



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”

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“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 in 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”

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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”

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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

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”

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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”

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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”

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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

Revival services began January 21st at Upper Red Lick Holiness Church at 7 o’clock nightly. Darrell Cmbs invites everyone to attend.

Food & Fellowship

Food and Fellowship will be available on Saturday, January 26th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Livingston Fire House. There will be free food, desserts and other refreshments. Also, fun activities for the children. Please call 606-308-3099 if you need a ride. Church vans will be available. Sponsored by the Community Mission Team.

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