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Corrective action report almost ready for state

By Leigh Stone Managing Editor The management audit outlining the corrective actions being taken by Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Eversly will be handed to the Kentucky Department of Education on Friday.

The board brought nine charges, mostly regarding incompetency on the superintendent's part, on July 2. Among the board's charges was that Eversly wasn't meeting district finances according to standards. The system was deemed in the black at the last meeting, but Eversly had said for the last few months it was likely the district would show a deficit.

He said Tuesday, "We are definitely in the black. But not according to the parameters of the board's given. We are \$95,000 in the red because historically, we used excess (or market) funds to pull us out of the deficit. It's not rocket science."

With a motion by board member Sherry Littrick and a second by board member Don Elder and all in favor, the board declared Monday night that a special audit was needed. "Without personnel will be here 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13. Eversly said after the meeting the board referred to it as a meeting, but it was actually his public hearing."

about the charges. Letter informed The Mercury it took out of turn at 10:20 p.m. Monday night, approximately three hours and 20 minutes after the meeting began, by asking her to define a management audit. There were approximately six people and the board present.

"I don't want to get ugly about this but you need to understand the board chairman and if she chooses she can recognize you, Letcher said and continued correct protocol."

Chairman Mona Vee then asked Letcher to answer the newspaper's questions. The Mercury meant to show respect to Chairman Vee by asking the attorney a question.

Letcher defined the audit as a document that addresses various aspects of the district, such as pupil transportation, finance, attendance, special records, and policies. The state asked for the audit to be done in a letter dated July 2.

Meanwhile, Monday morning, Superintendent Eversly was still decreasing enrollment on the spring reduction schedule. In the first year to admit I don't want to be people off that there is less money, less ADA, and that's what's causing the problem to be made.

"We're 100 students fewer than five years ago, he said stating state funding is determined by the number of students enrolled. He said when former superintendent Gilbert left in 1994, enrollment, the ADA, average daily attendance, was 1,200-3 students. There, in 1,159, 1,134 and 1,114 1/2 and now, less than 1,100 based on tentative figures."

Court disputes man's residency Clark Funeral Home director out \$550

By Leigh Stone Managing Editor Just call it a loss. Clark Funeral Chapel Director Bill Clark came to that conclusion Monday morning after contacting family to help pay burial expenses of their father.

They said they couldn't pay and Nicholas County Circuit Court had already declined to reimburse Clark his out-of-pocket funds of \$325. At last Tuesday's court meeting, Magistrate agreed to pay the fee of the family support paper with Attorney Jack Conley to pay at least \$20 a month.

"They work. I feel like they can pay that," commented Magistrate Daryl Stacy. Clark explained to magistrate that he had Bill Clark's family called him to go to Clark County hospital and get the body. He was 61 years old and had spent 10 years of his life in Nicholas County. He was going back and forth and that's what I tried to explain to the court. The man wasn't a resident of Nicholas County at the time of his death," County Judge

Executive Clark Smith commented at last Tuesday's meeting. Clark County had Mr. Clark's body in the cooler when Clark arrived. A relative called me and asked me to go get the body. I knew the man and thought he was a resident here."

After getting back to Nicholas County, Clark called County Judge Smith to see if the county would pay the regular burial fee of \$650 for a resident. Clark said the judge was on vacation.

"Who do you go to when the person in charge is on vacation? You have to do something within two or three days with a decomposing body. You just can't wait for somebody to make a decision. Meanwhile, Clark called Attorney Conley. Conley suggested Clark create the body to leave the cost, but assured Clark he could financially direct him to do anything. Clark said his expenses amounted to a trip to Winchester to retrieve the body, two trips to Lexington where the body was cremated. They wouldn't give me the body the same day, I had to make another



The last twinning of 11 year old twins Amanda, left, and Amie, right, most likely saved their great-grandmother Ella Kimes by the Nicholas County Ambulance operators Joyce and Ronnie McDonald and Bobby Kelley praised the duo for calling 911 and missing Kimes be taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Twins save great-grandmother's life

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"I didn't want her to call 911, but she insisted. Ronnie and Joyce McDonald and Bobby Kelley and me all said what a good thing they did. I'm real proud of them. Kimes said hugging the girls."

