

# Petition begins to reject school tax

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The school board had the options of taking a compensating rate of 43.6 cents per \$100 assessed property value or a 4 percent increase in revenues, which is 45.3 cents per \$100 assessed property value.

Instead, they opted for the Subsection 1 increase of 51.6 cents, which is subject to voter recall.

If the tax is defeated during a special election, the tax will go to the 4 percent rate.

Judge/Executive Taylor commented on the issue during Monday's fiscal court meeting.

The county had to pay for a special election for a wet/dry vote in January. They will also pay for the special election on the wet/dry vote on October 8, but not for the tax rate election.

Win or lose, the school board will have to pay for the special election on property taxes. But that's not all the school board will have to pay for.

Because the school board took the Subsection 1 increase, that tax rate cannot be placed on tax bills for 45 days. Property tax bills are to be mailed out on October 1.

This will require a double billing to collect property taxes for schools, which Taylor said has not happened for several years.

Taylor said the other taxing districts, including the fiscal court, rely upon property taxes and cannot delay their tax bills for the school board.

The school board will be required to pay the costs of separate tax bills being printed and mailed.

"We feel we will have an extremely high rate of delinquency," Taylor stated, if two tax bills are mailed.

He said this can be avoided if the school board rescinds their earlier vote for Subsection 1 during Thursday's regular school board meeting.

Just before press deadline, the school board faxed the agenda for Thursday's regular board meeting. One item listed was to approve delaying the billing of the recallable nickle (6.3) tax on real estate and property until 2014. The school board meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the board room (upstairs) in the Central Office Building on Main Street. All citizens are welcome to attend these meetings.



Children lined up until they were given the go-ahead to make a mad dash for toys on Saturday afternoon during the Volunteer picnic.

# Magistrates vote against judge on free trailer and jailer cruiser

At Monday's fiscal court meeting, Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor found himself voting alone on two issues.

The first issue was the county receiving a trailer to house 24 dogs in during emergencies. The trailer was being paid for with \$36,000 in federal monies at no cost to the county.

Several of the magistrates stated this was a waste of taxpayer funds.

County attorney Rodney Davis reminded the magistrates it wasn't costing them anything. He added that it might look good if there was another lawsuit over the shelter.

"It's not just Estill County animals. We take animals from five counties," Davis said.

Taylor voted to accept

the trailer, but the three magistrates said no.

Jailer Bo Morris asked the fiscal court to buy him a cruiser from Richmond. He said the sheriff's office had bought four, Irvine had bought two and Ravenna one.

"Everybody's broke," Taylor said. He added that he wasn't aware the sheriff's office had bought four.

The magistrates voted for Morris to buy one of the Crown Vics, but Taylor voted no.

Bids were opened for a fire apparatus for the Hargett Fire Department. The bids ranged from \$118,866 to \$134,284. The fiscal court approved the lowest and best bid contingent upon it meeting the specs after review by Hargett Fire Chief Rob Forehand and County

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie.

A bid for a capstone window sill (\$2,800) at the EOC Building and a louver and fan (\$2,400) for a storage building were accepted from R&A Construction. A bid of \$2,400 for a louver was accepted from S&P Carpeting, Inc.

The fiscal court voted to advertise for bids to prepare for a tower on Race Track Road. Fred Rogers explained this will be a CSEPP tower and the water tower will not be affected.

The CSEPP tower will be advertised in two bids, one for materials and the other for construction.

Two new employees were hired for the road department. They were Stephen Todd Birchfield and Ronald E. Young. Taylor said both possessed CDL

licenses and had equipment experience.

The fiscal court will be advertising for an animal control officer. Taylor said that Sandra Clark will be retiring on Sept. 24.

Taylor said no bids were received on blacktopping, but Hinkles has agreed to blacktop at last year's price of \$84 a ton. He estimated that was a savings of \$10 a ton.

Rogers reported they had negotiated with Tait Co. on repeaters and receivers. He said the savings was about \$12,000.

The fiscal court went into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation. This issue apparently involved the Estill County Water District because the three water board members were present.

# Burglary under investigation

A second degree burglary occurred at the home of Carolyn Stacy on White Oak Road on September 14.

Deputy Randy Farthing said access was gained through a door which appeared to have been beaten with an object around the dead bolt area. He added the entry was gained during

the night time hours.

