

# School board recalls and resells bonds

School board members were recognized and presented with gifts for their service at their January meeting last Tuesday.

The board then opened for business by approving a nutritional activity report presented by Belinda Puckett. She said about 100 more students were eating lunch each day and reimbursement was up \$16,000. Students eating breakfast declined slightly which resulted in only a \$64 larger reimbursement.

All students receive free breakfasts and lunches. Staff must pay for meals.

Interim Supt. Randall Christopher presented an energy utilization score card. Estill ranked 41st out of 173 school districts.

Christopher presented a draft budget for the 2015-16 school year. Christopher called the \$18 million budget guesswork, which is certain to change after the legislature.

The school calendar for 2015-16 was adopted with opening day of school for students on August 4. The calendar includes a week off in spring and fall and two weeks at Christmas, similar to previous years.

The purchase of a front end loader was approved.

Trips were approved for the high school Key Club and three out of state trips for the Jump Road Team.

Starlina Brown was hired as a teacher at the middle school; Samantha Rawlins, a clerk at the middle school, and Chris Winkler was named the head teacher at the Success Academy.

Charlotte Brown was hired a substitute cook. Erin Jelly and Kyle Wither were employed as substitute teachers.

Mike Long was named

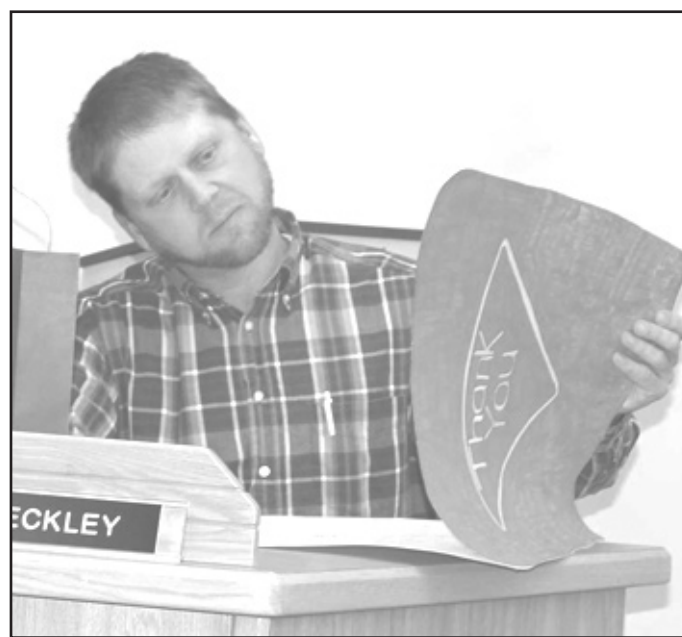
assistant softball coach at the middle school.

Reese Pasley resigned as a bus assistant.

The resignation of Trulena Tate was announced as middle school counselor

The board agreed to recall the bonds on the West Irvine School and resell them. Christopher said this was being done to reduce the interest payments.

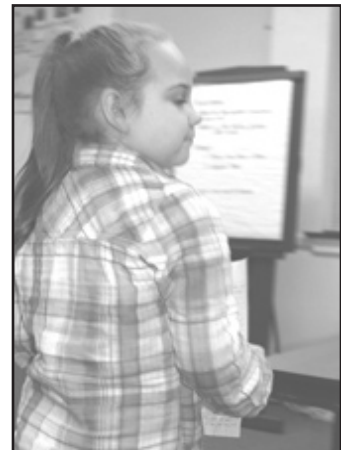
The board also voted to install floors at the high school. Christopher said this had been delayed because of a moisture problem, which has been resolved.



At his first meeting as school board member, L.W. Beckley looked over gifts from the schools for School Board Appreciation Month. Above, he is looking at a large card made by South Irvine P-K students.



Hailey Sparks



Eidy Brandenburg



Lexi Muncie

South Irvine students made a lamp for the board room and cards for board members. West Irvine students wrote letters to the board, and the girls in the photos read their letters to board members on Tuesday. Middle school students made a video for board member appreciation month.

