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Jackets 'beef up' for coming season

Weight program adds heft; Scrimmage Bourbon Friday



ROBBIE BARR heads new look Jackets.

Kenneth L. Baker dies of injuries at wreck scene

Federal services were held Sunday afternoon for Kenneth L. Baker, 64, a resident of East Union Road, Carlisle, who was killed Thursday afternoon, August 1, on U.S. Highway 60 in Bourbon County.

Deputy Sheriff Lindsey Fyfe, who investigated the accident, said the southeast South Central Bell Telephone Co. truck Baker was driving apparently left the road and retraced, veered across the highway and ran off the west side of the highway.

Baker, husband of Mrs. Lois Baker, was pronounced dead at the scene at 3:45 p.m. An autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death. Details were not available at press time.

Baker was president of the Carlisle/Nicholas County Parks and Recreation Board, a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church and a valued member of the community. Other details of the death notice on the back page.



Classic low net winners

Barry Beate, second from right, standing by his playing partner Mike Sheets of Painesville, and Don Hoyer, low net winner at the Shumate Classic member-guest golf tournament last weekend at Carno

Country Club. David Zachary, left, and Rob Hester, tournament chairmen, made the presentation. (Story on page 4.)



Smile, you're a winner

Jennifer Willoughby, 9, won the English Equitation class on Sunday at a 4-H Youth Horse Show aboard Nugget, her Palomino working horse. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thompson of

Dixie Highway, Moorefield. Larry holds Nugget in check for the picture while Jennifer seems preoccupied by an upcoming class. —

Elder's contract extended

The Nicholas County Board of Education has extended the contract of Superintendent Donald L. Elder for another four-year term, ending with the 1986-87 school year.

Elder, who has served in his present capacity since 1974, began his career at the local school district in 1962 as a general supervisor of schools. He also served as high school principal from 1967-70. In all, Elder has 14 years experience in the teaching profession, 11 of which were in administration.

IN OTHER action taken at the July 29 meeting, the following motions were approved:

- To allow "bills" drafted to distribute applications to students and faculty for 1986-87 school year.
- To request from state that we be allowed to use the Capital Budget for current expense purposes.
- To place Katherine Rogers as substitute teacher.
- To allow employees to sign automatic payroll deduction applications with Commonwealth Credit Union.
- To allow March of Dimes Reading Program to be held at elementary school.
- To purchase used for baseball field from Gene Curtis at a cost of \$600.
- To accept resignation of Beth Duxley as second grade teacher.
- To adopt district discipline code for Nicholas County Schools subject to State Board of Education approval.
- To approve policy for evaluating certified school employees subject to State Board of Education approval.
- To raise lunchroom prices five cents on all lunches.
- To adopt policy for Essential Skills Remediation Program.
- To accept resignation of David McMullen as high school principal, as reported in last week's Mercury.
- Students will report to classes on Monday, August 26. Details next week.



Adult division entries

Flowers on the table and Beulah Jones's quilts hanging in the background are admired by Marge Wilson, left, and Jerry Dettlinger, visitors at the Nicholas County Youth Fair last Friday at the New Armory. The pillows, some of which were entered by Ben Booth and Lois Allison and quilts were part of the adult division exhibits of the fair. —



Hot rod compeller

Greg Curtinger finished second in the hot rod division of the ATV and garden tractor pull Saturday night on the East End Recreation Park. Don Hoyer, in white shirt in the background, won in a pull-off. Moving alongside on right is Gregory Curtinger, who directed the event for Nicholas County Youth Fair.

So you want to be a legislator? Well, read on...



REP. ARNOLD ARNOLD, legislator and farmer

Barring unforeseen circumstances, like the recently completed special session, the Kentucky General Assembly is required by the constitution to meet for 90 days every two years.

But that certainly doesn't mean that the work of a state legislator is confined to that limited session, which stretches from early January to mid-April during even-numbered years. In fact, the concept of a part-time citizen-legislator is becoming almost as extinct as the dinosaur.

The Mercury asked Adam Arnold, D-DM, Sterling, to explain what it's like to be the representative from the 7th Legislative District.

Even though the local history, my past work and my next session would be the 1986 regular session. I spend three to four days a week in Frankfort, attending committee meetings and taking care of other legislative

duties including time spent on related activities — like returning calls to constituents who have questions or need assistance in obtaining information from state agencies, answering mail or talking to civic groups in my home district — I easily spend over 40 hours per week performing my legislative duties.

Some part-time jobs you can do, that leaves little time for the "real" part-time job as a citizen-legislator role," he said.

He also tries to squeeze in some time for a small crop insurance business he operates, as well as 26-acre farm. When away from home, he hires someone to run the farm.

How does one get someone to run the farm, he asks?

During the interim, lawmakers spend a great deal of time studying issues at their committees and other assignments. Arnold co-chairs

the interim joint Committee on Counties and Special Districts as well as the Task Force on State Planning and Zoning.

He also serves on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the Forestry, Rivers, and Investigation Committee, the Tobacco Tax, Police, the Jail Bonding Authority and the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory Advisory Committee.

"ALTHOUGH it is not possible to be part-time legislator, that's all the knowledge gained from these activities has helped the General Assembly establish its independence, he felt.

"WHILE IT'S TRUE that being a legislator has become more time-consuming of late, it's also true that state representatives and senators are better prepared than ever to be competent, professional job representatives their constituents in Frankfort," he pointed out.

That means measures are ready for introduction on the very first day of the session and can begin working their way through the legislative process of government, he said.

"Because of this greater preparation and dedication on the part of General Assembly members, the days of a governor ramming proposals down the throats of a docile Legislature are gone forever, he said.

And so in getting rich while serving in the General Assembly, neither.

"The average salary a legislator makes amounts to about \$19,000 to \$22,000 a year, after expenses. Not exactly the King's wages, considering the higher profits we have as the result of toll-free telephone lines for our constituents and a greater attention focused on us by

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