

Ford Brothers holds annual awards banquet

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).

Ford Brothers Auctioneers-Realtors offices are located in London, Mt Vernon and Somerset and have been a successful real estate and auction company since 1965.

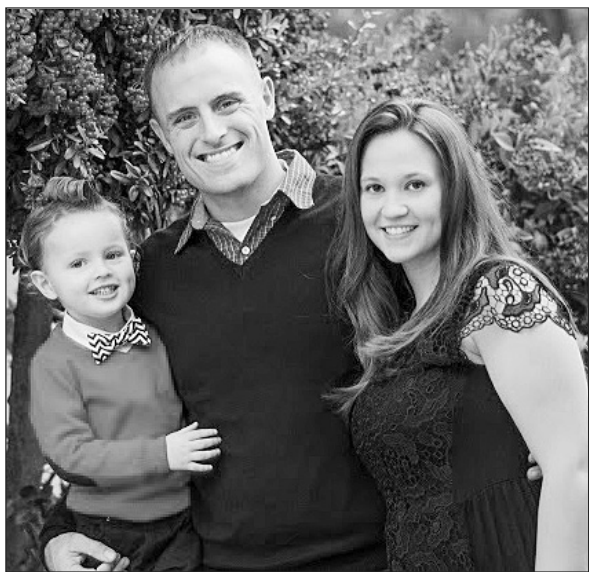
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was born, as near as I can tell, around 1930 at UZ, Kentucky, a small community on the upper North Fork of the Kentucky River, seven miles or so downstream from Whitesburg. His family later moved to Dry Fork, a nearby tributary of the river, and later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



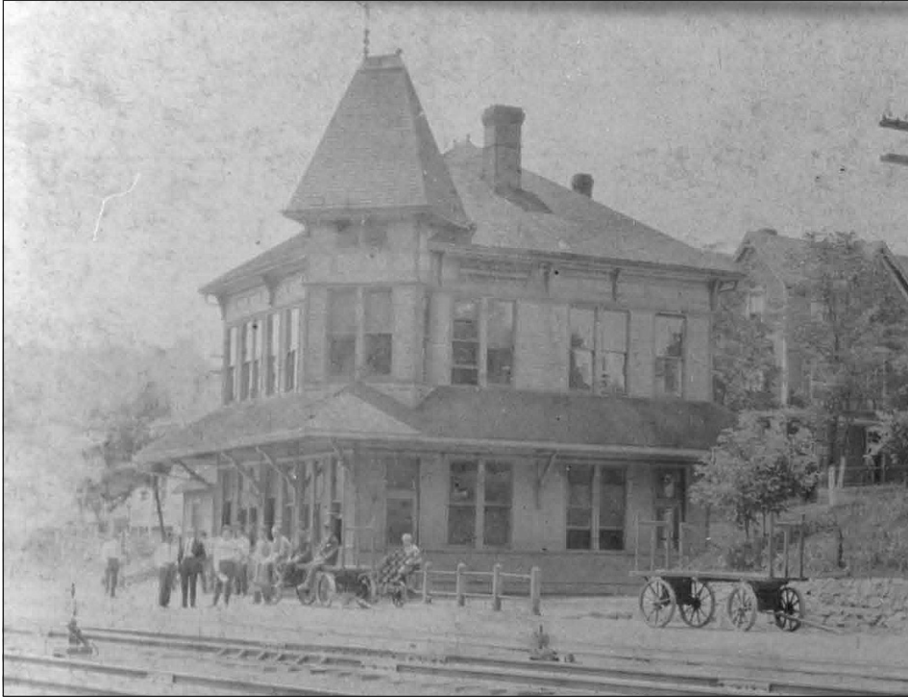
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Blast from the Past!!!

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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