



A 2007 Rockcastle County High School graduate has become a well-known mixed martial arts fighter in Kentucky. Harry Hunsucker, 24, of Richmond, right, competed last Saturday in Bowling Green against Louisville native Jesseray Childrey for the Hard Rock MMA Heavyweight Championship. Hunsucker ended up losing the match by submission but he has earned praise and recognition from *Bluegrass MMA* who said Hunsucker gave Childrey one of the worst beatings that ever happened in the cage.

“Fighter”

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something I would be interested in,” Hunsucker said. “I remember thinking I was some tough guy and luckily I won my first match by technical knockout.”

After winning his first match, Hunsucker said he became too confident in himself and thought he was a great MMA fighter even though he was physically exhausted for a couple of weeks.

However, Hunsucker said he received a much needed reality check during his second match.

“My second fight was a

different story from my first. I got put in the cage with a legit fighter who broke my arm and choked me unconscious,” Hunsucker said. “After my first match, I felt a sense of pride and got a little too confident in myself. I’m glad I lost my second fight because it was a much needed reality check for me.”

While taking time off to heal his broken arm, Hunsucker said he realized that he needed to train more before his next fight. After his broken arm was healed, Hunsucker said he made one of the best decisions of his career when he started training with Elite Martial Arts and Fitness owner Will Schneider.

“Schneider was actually the referee for my first fight and I would run into him occasionally at other fights as well,” Hunsucker said. “He offered to help train me and to help me develop into a more solid fighter.”

After a few months of training with Schneider, Hunsucker said that he offered him an assistant instructor position at the Elite Martial Arts and Fitness.

“I was an assistant instructor for about a year until he offered me a full time position as manager and program director,” Hunsucker said. “I was stoked and it has been such an awesome opportunity to help people train in martial arts. I have truly been blessed.”

Hunsucker said that he owes a lot of his success to his former Derby City Truck Stop boss Evelyn Mitchell and his former educators Barry Noble, Keith Graves and Anthony Coffey. He also said that he wouldn’t

have had the success he had in life if it wasn’t for his mother Janet Fleming Busenlehner and his trainer/boss Will Schneider.

“These guys were my biggest support system in my overall martial arts training and my pursuit as a MMA fighter,” Hunsucker said. “They always kept me in check and were always supporting me even when I didn’t necessarily deserve it.”

Hunsucker said that his future plans are to help grow and commercialize Elite Martial Arts and Fitness across the state. He also says that he plans to continue as an MMA fighter but that he will never look past his next match.

“Schneider taught me to never look past my next fight,” Hunsucker said. “As a manager at ELITE I plan on pursuing martial arts as a lifelong career but as a MMA fighter I will always take it one match at a time.”

“Insurance”

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areas such as property, liability and workers compensation insurance.

Superintendent David Pensol said that he was going to recommend that the school board pay the amount in a lump sum instead of the ten year or twenty year option. He said if the school board chooses the ten year option it will cost \$17,277 a year for a total of \$172,770 and that if they chose the twenty year option it will cost \$10,721 extra for a total of \$214,420.

“I believe we have the money available right now and I am going to urge the school board to pay it in one lump sum,” Pensol said. “That way we don’t have to pay any extra money with the ten or twenty year financing options.”

Pensol said their assessment amount is smaller than a lot of other school districts because they realized years ago they could have lower premiums for the same type of coverage with other companies instead of KSBIT.

“We have not been with them since the early 1990s and that is why our assessment amount is smaller than others,” Pensol said. “We realized years ago that we could broker out our insurance in order to get the lowest quote and we will always take the lowest bid for the

highest amount of insurance coverage.”

Pensol went on to say that he believes they will not have to make any budget cuts or eliminate any school programs in order to pay the \$147,588 bill.

“It’s unfortunate to hear that a lot of other districts with higher amounts 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.”

“Council”

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“The Ratliffs (current leasees) have done a lot of work,” Bryant said. “I’m really encouraged by what’s being done. This will be a good asset for our city.”

The mayor also noted that applications for police chief are being taken through February 28th.

As one of the last items of business, Mayor Bryant noted the passing of former city police chief Bill Mink. “I want to go on record to express appreciation for his service to the city,” Bryant said.

Major Barry Adams gave the council the police activity report for January. The report listed:

35 total arrests, 29 warrants served, 5 DUI arrests, 3 drug charges; 6 other criminal charges; 11 investigations opened; 20 non-injury accidents; 6 injury accidents; 12 traffic citations issued; 3 criminal summons served and 419 total calls for service.

The Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue report was also given. This report listed the department as being paged to the following:

3 accident with injuries and possible entrapment, 7 accidents with injuries, 1 tractor/trailer accident, 3 vehicle fires, 4 structure fires, 3 brush and grass fires, 5 fire and smoke alarm activations, 1 mutual aid to another fire department, 1 rescue of an elderly couple due to icy roads.

