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COURT

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notify address change to Department of Transportation; Proof; dismissed MOC; SCO 7/11/07 at 10:00am

Cody Mitchell; ARR 1) Speeding 15mph over limit; PC 4/25/07 at 1:00pm 2) Failure to wear seatbelts 3) No insurance first offense; NG to all charges; PC 4/25/07 at 1:00pm for proof re insurance

Christopher A. O'Connor; ARR 1) No/expired registration plates; Proof; dismissed MOC 2) Failure to wear seat belts; GP; $25.00 3) No/expired Kentucky Registration Receipt; Proof; dismissed MOC

Anthony D. Petitt; ARR 1) Leaving scene of accident/ failure to render aid or assistance; SCO by mail 5/2/07 at 12:00pm

William E. Ritchie; Review; Bond to be applied to fine and costs in full; Review 5/2/07 at 1:00pm; no counseling requirement.

Danny Lane Ross; ARR 1) Disorderly conduct; NG; PD appointed; PC 5/2/07 at 1:00pm

Matthew K. Shotwell; ARR 1) Speeding 16mph over limit 2) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first; NG by counsel; PC 6/6/07 at 1:00pm

Crystal M. Snapp; ARR 1) No/expired registration plates; proof; dismissed MOC 2) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt; Proof; dismissed MOC

Melissa J. Stone; ARR 1) No/expired registration plates; Proof dismissed MOC 2) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt; Proof; dismissed MOC

David Earl Thomas; ARR 1) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00; POR in full; SCO by sheriff; 5/2/07 at 12:00pm

Adam P. Tubbs; ARR 1) Failure to wear seat belts; GP $25.00 2) No/expired

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tem, personally." Such a notion remains popular with anti-choice politicians.

But parents know better.

• Forty-six states – including the seven states bordering Kentucky – have some form of statewide, parent-empowering school-choice law. None of their education systems have disintegrated.

• Plenty of evidence suggests that students – especially those from low-income homes where parents can't afford to move or pay private-school tuition – benefit from school choice.

• The Center for Education Reform reported that 30 percent of Massachusetts charter schools performed significantly better on recent tests than their traditional public-school counterparts in the same district.

• Last year, 88 percent of Georgia's charter schools – compared with 79 percent of traditional public schools – showed Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) necessary to meet federal No Child Left Behind requirements. This is especially significant considering the Peach State's charter schools have much-larger proportions of students who qualify for free-and-reduced cost lunches than the state's traditional schools.

Meanwhile, Merrifield protested the publication of his e-mail, calling it private communication. (Did he get that idea in an e-mail from someone in the Fletcher administration?) But Colorado's parents deserve to know where education leaders really stand concerning the right to school choice.

So I predict that sooner or later, Kentucky parents also will find out what their leaders really believe about the possibility of educational emancipation when it comes to their children.

What a heavenly thought.

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TALKIN'

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knowing in my lifetime.

Reply to Mister Jerry Brumagen who wrote a letter to the Editor about me:

" Mister Brumagen wrote: "Imagine my surprise at discovering that Dale Greer was a or is a Democrat. No one would have guessed that by reading his columns."

Yep, I'm a Democrat, Mister Brumagen. Never tried to hide it.

"Where was he (Dale Greer) when I, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, was being spit upon and called a "baby killer" in the San Francisco Airport upon departure for Vietnam."

You didn't say what year, Mister Brumagen. If it was in 1967, I was in Vietnam.

Mister Brumagen went on to say: "President Johnson, Dean Rusk and McNamara were no better or no worse than Bush and his cronies Rice, Rumsfeld and Cheney, AKA "quad killer."

When it came to war policy, I agree 100 percent, Mister Brumagen. We got no argument there.

"The Vietnam war was fought by poor white(s) and black(s)."

You get no argument from me, Mister Brumagen. The Vietnam war was indeed fought by poor whites and blacks. Again, I agree 100 percent.

And Mister Brumagen ended his letter about me by stating: "-- am still proud of my sheepskin from U.K., quite a difference from a tiny diploma mill in Eastern Kentucky."

