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Local photographer helps publish book highlighting abandoned locations in Kentucky

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Local photographer Adam Paris shows off a book he helped publish that shows off abandoned locations in Kentucky. | Photo provided

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Three Kentucky photographers have published a book of photographs showing abandoned locations throughout the Commonwealth. The *Abandoned Kentucky* publication comprises photos and text from local Adam Paris along with Sherman Cahal and Michael Maes.

“All of us are prolific contributors and volunteer our time moderating the ‘Abandoned Kentucky’ Facebook group, which we’ve been a part of for years and has grown to over 400,000 members,”

Paris said.

Steve McManus, founder of the Abandoned Kentucky group, reached out to Cahal last year regarding a publisher that was interested in having a book composed of abandoned locations in Kentucky.

“As my work mostly focused on the central and eastern parts of the Commonwealth, I requested the collaboration of Adam Paris and Michael Maes as they have photographed a considerable number of places in the western and south-central reaches of the state,” Cahal said.



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Abandoned Kentucky is mostly made up of photos of locations from across the state — from the far western reaches of the Jackson Purchase to the eastern coalfields to the inner neighborhoods of Louisville and all points in between.

“For this publication, we focused more on the photos with some captions that help tell the story without getting bogged down in intricate histories,” Cahal said.

Abandoned Kentucky will be available at some national retailers, some local booksellers within the state, and on Amazon.

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