“Integrity”

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“Plastisud already is an international company, exporting 80 percent of its molds to the five continents, CEO Jean-Luc Giraud said. “With the addition of Inegrity, we now have a more robust global presence.”

Integrity Mold was founded in 1989 in Berea and moved to a 25,000 square foot facility in the original Rockcastle Industrial Park in 2000 to a building built for them by Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. Since 2000, they have leased the building but recently purchased it from Kentucky Highlands for \$998,000. Looney said a 500 foot footer was poured for the original building and only 200 feet of the original footer was used when the building was constructed. This will aid in future plans for expansion of the company, Looney said.

Integrity currently has 25 employees and sales averaging \$5 million annually.

“Teacher”

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die and that he wanted to tell her where he would be so she wouldn’t be worried if she tried to call him when she came home from work.

Saylor then went to where the cow had calved and gave her some feed while he checked on the newborn calf. Mrs. Saylor said that he wasn’t concerned with the cow bothering him because it was the sixth time it had calved and that it had always been a calm cow. However, while the cow was walking toward the feed, it suddenly turned around and charged him.

After the incident, Saylor managed to take his cell phone out of his pocket and called his wife with the remainder of his battery. Mrs. Saylor said that when she answered all he said before his phone battery died was “oh God come help me, I am beat to pieces.”

Mrs. Saylor said she and some of her coworkers rushed to their farm to look for Saylor. Once they arrived at the back of their farm, the cow tried to charge them as well.

“The cow started to charge at us so we had to go a different way to get around it,” Mrs. Saylor said. “I knew he probably couldn’t verbally answer us so I yelled for him to make some kind of movement or anything to try to help us locate him.”

Mrs. Saylor and her coworkers eventually found Saylor curled up in a ball underneath a fallen tree and next to some thorn bushes. By this time, the Brodhead Fire Department, Rockcastle EMS, several family members and numerous other friends had already responded to the scene and they managed to carry him to an open field to wait on a medical helicopter.

“Shortly after finding him, I remember looking up and seeing over fifty people there to help him,” Mrs. Saylor said. “They all did a great job in helping Tony to safety and we can’t thank them enough for all their good deeds.”

Saylor was airlifted to the UK Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries which included a total of twelve broken ribs, and a fractured collarbone. Saylor’s collarbone and some of the ribs were also broken in multiple places. However, doctors said that none of Saylor’s injuries would require surgery as they should naturally heal.

Mrs. Saylor said that her husband was able to come home Monday and that the

doctors told him that it could be months before he will fully recover from his injuries.

“He is still in a lot of pain and he keeps discovering new bruises every day,” Mrs. Saylor said. “The main concern is for him to not get pneumonia. Doctors told him to take deep breaths to prevent it but that is hard to do with numerous broken ribs and a fractured collarbone.”

Mrs. Saylor said that her heart was touched by everyone in the community who said they are praying for Saylor’s speedy recovery. She said that she wanted to thank everyone who has showed their support for her husband and her family during this tragic event.

“I want to thank everyone for their prayers and ask that they continue to pray for Tony,” Becky said. “But most of all I want to thank our awesome God for watching over him as it could have been much worse.”

“Settlement”

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She was airlifted from the scene to the UK Medical Center due to her injuries which included a broken disc in her spine, head trauma, several lacerations, several broken ribs and two bruised lungs.

A Rockcastle County jury returned the verdict in favor of Merritt last Monday. Merritt was represented by attorney Liddell Vaughn of Louisville.

“Arson”

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safe that struck her in the leg. She said her husband also went into their son’s bedroom and turned over his dresser while screaming profanities at him.

While Hatcher’s wife and son were attempting to go downstairs, Hatcher reportedly tried to set the stairs on fire by lighting a piece of paper and laying it on one of the steps. However, Hatcher’s son put the fire out before it could spread throughout the rest of the house.

Hatcher then found a lighter and attempted to set the front door on fire by spraying an aerosol can into the open flame. Hatcher told Rush that he was just trying to scare them and that he had no intention of setting the house on fire.

Hatcher was charged with third degree arson and fourth degree assault. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash/property bond.

Church News

Benefit Service

There will be a benefit service, for the family of Floyd Renner, at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church on Sat., March 2, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Gospel Singing

There will be a gospel singing at Lighthouse Baptist Church on Sat., March 9, beginning at 6 p.m. Fea-

tured singers will be the Cross Carriers from Indiana. The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea. Everyone is invited.

Fellowship Meeting

There will be a fellowship meeting at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church on Monday, March 4th, beginning at 7 p.m. Bro. King will be preaching. Everyone welcome.



Brindle Ridge Fire Department and Brodhead Fire Department responded to a barn fire Monday on Hurricane School Road in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say the barn belonged to Thomas Wagner and that the cause of the fire is unknown. The barn was a total loss.

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