And you should be proud of your sheepskin from U.K., Mister Brumagen. It's a fine school. But if you're referring to Morehead State University as "a tiny diploma mill," you need to be informed that the enrollment is more than 9,000. That's hardly tiny, and Morehead State is ranked by U.S. News and World Report's prestigious college ranking service as one of the best public universities in the south.

It seems we agree more than we disagree, Mister Brumagen. Thanks for writing.

I appreciate responses to my little column. You can either Email me at the Email address below, or write a letter to the Editor. It's interesting to read what folks think about what I write. If you Email me and you don't want me to answer it publicly or use your name, please tell me. If you write a letter to the editor, then, of course your name must be public.

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NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL-BASED COUNCIL ELECTIONS: PARENT ELECTIONS

The Nicholas County High School Football Boosters (the largest NCHS parent organization) will be holding an election on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to place two parent members on the School Based Decision Making Council for the 2007-2008 school year. Absentee ballots will be accepted at the high school between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the same day. If you wish to run for a position on the council please submit a written letter of nomination and return it to Mrs. Hunter at the Nicholas County High School by 3:00 p.m. on April 30, 2007. A listing of candidates will be available on May 1, 2007 in the office. Below you will find information about the council and election.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL?
The council is the governing body for the school. It determines school policy for curriculum, staffing, discipline, space, scheduling, instructional practices, extra-curricular activities, and all pertinent matters for the operation of the school. The council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

WHO SERVES THE COUNCIL?
Two parents, three teachers, and the building principal.

WHAT PARENTS MAY RUN FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP?
Any parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a student who will be attending the school during the parent's term of office (2007-2008) may serve, even if employed by the school district. The candidate(s) must not work in the school in which the candidate will serve on the council or in the district office.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF OFFICE?
Those elected will serve a one-year term beginning on July 1st and ending on the following June 30th.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHO IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE?
The slate of nominees will be posted at the Nicholas County High School Office by Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO RUN AS A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE?
Complete a nomination letter and return it to NCHS by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2007. You may nominate yourself or be nominated by a parent of a NCHS student to be enrolled for the 2007-2008 school year. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.

WHO MAY VOTE IN THE ELECTION?
Parents, stepparents, foster parents, legal guardians of students will be attending NCHS for the 2007-2008 school year.

WHEN DO WE VOTE?
Voting will take place on Thursday, May 3, 2007. Votes will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the NCHS office. Elections will begin again 5:30 p.m. that evening. You will have to come to the school and register before you can place your vote. The votes will be counted at 6:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Any parent is welcome to be at the election tally and is encouraged to do so in case of a tie. An immediate new vote will be taken in case of a tie.

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WEDCO District Health

The Wedco District Health Department is taking applications for a ***Sr. Health Environmentalist*** to work with the Environmental Program in Harrison, Nicholas and Scott Counties but will be based in Scott County. This is a full time position working 37.5 hours per week. Scheduled work time will normally be Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This position under general supervision of the environmental health supervisor, performs work of moderate to complex in difficulty in the inspections of facilities, and the investigation and resolution of environmental complaints and nuisances. The incumbent has completed all the required on-the-job training and educational programs, passed all the examinations of certification processes required to work in the various environmental health programs and has demonstrated competence to assume responsibility.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS: Good knowledge of the principles of chemistry, biology, geology and other natural sciences as applied to environmental health and sanitation; of state, local and departmental policy, rules and regulations as applied to environmental health; of the methods and techniques required to inspect regulated establishments and facilities, of conditions that cause and methods to prevent environmental health hazards; of testing equipment applicable to environmental health inspections. Considerable skill in communicating effectively, both orally and in writing. Working skill in performing arithmetic computations; in conducting routine inspections of facilities; in interpreting departmental policies and guidelines and state and local rules and regulations for inspection purposes; in identifying conditions that cause environmental health hazards and providing preventive solutions in the use of applicable testing and inspection equipment. Considerable ability to independently perform sampling and/or inspection duties and determine compliance with all applicable environmental health laws and regulations; to understand the organization of and relationships among state, county and municipal governments in matters relating to public health activities. Working ability to identify regulatory infractions and recommend corrective action; to develop and maintain effective working relationships with managers, county authorities and the general public.

