

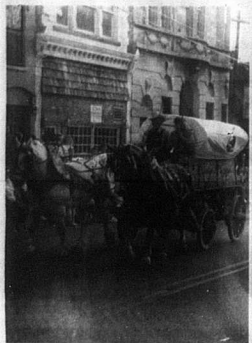


Secretary of Tourism Mary Ray O'Brien was on hand to represent the governor at the crowning of the queen.



Nicholas County residents took in what the Independence holiday is all about as they paid homage to the stars and stripes.

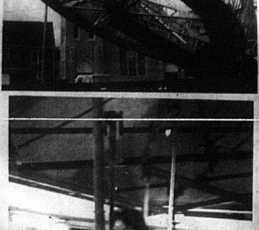
With assistance from "Grandpa," this little tyke became fascinated by the blink of the lights and continuous center of the Carousel horses at the annual Blackberry Festival.



Beulah Mitchell, 80 years old, had a surprise first ride in her son James' hand-built dune buggy in the Blackberry Festival Parade.



Blackberry Festival Celebrations
Mercury Staff Photos



Who says those under 12 can't drive? This little one appears perfectly confident aboard a festival special cycle and side.

Grown-ups like ponies too, as this expert rider proves atop a Blackberry Festival snorting steed.

GENERAL NEWS

Steps may be...

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for the fiscal year;
accept the resignations of Sharon Hatten and Mary Truesdell, effective immediately;
voted to purchase errors and omissions insurance on all school board employees at a cost of \$10,000;
voted to advertise for bids for food and supplies for lunch rooms and fleet insurance;
amended the student attendance code to read, "Any absence that is not verified by a note, is unexcused";
enter into a contract with the UK Sports Medicine Center to provide a certified athletic trainer to cover athletic events at the high school at a cost of \$1 per session;
approve Charles Guy as a substitute custodian and approved the sub teachers, sub-cooks and sub-bus drivers;
approve the in-service plan for the next school year;
grant a \$5 credit to students for instructional materials;
reimburse bus drivers up to \$25 for physicals;
approve supplements of \$1000 to the band, \$600 to Biology, and \$600 each to the high school and junior high academic teams;
provide free textbooks at a cost of \$700-\$7500 for the next school year;
approve the extra duty salary schedule;
approve positions for: Charles Canapp, junior high academic coach, Barbara Hopkins, high school annual, Bobby Stern, assistant baseball coach, and Mary Ballard as secretary.

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The number of Kentuckians working in May was 1,281,700, according to a U. S. Department of labor survey. This was 20,500 more than April's 1,261,200 and 44,900 more than the May 1987 figure of 1,240,000.
The federal estimate of unemployed Kentuckians was 134,100 in May, down 12,400 from the April figure of 146,500 and 10,800 from the May 1987 report of 144,900.
This includes new and reentrants to the labor force, people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, and laid-off workers who either were not covered by UI, did not work long enough to qualify or have exhausted their benefits but are continuing to look for work.
Kentucky's civilian labor force estimate for May was 1,715,800, up from 1,707,700 in April and 1,681,700 in May 1987. This includes people who have non-military jobs and unemployed Kentuckians who actively are seeking work. It does not include the unemployed who have not looked for a job in four weeks.
Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure employment trends rather than to actually count people working.

accept bids for milk, bread, oil & anti-freeze, tires and tubes, and various maintenance supplies;
accept the resignation of Philip Goffron as bus driver;
approve use of the elementary school by the East Union Alumni;
assign Lee Cruse as remedial teacher, and will seek a classroom replacement for him;
table a request for a trip by the cheerleaders until a new permission letter is presented by the new sponsor;
hire Timmy Thornburg as custodian at the elementary school;
tentatively set kindergarten bus schedule with a completed list available in August;
advertise five buses for sale, which are surplus in the system.
The board heard letters from Josh Guthrie thanking the board for its assistance in making a school related trip and Rev. Michael Greer praising teachers in the system.
The board will hold its next regular meeting, August 8, beginning at 9 p.m. in the board office.

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