

August Financial Aid Tip of The Month

Students should take care when signing contracts

At some point, students will have to sign a contract. When they do, they should keep in mind these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

A contract is a written legal document between two or more parties in which an offer is made and accepted. Contracts would include an apartment lease, an insurance policy or a cell phone plan. Read all contracts thoroughly and ask questions before you sign. Complete everything and keep a copy for yourself.

Consumer protection laws let you change your mind and cancel some contracts within three days of signing. Before you sign any contract, find out if you have that option. If you don't but later find it's necessary to cancel the contract, you may have to pay a big penalty or continue to pay what the contract calls for.

Never sign a contract unless you read and understand the terms of the agreement. If you feel pressured, walk away.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>. KHEAA also provides free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.



The Jenkins Twins, Trevor and Trent, performed at a concert for children who had participated in the summer reading program at the Estill County Library. The father, Wesley Jenkins, accompanies his sons and sings back-up. Besides the concert, the children were all treated to ice cream and toppings. Prizes were drawn for those who had completed the goals of the summer reading program. For more information on programs for children and teens, call the library. Whitney Hays is the children's librarian.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Cemetery Thief Gets Slap on Wrist

When you look up "lowlife scum" in the dictionary, the corresponding picture you see next to the definition might well be one Kevin Maynard of Rhode Island.

Maynard worked at the Rhode Island Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Exeter where, over the course of many years, he stole veterans' grave markers, which he took home for backyard projects.

Projects such as the floor under his makeshift garages (think: tarps on poles) and a shed. When finally caught, investigators found over 200 grave markers. Most were inscription-side down in the mud, some under Maynard's vehicle. (He stole full boxes of flags, too, also dumped in the mud.)

Granted, the grave markers were slated to be replaced because they were worn. Markers such as these are ground into dust — an honorable ending — before they are replaced. The National Cemetery Administration website says, "Marble and granite headstones or markers that are permanently removed from a grave must be destroyed, ensuring that the inscription is no longer legible." Destined for dust or not, Maynard had no right to take them. It was theft, among other things.

On learning that he could get 10 years in the prison and be fined \$250,000, Maynard agreed to a plea deal in exchange for a more cushy sentence: a year of probation and 500 hours of community service.

What happened, one wonders, to the Let Our Veterans Rest in Peace Act of 2008? It provides sentencing guidelines for any offense involving theft (as well as other desecrations) of any object that marks a veteran's grave. Sentencing is supposed to be "appropriately severe ... so that potential thieves will be deterred."

Where's the deterrent in a slap on the wrist?



Fred Rogers' "other grandchildren" enjoyed his retirement meal. These are the children of the employees under Fred at Emergency Management. All five employees said that Rogers was like a father to them. They all stated they were like family. The first employee of Emergency Management, Ronnie Riddell II, has been promoted to replace Rogers as director of Estill Emergency Management.

Picnic in The Park

Join the River City Players for a Picnic in The Park

Friday, Sept. 4
Begins at 5 p.m.

Bring Your Dinner and Decorations
Table - \$60.00 (Seats 6)
Blanket Seating \$5.00 Each
(Children 6 & Under Free)
Prizes Available for Best Table and Blanket Decorations

Live Entertainment 7 PM
Proceeds to "Save the Mack Fund"

For more information, contact
Bobby Carol Noland 723-2254
or Susan Hawkins 723-5755

GED Center Is Open

Yes, the GED center is open this summer. Please call 606-723-7323 for hours of operation.

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AUGUST 8

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GIVEAWAY**

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Free Hot Dogs & Drinks.*

Across from
Ravenna Veterans
Memorial Park

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miss meeting and
seeing others
blessed.

Be the Hands and
Feet.

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Matthew 25:35-40

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