

3 indicted by local Grand Jury

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down three indictments on Friday.

Carl Jason Caldwell, 19, of Brodhead was indicted on a charge of third degree assault.

He is accused of assaulting Mt. Vernon police officer Barry Adams on February 25th at the Bluegrass Inn.

According to police, Adams was at the apartment on another call, when he noticed Adams was hiding from him because there was an outstanding warrant against him.

Police say Caldwell was apparently "dropped up" at the time and assaulted Adams before running off.

Michael Ray Saylor, 20, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of theft by unlawful taking.

He is accused of taking property belonging to Jeff and Trina Burdette of Rendfio Valley on a period of about a month. Police say that Saylor had access to the Burdette's home because he was dating a niece of Trina Burdette's who was babysitting for the couple.

Rosecoe Smith, 39, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of setting fire to land owned by another.

A Junction City man is being held in the Rockcastle Detention Center after he was arrested, on Tuesday night.

According to court records, Brodhead, Police Officer William Harris arrested West and charged him with possession of two pounds of processed marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence.

Harris reported that the marijuana was found in Glenn A. West's car, after he was stopped for possible drunk driving.

West, 41, is due in court on Monday and has not posted bond.

Judge rules against 911 lawsuit

Last week Rockcastle Circuit Judge Dan Venters ruled against local man's lawsuit which he had brought against Rockcastle 911.

Venters issued a two page order concerning Michael Sheliga's appeal and request for financial recovery from 911.

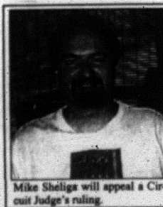
Sheliga was originally denied certain 911 recordings that Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette had argued would unnecessarily reveal a caller's identity. The Kentucky Attorney General's office had earlier agreed with Burdette's position, but Sheliga appealed to the Circuit Court.

Burdette had argued that revealing such information "would have a 'chilling effect' on those who may otherwise call to report suspicious behavior, or to report criminal activity."

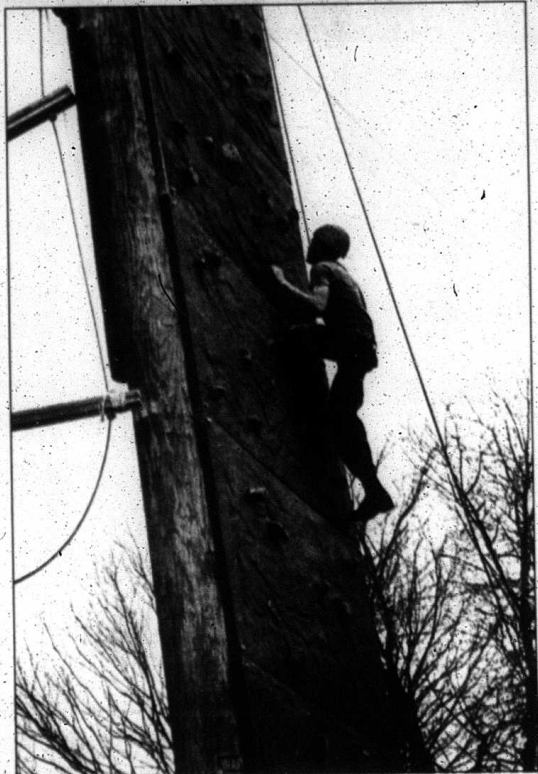
The case involved the matter where Sheliga was engaged by police for walking about Mt. Vernon with what he alleges was a bag of white rice, on trick-or-treat night of last year. According to Burdette, Sheliga's behavior apparently led a caller to report to 911 a person carrying a white substance on the streets acting suspiciously.

Judge Venters denied Sheliga's request for costs, and indicated that it appeared Sheliga's frustration was the result of the stop and questioning by police, rather than his ability to obtain the 911 transcripts.

Sheliga said Wednesday that he would file a motion asking Venters to reconsider his motion and that if that was denied he would take his case to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.



Mike Sheliga will appeal a Circuit Judge's ruling.



Rockcastle County High School Junior Joe Husband, a member of the JROTC, scales the wall during competition at Eastern Kentucky University last week. The local cadets had a very successful day. RCHS senior Josh Whicker finished first in the wall climb and Husband finished second. See related photos on page B-10.

One Rockcastle family is a direct descendant of Boone

Daniel Boone is the essence of the American hero: the man of action, the pathfinder, the leader in that great adventure of his age - the westward expansion of the American frontier.

Born in Pennsylvania on what was then the western edge of civilization, Boone showed even as a boy extraordinary skill in hunting and exploration as well as an instinct for survival.

Too restless for the life of a farmer, he needed no urging to "go west" in search of adventure and better hunting. In 1769 he made his first explorations of Kentucky, bringing back tales of that hunters' paradise that stirred the imagination of many.

The rapid growth of the eastern colonies had created pressures that made westward expansion irresistible.

Daniel Boone was a natural leader in that movement, clearing trails and guiding settlers across the mountains, establishing forts, fighting Indians. But he was also a lover of wilderness who continually retreated before the advance of civilization that he had helped promote.