## FREE GED TESTING

GED testing Service® is offering a promotion January 26 through February 28 that will make it free for first-time Kentucky test-takers to take their first GED® test module. First-time students must schedule their first test by February 28 and must take the first test by March 31 to receive the promotional discount.

## Carhartt employees ask for Coal Wash Road to be cleaned

A group of Carhartt employees asked the fiscal court to clean up the Coal Wash Road, a road they travel to work daily.

The Carhartt employees said the road is covered with coal dust left on it by trucks hauling coal for Bowie Coal Refinery, located at the former location of South East Coal Company.

Jeanetta Ashcraft said the landfill and rock quarry have tire washers to clean the tires of trucks before they leave their businesses. She asked why doesn't Bowie have a tire washer.

Magistrate Gerald Rader was voted as moderator of the Estill Fiscal Court because Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor remains in the hospital. Rader said the county will do what they can do about the road.

"Our tax dollars shouldn't have to be spent on that," stated Ashcraft.

The Carhartt employees said things have gotten a little better since they contacted Bowie Refinery. The coal dust is being swept off the road and watered down.

Ashcraft had photos of the road, and in one of them you could not even see the center yellow line of the road.

In addition to the coal dust, one employee said three of them had gotten flat tires. Her flat tire had a long piece of steel in it.

After the discussion, the magistrates directed that a letter be written to Bowie Refined Coal and ask them to clean up the road.

Fire chief Derrick Muncie presented the fire department's year-end report. Muncie said there were only 12 structure fires, which is way down from previous years. This does not include structure fires served by the Hargett, Irvine and Ravenna fire departments.

Rader opened the only bid received for a cascade system for the fire department. The bid was \$44,442. A trade-in for the current system brought the price down to \$39,942.

The bid for the cascade system was accepted contingent upon it meeting specifications. The system is mostly funded by a grant. This system is used to fill the individual air packs used by firefighters.

A new emergency operation plan was approved by the magistrates upon Judge Taylor signing it. Fred Rogers said the plan is updated each year, but basically was similar to previous years.

County Clerk Sherry Fox received an approval to update voting machines at a cost of \$7,500.

## Police Activity Log

A charge of alcohol intoxication led to more serious charges for an Irvine man. Kevin Rose, 35, of Locomotive Street, was arrested around 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 22 by IPD officer John Sturniolo.

The officer said he saw Rose staggering while walking east on River Drive. He said that Rose had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, and his speech was slurred.

He registered .17 on the breathalyzer, said Sturniolo. He said that Rose had a 3.75 ml whiskey bottle in pocket of his sweat shirt. The officer estimated the bottle had approximately one-third of a quart in it.

After Rose's arrest, he was booked in the Estill County Detention Center. During a search, Sturniolo said an oxycodone was found in the man's left front jeans pocket.

When asked if he had any contraband, Sturniolo said Rose answered, "no" and "I don't do drugs."

Rose was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and promotion contraband, first degree. Bail for Rose was set at \$25,000 cash.

### Arrest for Unemployment Fraud

A male resident of Campbell's Branch in Ravenna was arrested last Wednesday on a warrant for unemployment fraud. The warrant on James Reeves, 37, of Campbells Branch in Ravenna was served by Deputy Ethan Jordan.

The arrest warrant was obtained by Emma Wireman, with the Division of Unemployment. The warrant says that from November 13, 2010 and December 11, 2010, Reeves received unemployment benefits while he was working for PAR Electrical.

The warrant also states that Reeves obtained \$2,075 by making a false statement. Making a false statement to prevent the reduction of benefits is a Class D felony.

### Fleeing and Evading

Irvine Officer John Sturniolo says a woman fled from police on Saturday as he was attempting to serve a bench warrant on her. Sturniolo said the husband of Miranda J. Kelly answered the back door at 523 Laurel Street around 3:08 p.m. Saturday. The husband went to get his wife, but Sturniolo said when Mrs. Kelly saw him, she ran to the front of the home.

Sturniolo said he yelled for Mrs. Kelly to stop, but she ran out the front door. He said again he yelled for her to stop. The Irvine officer said he located Mrs. Kelly at 527 Laurel Street. She told him she was looking for her dog, but Sturniolo said it was in the back yard.