As the youngsters were getting into the ambulance to accompany Kimes to Nicholas County Hospital, friends of the family, Pat McFarland and Amy Hamilton, saw them. They went to the hospital to be with the twins until Tommy and I could get there. I really appreciate that," Sams said. Kimes was later taken to a Lexington hospital and a pace-maker was installed July 15.

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Senior Citizen's Director Chosen

Angie Bowles is a Nicholas County native and is up to the challenge of her new job. See photos on page 6.

She said she was going to pay for anything and that she didn't have the money but she would sign the form to give consent to the cremation, Clark said.

The family did go to the funeral home and retrieved the urn, which cost Clark \$60. Clark's actual expenses were in the range of \$250, including postage and embalming. "I didn't ask them for that. I just said, 'I'll pay for it.' I forgot about my trip to Winchester, two trips to Lexington and trip to Georgetown. Forgive me about my time. I just wanted them to reimburse me for my expenses. I had to make another

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Teacher questions hiring of aides

By Leigh Stone Managing Editor A kindergarten teacher wants to know why several teacher aides were hired by the district instead of another teacher. At Monday night's regular Nicholas County Board of Education meeting, kindergarten teacher Susan Roberts expressed dismay the board asked questions about the re-

hiring process. Nicholas County Elementary Principal Gerald Hammons said he couldn't verify at the exact number of aids hired Roberts said four more were hired in excess. Instead of hiring four aids, Roberts offered that a classroom teacher was more crucial to education than hiring aides. "I would think (Representation) Pete Worthington had a lot to do with Blue Licks getting the jobs," commented Mahoney.

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-In-Brief- Fish & Game Club

The Fish and Game Club will meet Friday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Club. Meal will be Polish.

Livingood reunion

The Annual Livingood Reunion will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27 at the Central 4-H Camp in Nicholas County. Lunch is noon and will be Polish.

Murder trial set for September 23-24

Mark A. Young, 16, the youth accused in the shooting death of his mother, Sharon, May 6 on East Union Road, will be tried as an adult in Nicholas County Circuit Court.

He will be tried by jury Sept. 23-24, confirmed a spokesperson for the circuit clerk's office Monday.

Commonwealth Attorney Jack Keith said Monday afternoon the Kentucky State Police was interviewing data taken from its investigation.

U. S. 68 project

Talk of making U. S. 68 a four-lane highway from Paris to the crossroads at Carlisle was thought discussed as July 17 U. S. 68 widens, report informational meeting held at Millersburg Elementary.

Allen Clay Stone of Carlisle said another idea that came up was the possibility of making a Millersburg bypass. That's a beautiful historic district and something they discussed. Stone, on the Bluegrass Area Development District Transportation Committee along with Bourbon County Judge Executive "Bugs" Hinkle, said the U. S. 68 corridor would help improve economies stability in Carlisle. "I think he could be contacted for comment by press time."

Blue Licks Lodge construction begins in 30 days

By Leigh Stone Managing Editor BLUE LICKS - Look for a construction of a new lodge at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park to begin within the next 30 days.

"Bids were opened and one was accepted," said Blue Licks Battlefield State Park Director Eddie Philpot said Monday.

The building project is an estimated \$2.5 million that will provide a lodge with kitchen and dining room facilities.

Don Mahoney of the Kentucky Division of Parks, confirmed that D. W. Wilburn of Lexington was the contractor for the project. He will work closely with the project throughout construction as well as architect Elizabeth Atkinson.

The lodge will have 18 rooms, a kitchen, dining room, and meeting room. Sixteen Kentucky state parks have a lodge, about 17 as there are 46 to 49 state parks in Kentucky. "I would think (Representation) Pete Worthington had a lot to do with Blue Licks getting the jobs," commented Mahoney.