

Grades for art and music debated

By Rebecca Mallins
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"Should children receive an academic letter grade based on five hours of (or less in a class) a semester? And when a teacher has over 600 students per week, how can he evaluate each child's individual performance?" Hunter said. "And if the grade is based on behavior, is it fair to base an academic grade on behavior?"

The grades are not based on behavior, according to Mallory and Hilton. "Because of the changes with education reform and the fact that students will be tested on these subjects in the future, Principal Gerald Hammons agreed to permit letter grades to be given in these classes this semester."

"We had a lot of problems in the past with kids going into these special classes and really taking them as a 'big joke,'" Hammons said. "They thought if they were able to give the grade it might give them some attitude." Hammons apologized to Hunter and the other parents present for not informing them of the changes in the music fee in a letter written by Hunter, she also made the following comments about letter grades in art and music classes. "We simply didn't have elementary and middle-school children."

Mallory said the same thing about her art classes. If a child had an average grade in art, she said, the grade in the other classes would not be affected. "Our kids aren't going to be great in everything they do," she said. "Other business at the meeting involved the council passing a resolution to draw up a new disciplinary code for the high school and elementary school."

The code will deal with expulsion for a student's possession of a dangerous weapon on campus, according to Nicholas High School Principal Gerald Reid, who was present at an elementary council meeting.

Hammons said also discussed whether or not a student who has never been disciplined before at school should receive the same punishment as a frequently-disciplined student. "If a good student has carried a weapon on campus or is engaging in other expulsion offenses, he or she will be recommended for expulsion," Hammons said.

"Sometimes expelling a child with a big discipline problem (is a problem). The last thing they need is to be expelled. But if they commit one of these offenses, they need to be," he said.

Court begins dry hydrant project

By Jason Hart
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The NICOLAS COUNTY Fiscal Court began work on a dry hydrant project in Stoney Creek Road, located on a hard-surfaced road, so the truck can have road access to it.

"School buses are nearly unable to get across this bridge," said Smoot. "We are going to extend the bridge by 100 feet, to make it safer."

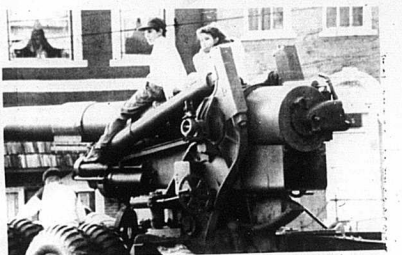
Magistrate Carl Ohern agreed, saying the bridge is very hazardous. "This is just one bridge that needs repair," said Cohen.

Senior citizen benefits lecture given Feb. 17 in Carlisle

Central Kentucky Legal Services will have an attorney, Carla H. Montgomery, at the Nicholas Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, February 17, 1993, at 10:30 a.m. The attorney will be discussing benefits which may assist eligible seniors with Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments.

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Waiting for the victors... Two young Lucy jackets found a comfortable, if precarious vantage point to await the triumphant return of the team Sunday night after the football game.

Nicholas students partake in co-op

Two Nicholas County residents, Kelley Annette Razer and Rodney D. Eater, were among approximately 925 Eastern Kentucky University students who have been placed with employers in Kentucky and throughout the United States. EKU's co-op students applied principles and theories learned in the classroom to practical, on-the-job situations. Participants also received a salary from the participating employer, which may help offset college expenses. And they may have earned academic credit for their work.

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Janice Birdwhistel (right) talked about issues concerning Nicholas County with Bowles Grocery owner Bob Bowles Monday at the grocery. Birdwhistel is from Congressman Gary Bieser's model office unit which will visit the county periodically. Baesler didn't make it to Bowles, but did visit Garnett's Restaurant and Nicholas County High School on Monday.

Mathematics teachers can apply for grant

Middle grades math teachers from Nicholas County will have the opportunity to align their teaching with the Kentucky Education Reform Act as a result of a \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will fund a statewide effort to change the way math is taught in the middle grades in Kentucky schools. The service grant was given to the eight state universities of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Middle Grades Mathematics Teachers Network will provide participating teacher coaches with more than \$9,000 in stipends over three years and a half-year sabbatical from teaching schools in the state.

By March 30, 26 top math teachers of grades 5-8 from across the state will join 12 teacher educators, eight mathematics and two administrators as teacher coaches for the program. The coaches will attend a three-week Summer Institute in 1993.

In the fall of 1993, these coaches will put the training to the test in their own classrooms. A \$500 kit of manipulatives (physical materials used to demonstrate mathematical concepts) will be provided to the teachers.

In the summer of 1994, the 48 coaches will meet again to create two courses, and then will help deliver the courses to 300 middle grades mathemat-

Gaunce decorated with medal

Teachers interested in the program may contact UK at 257-2927.

William S. Bush, director of the project and a professor of mathematics education at the University of Kentucky, said the training will prepare teachers to use more "real world," hands-on activities, including manipulatives and technology.

The grant from the NSF's Teacher Enhancement Division will provide participating individuals for non-combat meritorious achievement with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded to individuals for non-combat meritorious achievement above their peers. The medal is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Gaunce, a courier, is the son of Roy E. Gaunce Jr., of 293 West Main Street, Carlisle, and Mary Jo Russell of Rural Route 1, Berea. His wife, Brenda, is the daughter of William and Beatrice Sanders of 501 Trafalgar Square, Louisville. He graduated from Berea Community High School in 1981.

Going to college, seniors? Book may help with decision

Nicholas County seniors who have not received a free copy of *Getting In* are encouraged to request one from their high school counselor. This 125-page book provides important information to students planning to attend college or vocational/technical school.

Getting In 1993 is published by the state agency that administers student financial aid, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). A supply of the Scholarship, Federal Teacher Scholarship, Federal Stafford Loan, Federal Loan for Parents, Federal Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS), Federal PLUS Loan, and KHEAA Work-Study Program (KWSWP), and the Kentucky Education Services Trust (KESST).

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I know firsthand many of the problems our farmers and businesses face every day. My family and I farm 850 acres, mostly tobacco and cattle. My wife and I own and operate a country store in Morehead. This is hands-on experience. I know what paying tax is. I know the value of a dollar.

I believe I can help all of Nicholas County. Vote for me for County Judge Executive. I will be grateful and appreciate your vote, support, and influence.

Thank You, Earl Lee Planck

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