Minimum Education, Training and Experience Requirements: A four (4) year degree from a college or university, with a minor or equivalent course work (24 semester hours) in environmental health, biological or physical science and one (1) year of experience as a health environmentalist or other experience where the necessary knowledge and abilities have been acquired. (Note: an individual upon employment must become registered under the provisions of KRS 223 prior to becoming a permanent employee.) Experience in Public Health Department preferred.

Minimum Salary: $15.79 an hour ($1,184.06 biweekly) *Salary is negotiable with experience,* benefits and travel reimbursement.

If interested in applying applications can be picked up at the Wedco Administrative Office, 1094 U.S. Highway 27 South, Suite 101 (Harrison Square). Resumes cannot be submitted in lieu of application. A criminal record check is a part of our selection process. If you have questions please contact Lenora by calling 859-234-8750. **Completed application materials including transcripts, must be received by the Wedco Administrative Offices in Cynthiana by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007.**

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Come Join The Fun

Healthy Kids Day 2007

Saturday, April 21, 2007

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9 - 9:30 am Sign - In and Breakfast
9:30 - 11 am Activities and Tours
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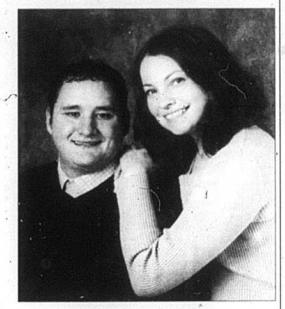

Matthew Todd Compton and Kathy Marie Hamilton

James and Wanda Hamilton are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kathy Marie Hamilton, to Matthew Todd Compton, son of Ralph and Janet Compton.

Kathy is a 2002 graduate of Nicholas County High School and 2006 graduate of Morehead State University. She is employed by the Bath County Board of Education as a first grade teacher.

Matthew is a 2001 graduate of Bourbon County High School and a 2006 graduate of Morehead State University. He is employed by the Mason County Board of Education as a fifth grade teacher.

The wedding will be held June 23, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Carlisle.

Wanted: Boys and Girls to attend summer camp

The Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch in Gilbertsville has announced their camp dates for 2007! Camp will open Sunday, June 3 and will run for eight weeks, alternating boys and girls each week throughout the summer. The last week of camp will be July 22 through 27, 2007. The eight week camping program is designed to build the boys and girls' self esteem. Moral character and teach them respect for themselves and others, as well as law enforcement professionals.

Sheriffs and Deputies across the state transport children to and from camp in cruisers, vans, buses.. whatever it takes to get boys and girls to camp! Children will meet and participate in activities with boys and girls from across the State. There is no fee to attend and transportation is provided by the Sheriffs' Office.

The Ranch has now given a free weeks' summer camp experience to over 30,000 children in Kentucky. Fun and excitement await the campers and we hope to give each child a week of memories that will last a lifetime. Children will participate in many programs and activities (arts and crafts, swimming, nature program, sports, music, theater, ect.), all designed to provide much fun and learning while at camp.

Applications and camp dates are now available at the Sheriffs' Office or Deputy Ben Buckler at NCMS. If you have a child or know of a child who could benefit from this program, please contact your sheriff for camp dates and applications.

Sheriff Garrett added, "We would like to thank eveyone who has helped to keep our Boys and Girls Ranch alive and we look forward to your continued support". To register your child for camp or to become a member, make a donation, or sponsor a child for camp, contact the Sheriffs' Office at 859-289-3740, 859-473-0625 or 859-473-0143.

Community Calendar

AA meetings held

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., except the third Tuesday of the month is at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Nicholas County Health Department.

Project Graduation to meet

Senior parents will meet every Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Nicholas County High School library to make plans for "Project Grad."

If you have a community announcement, please get it to The Carlisle Mercury at 117 South Locust. You can mail it to POB 272, Carlisle, KY 40311. You can email it to editor@thecarlislemercury.com You can fax it to 859-289-4000.

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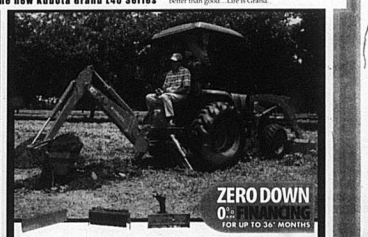

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