He charged Mrs. Kelly with fleeing and evading police on foot, second degree. He then served the bench warrant on her, which was signed by District Judge Bo Leach.

According to the bench warrant, Kelly was found guilty of drug paraphernalia in July, 2014 but has failed to pay a fine of \$238 plus \$30 service fees. She could post a cash bond of \$238 on the bench warrant.

### Head-on Wreck with Injuries

Two vehicles hit head-on during a collision on Spout Springs Road on January 19, around 11:21 a.m.

A report in the sheriff's office says that Elizabeth Blevins of Lexington was driving a 2014 Ford Fusion. It adds that the front driver side tire left tracks (grooves) in the roadway. The report says the grooves on the road indicate the collision occurred in the west bound lane.

The Fusion struck a 1997 Chevy pickup driven by Jonathan Wright of Clay City. Both vehicles received moderate to severe damages to their fronts.

Neither driver reported injuries, but injuries were reported to Wright's passenger. The passenger was later identified as Darren Smith of Clay City. He was treated at Marcum & Wallace Hospital.

## Spay/Neuter Funding

We are happy to announce that spay/neuter funds are again made available to our great county via the KY Spay/Neuter license program. Citizens throughout KY have elected to purchase the spay/neuter license plate to help reduce our pet overpopulation. If you have a pet that needs to be fixed, please contact: the Humane Society's Angels of Estill County at <ellenfrederick@windstream.net> or Peaceful Paws at <peacefulpawsky@aol.com>. Please act now as funds, as always, are limited! Thank for your support.

## Kentucky Career Center In Richmond Has Moved

The Kentucky Career Center in Richmond has relocated to 2028 Merrick Drive next to Kohl's department store.

There will be limited services available at the old and new location while the move is taking place. The phone number is 859-624-2564.

Hours of operation for the career center are Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – noon.

### Now Available

## "Save the Mack" T Shirts

"Save the Mack" T-shirts are now available.

Short Sleeve XL & smaller sizes: \$15. 2XL & larger sizes: \$20. Long Sleeve: \$20.

Visit our booth at the EAC Arts and Crafts show December 6th to buy a T-shirt, a RCP Refrigerator Magnet, or a "share" on a set of Longaberger Santa Belly baskets. Shirts will be sold at both RCP performances December 13th & December 14th. Visit Citizen's Guaranty Bank if you would like to order T-shirts in sizes we do not have readily available.

## Some Misconceptions About Grace

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In Ephesians 2:8-9, we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup>Not of works, lest any man should boast."

When we diagram this statement, we find several declarations of divine thought.

**First**, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind concerning God's Grace, for the very idea is that we, who have been saved, have received the unmerited favor of Almighty God, or unearned favor.

John plainly tells us that there is no plan designed by man that will save him, in Chapter 1:12-13. Here it says that God gives the power (authority) to become his child when we believe on Him (Jesus). But, then, he says this, that no one can be saved, not by blood; or just because one's parents were obedient Christians, does not automatically guarantee one will be saved. But, he does not stop with this thought alone, nor of the will of the flesh. This means any plan of our own, not based on the word of God. He also says that this includes any plan of some other man that does not have the endorsement of God upon it. Then, he establishes the truth of it all when he said, But of God!

**Acts 4:12** says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

**Secondly**, Through faith simply means that faith that counts is one that has a starting point and is maintained until death. In **Revelations 2:10**, our Lord says to his churches, "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

**Thirdly**, this salvation is the gift of God, John writes in verse 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." So, God's gift or truth is manifested and only bestowed upon believing and obedient man through Jesus Christ.

**Fourthly**, he concludes that no man can formulate a plan of his own that will save him. (Works) here simply again means his own effort. He further says in verse 10 that God wants us to produce good works or efforts based upon his teachings. So, it is impossible for man to save his own self without obeying the conditions or requirements of salvation given by our God.

**Closing**, there will be numerous people standing at the judgement that will offer their plans to our Lord, only to be completely rejected. A careful reading of Matthew 7:21-23 will establish this fact in our minds. So, we cannot use unlawful plans and end up in Heaven. We must have all our efforts based upon "what does the Bible teach," for by it we will all be judged one day, maybe soon.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

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