



Coyote killed in county

Joe Small Jr., who lives on the Law's Nursery property on the Millersburg Road, shot this coyote Monday evening, April 25. Coyote, about a year old, Mr. Small said he had heard unusual noises from the woods behind his home for several days and thinks there are more out there. The animal was fighting with Mr. Small's dog when discovered. — Mercury photo.

Special Olympics 17 from Nicholas compete at Bourbon

Seventeen students from Nicholas County Elementary competed in the Area Special Olympics, an all-day event held at Bourbon County High School, Saturday, April 16. The students competed against other athletes from Anderson, Bourbon, Hartsville, Fayette, Franklin, Scott and Woodford counties.

The areas for competition were softball throw, frisbee throw, 50, 100, 200, 400 meter run, mile run, standing long jump, high jump, and the 400 meter relay.

The students were divided by teachers Annette Davis, Sandra Durham, Dana Lane and Lottie O'Hara into one parent, Lorena Reed, two aides, Sharron Compton and Betty Galtner, and four volunteers, Frank Cleaver, James Compton, Greg O'Leary and Tom Smith.

Special Olympics
• Vicky Glass, girls 84.50 meter (first place) and softball (third place).
• Robin Glass, boys 14-15, 50 meter (third place) and 100 meter (fourth place).
• Melissa Helton, girls 12-13, softball (third place), and frisbee (first and fourth).

• Vickie Watkins, boys 12-13, 100 meter (first place) and standing long jump (second place).

• Eddie Reed, boys 12-13, 50 meter (third place) and 400 meter (second place).
• Martin Morris, boys 10-11, 50 meter (first place) and 100 meter (fourth place).
• Scott Zornes, boys 12-13, 100 meter (first place) and 200 meter (second place).
• Harold Side, boys 12-13, 50 meter (first place) and 100 meter (fourth place).
• Mickey Stone, boys 14-15, 100 meter (first place) and 200 meter (second place).
• Beverly Gammson, girls 10-11, 50 meter (second place), and 100 meter (third place).
• George Watkins, boys 14-15, 50 meter (first place) and 200 meter (second place).
• Harvey Jolly, boys 14-15, 100 meter (second place) and 200 meter (fourth place).
• James Sapp, boys 12-13, softball (second place) and frisbee (first and fourth place).
• Cecil White, boys 12-13, 50 meter (first place) and standing long jump (first place).

• Selected to represent Nicholas County in the state meet.

Weinberg stops in Nicholas
Bill Weinberg, former legislator from Henderson, is running for attorney general this year and stopped by the Mercury office Monday.

Weinberg said the attorney general's office is the most important in Kentucky after the governor's office, and that he wants to have an impact on people's lives.

Weinberg said he is married to Lois Combs Weinberg, former Gov. Bert Combs' daughter. They have three children and live in Kent County. He is a member of the law firm with Carl Parker's son.

"I think the attorney general should intervene earlier in the process to stop utility rate increases," Weinberg said, "and we also need more expert opinion in these rate increase cases."
"I also think we should have a deputy attorney general with experience in the area of utility companies."
Weinberg said he wants to identify those persons who are a "real threat" to society and get them behind bars.

Teacher response low Less than 50 percent apply for computer scholarship

The Kentucky Department of Education is providing 180 million scholarship to train teachers in the instructional uses of computers.

"I date, it has had only 88 applicants. Superintendent of Public Instruction Raymond Barber said, "It is the fact that for one teacher per school district to attend the state university of choice. It is a three-hour course for graduate credit. Eighty percent of our districts have acquired computers and all need resource personnel. I don't understand why the scholarships haven't been fully subscribed."

The original April 1 deadline has been postponed to May 1. Barber hopes that will give district superintendents the time they need to select teachers to attend the training.

The courses cost approximately \$122 per person. The department has allocated about \$25,000 for the project. It will also assist the universities to acquire the software to be used in the course.

"A computer is like a car," Barber said. "Anyone can buy one. Only those who know how to drive will go anywhere with it."
The tuition scholarships are a part of several programs the department is sponsoring to prepare teachers to use computers in their classrooms.

The department, directed by Lou Smith, joined the employees last year. Her duties include technical assistance to any school district that requests it as well as giving instruction in computer technology to staff in the Department of Education.

A two-day workshop in computer technology in the classroom that was organized last fall was so over-subscribed that four additional ones were added. An average of 25 teachers have attended each workshop.

The department gave the Kentucky Educational Television are jointly providing to all Kentucky schools a hardware/software evaluation service called EPTE (Educational Products Evaluation Exchange). The service, which is an affiliate of the Consumers Union, will be free-of-charge to school districts at least through March 1984.

EPTE materials will be distributed to local district staff at special training sessions now being planned throughout the state.

"Right now, our schools are making significant expenditures in computer hardware and software," Barber said. And quite frankly, the market is full of products. The EPTE service is relatively inexpensive, but if every district had it it should be used it will generate a waste of funds."
The department and the Department of Education are working together to provide full-time employee, Dennis Lou Smith, joined the department last year. Her

enhance the instructional process."
The Department estimates that there were over 200 micro computers in Kentucky's classrooms. "There are more every day," Barber said. "That's why I am so amazed that our tuition scholarships haven't been snapped up."

Mistakes were made then, Barber acknowledges. "Schools rushed to buy televisions and video tape recording equipment. Sometimes they were effectively used but many times they were not. We had to learn by trial and error how television could be used in

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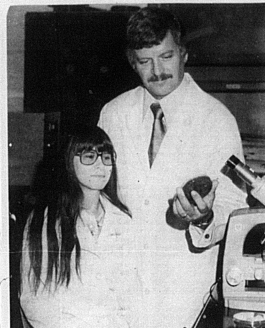
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Med-Tech student
Jacqueline Russell of Sharpburg, seated, will attend the Medical Technology School at Lexington's St. Joseph Hospital beginning this fall. Jacqueline, a Morehead State University senior, is shown with Dr. Ted Pass, professor of biology. — Photosubmitted

Billy Parker finds balloon
A balloon from Small Pleasant, Michigan, was found on the Billy Parker farm on the Lower Jackson Road, Tuesday, April 19.
It was apparently a balloon from a school youngster. His name was Nathan Walters and the school was listed as Keweenaw Elementary in Mount Pleasant.

Deanna Darrell gets award
Deanna Darrell from Carlisle was recognized for her achievements during the Transylvania University annual Awards Day program held recently.
Miss Darrell received the Lady Pioneer Athletic Award. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jeanne Darrell and a graduate of Nicholas County High School.

Avery completes basic training
Pvt. Danny C. Avery, son of George W. Avery of Millersburg and Frances D. Commodore of 27 E. Fifth Street, Mayville, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.
He is a 1982 graduate of Bourbon County High School, Paris.

FFA awards banquet
The Nicholas County Future Farmers of America held their annual awards banquet at the Nicholas County High School Friday, April 22.
The awards were sponsored by many businesses. The FFA would like to thank these people: David Tipton, Franklin Bank, Judge Reese Street, Deposit Bank, First National Bank, Nicholas County Sheriff's Department and Southern States for having a \$10 good prize. The donations from these people were used to purchase awards for some of our members.
The cooks prepared a wonderful meal which consisted of barbecued chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, tossed salad and chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream for dessert.

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