students and educators is also underway," he said.

Perry said the Off-Road Vehicle Project monitors off-road vehicle use in the area and advocates responsible regulation of off-road vehicle in Kentucky.

"The flooding project monitors flooding in Central Appalachia and seeks to establish its relationship to poorly regulated strip mining, clear cutting, mountaintop removal and development, while providing information to citizens which empowers them to stand up to commercial interests when their homes, lives and local environments are at risk," Perry said.

Perry said the goal of ASPI is to serve as a beacon for the region, showing that there are workable, sustainable alternatives that can meet the region's needs.

He also said that ASPI seeks to instill a sense of pride and appreciation in the citizens of the region for their marvelous natural heritage and empower them to speak out and take action when they are being exploited or taken for granted.

ASPI's office in Mt. Vernon is located on Leno Street and their phone number is (606) 256-0077.

"Lady Rockets"

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played with a lot of confidence and weren't intimidated by the Lady Tigers.

"We knew we could win, it was just a matter of going out and doing it and we've got a good shot at Jackson County Thursday (tonight) if we play with the kind of heart we showed tonight," she said.

The Lady Rockets had split with Clay this season, losing at home and winning on the road.

The Lady-Rockets had a 13-11 lead at the end of the first period and by half-time they had pulled out to a nine point lead at 28-19.

In the second half the Lady Tigers never got closer than five points and the Lady Rockets hit 16 of their 22 free throws to seal the win.

The Lady Rockets also shot 50% from two point range, although they hit only three of 12 three point shots.

Sophomore Heather Hammond, who picked up three fouls in the first half still had a double, double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Point guard Johanna Abney had 14 points and senior Jessie Hayes had 13 points. Ashley Mink had 6, Tara Rowe had 4, Bryanna Bussell had 3, Katie Parsons, 2 and Lauren Cloutz, 2.

Rowe had 4 assists and Abney had 4 and Hammond 3. Cloutz also had 5 rebounds.

The Lady Rockets had 26 rebounds and 11 turnovers.

Clay County finished the season at 19-8.

The Lady Rockets will play Jackson County Thursday night in the district final.

The Lady Rockets have also split with Jackson County this season, winning on the road and losing at home early in the season.

The Lady Rockets have been ranked as high as 11th in the state and first in the 13th region at times this season.

The Lady Rockets have won one district title and one regional title under Noble.

Advance tickets for the two championship games Thursday night are on sale now at the high school until Thursday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5.00 and a very large crowd is expected.

Assistant Principal Barry Noble said he had 500 tickets to sale.



Rescue workers Tim Cameron and Jason Haisel help other rescue workers remove John David Riddle, 34, of Mt. Vernon from a vehicle which went into Roundstone Creek Monday afternoon. (See other related photos on Page A-1)

"Rockets"

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by one point at half, thanks mostly to Settles' 17 halftime points. The Rockets had a five point advantage at the end of the third period, but the Indians cut into the lead by one point in the fourth period for the final four point margin.

Besides Settles' 23 points, Aaron Anderkin had 11, Aaron Cash had 10, Jason Reynolds, 7, Austin Miller, 4 and Blake Roberts, 4.

Anderkin had nine rebounds and Cash had seven rebounds and four assists.

It was the worst shooting night of the season for the Rockets who shot 33 percent from the floor for the night.

The Rockets also took more three point shots than they did two points shots.



Someone shot the above Cocker Spaniel with a high powered rifle.



The above dogs were killed while in their dog pen.

"Reward Offered"

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kill an animal, who was not being a nuisance.

It would also require all pet owners to go to a veterinarian or certified person to get their proper vaccines.

Now some people give their animals shots themselves.

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon said the bill will likely become law.

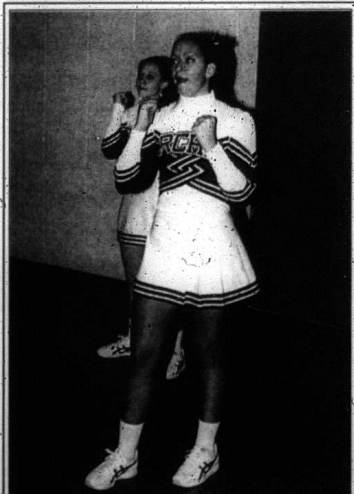
"I think it has got enough support," he said Wednesday. Doug French's family at Brush Creek is also offering a reward for information because someone intentionally The Lady Rockets will play Jackson County Thursday night in the district final.

The Lady Rockets have also split with Jackson County this season shot their family pet.

French said someone shot their Cocker Spaniel with a high powered rifle a couple of weeks ago near their Brush Creek home.

"We think we know who did it, but we can't prove it," French said. Stallworth also said that he was pretty sure he knew who killed his animals, but he too could not prove it.

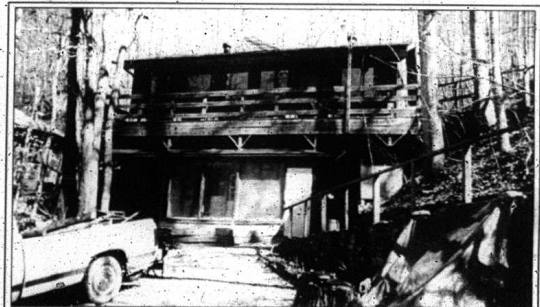
Anyone with information can contact Stallworth at 256-2290 or French at 256-5502.



Senior Brittany Asher and freshman Renee Taylor cheered on the Lady Rockets Tuesday night.



ASPI's Solar-house is located near the Nature Center.



The ASPI Nature Center is located next to the Rockcastle River on the Rockcastle, Laurel County line.



Eddie Stallworth, an employee of ASPI, was unloading wood at the Nature Center on Monday.