One Rockcastle family has ties to the famous pioneer. They are the Boones of Pongo, a Rockcastle County place that the great pioneer would have surely loved.

Daniel Boone and Rebecca Boone Mays, both named for their ancestors, are two of four Boone children.

Marcella Boone Lovell, Sueella Boone, Rebecca and Daniel are the

children of Brent and Jean Croher Boone. Their great grandfather, William Clifton Boone, was a sixth generation descendant of Daniel Boone. He was well known in Rockcastle County because of the fact that he carried the mail on Star Route two.

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Police use tip to make arrests

Two Crab Orchard men and a Berea man were arrested last week in connection with a drive-by shooting in Rockcastle County in March. Brothers Henry Baker, 32, and Benny Baker, 35, of Crab Orchard, were charged at their residence by Rockcastle Deputy Aaron Matthews and Deputy Ronnie Roark on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder. Floyd Neely, 30, of Berea, was also charged with attempted murder the next day.

According to Rockcastle County Sheriff Shirley Smith, information was obtained by Deputy Matthews last Thursday, that linked the three suspects to the shooting on Negro Creek on March 10.

Melissa Carmen Lawson, 23, was shot twice in the drive-by shooting, according to police. She was one of six people in the house when the shooting occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m.

Smith said that at least 13 shots were fired into the house that night. All three men are lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Henry Baker is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond as is Neely. Benny Baker has a \$25,000 cash bond.

All three men will appear in court on Monday.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's department assisted in the investigation and arrests.

Fall election likely to be the most interesting

By: Richard Anderkin

This fall's General Election in Rockcastle County may prove to be more interesting than the Primary election underway now.

This fall, Rockcastle County voters will decide members of city councils, three Mayor seats and two members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

Republican State Representative Danny Ford will also face off against former Lincoln County Attorney Democrat J. Paul Long.

State Senator, Democrat Ed Worley, will also face former State Senator Republican Barry Metcalf.

After the state drew district lines earlier this year Rockcastle was put in with Madison County, which is currently represented in the state by Worley.

The school board races will be in districts one and three. Board chairman Dr. G.W. Griffith is the incumbent in district one and Sam Stallsworth, who is a candidate for Sheriff in the May Primary, is the incumbent in district three.

Anyone running for school board must be 24 years of age and have been a resident of Kentucky for the past three years. They must also have twenty signatures from registered voters in their district and pay \$20.00.

One local man, Matt Bryant, 27, a former Mt. Vernon police officer has filed for that city council race.

To file for Mayor or council seats in the county, a candidate must have the signature of two registered voters and pay a fee of \$20.00.

Adams is candidate

Four people have already filed for Mt. Vernon Mayor. They are incumbent Karen King, council members Clifrice Kirby and Jackie Renner and Jody Adams.

Adams, a newcomer to politics, is a resident of the Respiratory Care Unit at Rockcastle Hospital. But don't let that bother you. He knows what's going on, and he knows how city governments are supposed to work.

Adams, who has been at Rockcastle Hospital for the past five years, suffers from muscular dystrophy (MD), a progressive muscle dis-

order caused by a defect in one or more genes that control muscle function.

Adams, 26, is a native of Nicholasville and believes that the City of Mt. Vernon should work harder to cooperate with other county government agencies to make Mt. Vernon a better place to live and work.

In an interview Tuesday, Adams said that he wanted to give something back to the people and it was obvious that he couldn't join the Army, so he decided to run for Mayor.

Adams said he had the time to devote to being a full-time Mayor and that he had always wanted to get into politics.

Politics go way back in my family," he said. "My great grandfather was a Tax Commissioner in the 1930's," he said.

Adams said he also had an ancestor, who was a Scotch lawyer, who

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Library not damaged

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at the Rockcastle County Library on Monday, after employees there noticed smoke coming from a light fixture.

According to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court maintenance supervisor, Gene Cromer, the smoke was coming from an overhead ballast.

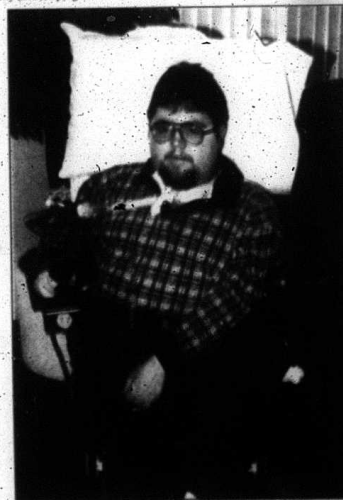
The library sustained no damage. And on Tuesday, there was a little more excitement at the library.

In an air conditioning unit shorted out, filling the ceiling area with smoke again.

Cromer said that a wire burnt into Tuesday was the second day the air conditioning had been in use this Spring. The fire department was not called on Tuesday.

The Rockcastle County Library was constructed in 1973 and the property is maintained by the Rockcastle Fiscal Court.

The library itself is under the direction of the Rockcastle County Library Board.



Jody Adams is a candidate for Mt. Vernon Mayor.