Damage was reported to the side door. It had pry marks on the door frame.

A value for the items taken was not available. A partial list of items included a 46-inch flat screen television, a 32-inch flat screen television, a bottle of fabric softener, a box of dryer sheets, and towels.

## A SENIOR CITIZEN'S LAMENT

Thought I'd let my doctor check me  
'Cause I didn't feel quite right  
All those aches and pains annoyed me.  
And I couldn't sleep at night.

He cold find no real disorder,  
but he wouldn't let it rest  
What with Medicare and Blue Cross,  
it wouldn't hurt to do some tests.

To the hospital he sent me,  
though I didn't feel that bad.  
He arranged for them to give me  
every test that could be had.

I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped,  
My aging frame displayed,

Stripped upon an ice-cold table  
while my gizzards were X-rayed.

I was checked for worms and parasites  
for fungus and the crud,  
While they pierced me with long needles  
taking samples of my blood.

Doctors came to check me over,  
probed and pushed and poked around,  
And to make sure I was living,  
they wired me for sound.

They have finally concluded;  
(their results have filled a page).  
What I have will someday kill me,  
My affliction is OLD AGE.

# Police Beat Man arrested after hit & run

A man was arrested on Friday, the 13th in Irvine following a hit and run accident.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that an older lady was driving on River Drive when her vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The chief said the collision knocked the front bumper off the lady's car.

The other vehicle fled the scene and turned onto Main Street.

Smith said the vehicle involved in the hit and run was found on Main Street behind Estill Springs Elementary, but the driver had fled on foot.

That driver was arrested a short time later by Officer John Sternio. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle on a DUI suspended license, second offense, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to yield right of way, and fleeing on foot.

The driver was identified as Sean Segars, 23, of Nancy, Kentucky.

Smith and Ravenna Chief Ken White assisted Officer Sternio with this investigation.

## Man charged with diversion violation

Police Chief Brad Smith served an arrest warrant on Tim Bishop, 20, on Sept. 11. The warrant was for a diversion violation. Smith said that Bishop had originally been found guilty of criminal mischief.

## Playstation & games stolen

A theft was reported at the residence of April Richardson on September 9 which is being investigated by Deputy Josh Rison.

When Richardson returned home from work, she found a door had been kicked in.

The report states the intruder had gone

through the items in the bedroom of Richardson's daughter. A Playstation 3 with several games valued at \$300 was taken.

## Riding mower is taken

A theft was reported by Greg Lainhart of Dry Branch Road on September 13.

Lainhart was not at home when someone stole his riding lawn mower. It is described as a 39-inch cut Lawn Chief.

Deputy Farthing is conducting that investigation.

## Woman rescued from pond

A woman was rescued from her vehicle early Saturday after it went into a pond on Spout Springs Road.

According to a report by Deputy Randy Farthing, Meghan Whorrell of Jackson, Ky. was traveling east in a 1998 Honda Accord.

The deputy added that Whorrell apparently lost control of her vehicle which left the road on the right side. The car hit a mailbox and an earthen embankment before flipping over several times.

The vehicle came to rest with the front part submerged in the pond. The rear of the vehicle rested against an earthen embankment.

After Whorrell was rescued from the vehicle, she was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

She was charged with driving under the influence.

According to wreck reports in the sheriff's office, this was the second time this month a vehicle had gone into the same pond during a wreck.

# Click Farm Fall Festival Decorative Items for Sale

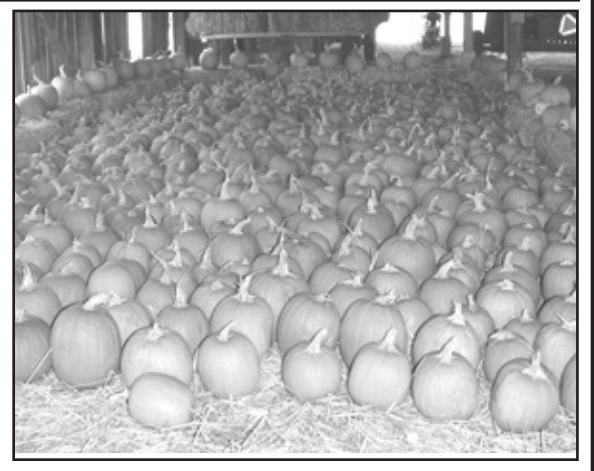
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