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Elementary students learn about early pioneer activities



Latesha Mitchell, eighth grade, right, ties a woven sheep's wool bracelet onto her brother Travis Mitchell's wrist. He is in the third grade.

Students at Nicholas County Elementary School were enlightened Tuesday as they participated in a program called "Pioneer Living Experience: A Journey Through Time."

Students were in the gymnasium, participating in activities located at seven different learning centers.

Pioneer Living Experience is a traveling hands-on museum that goes to schools so students can see what life was like before the turn of the century.

In the learning centers, the children discovered how to:

- "Pea for gold" (find gold) keeping the minerals they found from the display learning center.
- "Played with hand made" wooden folk toys in the child's learning center.
- "Washed clothes on a scrub board, pumped water, sharp-

end tools on a grinding wheel and shove in Ma and Pa's learning center.

"Washed, card and hand spin some sheep's wool and made friendship bracelets for each other," which they kept from the clothing learning center.

"Ground wheat into flour and rolled out bread dough in the museum workshop within a two-mile drive of Cincinnati."

Teachers and Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) members said they thought the workshop would be good historical experience for the students.

"Lots of schools tell us it's the best assembly they've ever seen. We hope we've been able to enlighten students on how the pioneers lived and what they had to do to survive," Hess said.

The all-day workshop cost the school approximately \$500.

Hess can be reached at 1-800-468-4753.



Aaron Isaac and Elizabeth Isaac used old tubs, a washboard and a wringer to wash clothes during pioneer days. Both are in the third grade.

Voters will decide if General Assembly should meet yearly

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, during the general election, voters will have an opportunity to decide whether to allow the legislature to meet every year.

Yes for Constitutional Amendment number one will allow lawmakers to meet yearly. Voting no would mean the legislature would meet as it currently does, (every other year on even-numbered years only).

The proposed amendment would allow the legislature to meet for no more than 25 working days beginning the first Tuesday in February on odd-numbered years, beginning in 1999.

The proposed session would end by March 20 and there would be no restrictions on topics.

The regular, 60-day session or even-numbered years would not change, but the sessions held in January of every odd-numbered year would be cut from 10 days to five days.

Rep. John Will Stacy, D-Morehead, said he thinks voters yes for the amendment will make the government process more effective.

"Because issues become more and more complicated, the general assembly can't be expected to run the government, which has a \$11 billion budget, by meeting every two years," he said.

He added that there could be fewer special sessions called by the legislature met every year, noting that 23 special sessions have been called since 1971.

During a special session, lawmakers can only address specific topics that are put on the agenda, not general business.

Special sessions will still be called, even if the amendment passes, according to Gov. Paul Patton.

Patton said the amendment's language could be too broad because it would allow any issue to be considered during the extra session. He guessed that

Ballot amendment number two... Legislature could reduce personal property taxes

On the Nov. 3 general election ballot, amendment number two would allow the legislature to cut or reduce personal property taxes.

Voting yes on the proposed amendment gives state lawmakers the power to cut taxes on such personal tangible property as cars and trucks and such intangible property such as automobiles or credit cards.

It would affect any property other than real estate.

"I'm for cutting taxes," said Rep. John Will Stacy, D-Morehead. "We need to have some changes in the way taxes are levied to make them more fair."

Stacy indicated that other states would not necessarily have to be raised to cover local government revenues that is made new from personal property tax.

"We're blessed with a good economy. It's more diverse now than ever," Stacy said.

Not everyone agrees that cutting the taxes would be a good idea.

If property taxes are cut, it could affect state and local government programs. County and city governments, school boards, and some taxing districts rely on the millages the property tax generates yearly.

Susan Giese, a program consultant with the state's division of finance, said that school boards would be affected.

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What citizens can do to prevent domestic violence

By Katherine Bhuson, Victim Advocate, Pathways, Inc.

Editor's Note: This article is written in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Every 15 seconds an American woman is beaten. Four million women a year are battered. One third of female homicide victims are killed by their partners.

Women's chronic absenteeism and higher health care costs. Children from abusive homes have higher rates for running away, suicide and prostitution. While alcohol does not cause domestic violence, batterers suffer for higher rates of alcoholism and substance abuse.

Domestic violence affects us all. We must stop turning our heads away from the co-worker who comes to work with a black eye. We must reach out to our frequently bruised sister who repeatedly blames the alcohol she is drinking from her doctor's report.

How can you help a victim? Let her know you care about her and that she was not treated so cruelly. Tell her there is a better life for her, one that is free from abuse.

Offer to keep a safety kit for her, a filled with important documents and items she will need when she leaves such as copies of birth certificates, social security cards, bank records, spare house and car keys and extra money.

Photograph her injuries, write the date on the photo, and hold on to them for her. These photos may be used in court.

Students of the Week

Carolyn Flora, left, and Geneva Tapp, right, are students of the Week for Nicholas County High School. Flora, senior, is the daughter of Ollie and Dorothy Flora of Carlisle. She is active in the Ecology Club. Her favorite subject is English, because, she says, she plans to attend Kentucky Technical College after graduation.

Tapp, senior, is the daughter of Mary Stewart and Wayne Tapp of Carlisle. She is on the softball team, pep club, ecology club and PFA.

Her favorite subject is drama, because, she says, it helps her overcome her fear of speaking in front of an audience. Tapp wants to have a career as a computer specialist. She plans to attend Sullivan College after graduation. She helps her parents around the house and rides her pet horse "Maggie."

Austin Howard, left, and Charlie Wiseman, both third graders, check out a wooden merry-go-round during the Pioneer Living Experience at the elementary school Tuesday.

Regional band competition at Tates Creek. The Nicholas County High School Band will participate in regional competition Saturday, Oct. 24 at Tates Creek High School in Lexington.

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