

OPINION

Bluegrass Beacon

Not all fiddling requires a Stradivarius

The tale of emperor Nero fiddling while Rome burned seems like a historical stretch. The fiddle wasn't invented until the 16th century.

But not all fiddling requires a Stradivarius, and good ideas can go up in flames when state legislators assume the role of emperor.

For example, take the fiddling done by Kentucky's political leadership and educational bureaucracy.

While policymakers in other states listen and respond to demands for change in education - and more options for children - Kentucky's politicians fiddle around while parents are a slow burn.

It's much more politically convenient to talk about



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pouring more money into Kentucky's wasteful public education system.

That's a woeful tune played by tone-deaf leaders with a hotted instrument.

Georgia's governor signed a bill on May 18 creating scholarships for families of special-needs children.

In contrast, Kentucky's governor continues to ignore the issue of school choice, even though he cast a critical

vote as a U.S. representative to bring school choice to Washington, D.C.

Similar bills have become law in other states such as Florida, where the McKay Scholarship Program, "Kentucky Tomorrow," helps provide a better education - and likely a better life - for nearly 20,000 special-needs children.

In Kentucky? A bill just like Florida's would have provided a scholarship for Kentucky's 109,000 special-needs children. But it died in the most-occupied graveyard in Frankfort - a House committee.

Can you blame them when they see others taking action? No.

Anytime a foul note is being struck, it's time to go on seven years ago, Florida provides its neediest students a chance for a better life. Meanwhile

the assigned public district, the lesser of the two.

Frank - and Frankfort - continue to fiddle. The establishment would have you think it's not the big deal of deal and that parents of special-needs children generally remain happy with the state of education for their children.

Don't believe it. A recent broadcast of "Kentucky Tonight" focused on the issue of special-needs scholarships.

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them? If parents remain satisfied, then most would not seek a change. The logic: End of story.

Union representatives - who also participated in the program and activities are the same for all

regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Medals will be provided at the time and times as follows: Nicholas County Elementary School June 11 thru June 27 - Lunch Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Monday thru Friday June 11 thru July 27 - Lunch 11:30 to 12:30 Monday thru Friday

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Anyone who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Persons

and employer. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 20004 and 7 CFR part 15.

For more information, call Bolie Stevens at the Nicholas County Board of Education by calling 859-289-3770.

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

The captivity of James Beath and Cuthbert Steele

June 1780, in present day Nicholas County.

The large buck deer bounded across the meadow, and James Beath dropped him with a well-placed shot through the large deer's heart.

Beath was among the best hunters in the small, fortified station known across the northern Kentucky frontier as John Steele's Station.

Ky, and nearly all the hunters sought his company when the supply of meat ran low.

"Aye, Jimmy, a mighty fine shot," Beath's friend Cuthbert "Cud" Steele told his friend as he gave him a slap on the back.

The group of a dozen or so Shawnee warriors laughed at the foolish youngster as he was surrounded and held tight against the deer.

The four were just west of the Licking River and the Lower Blue Licks Spring. The countryside was beautiful, and the wildflowers were in full summer blossom.

The four hunters tethered their horses and walked to where the deer lay. They carried their muskets and butchering knives as they went.

Within five minutes of working together the men skinned and quartered the deer. When they set out the carcass for the horses to load up, a gunshot dropped him.

Beath grabbed his musket, but was instantly shot in the shoulder. Steele raised both hands pleading for mercy.

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky by Charles Mattox

ing in finally ran directly foraging party from a larger British and Native American force that was marching toward Isaac Ruddle's Station, also commonly called John Hinkston's Fort.

Colonel Henry Bird (Byrd) commander of the British 8th Regiment, led the enemy force. After firing two cannon shots at Ruddle's Station and negotiating several times with the renegade white frontiersman Simon Girty, who was among the body of Orchard and began tormenting Beath and Steele, and questioning them about the young lad who escaped.

Through the interrogation Beath and Steele learned that the group was a small

less inhabitants, and some accounts state as many as 20 men, women and children were killed on the spot before Col. Bird restored order.

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son of Anthony and Tammy Kiskaden from Carlisle. His grandparents are Charles and Helen Kiskaden of Carlisle and Dee and Brenda Buckler of Carlisle.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Nicholas County Schools hold summer meal program

The Nicholas County Board of Education is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children under the age of 19 without charge.

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Sexton graduates from National College

Charlotte Michelle Sexton graduated from National College on May 25, 2007 at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts.

She received an associate of science degree, having majored in Surgical Technology.

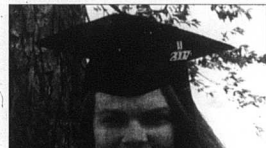
Charlotte is the wife of Thomas Sexton and the mother of Kenleigh and Emerson. She is the daughter of Terry and Joan Trussell and Patty Trussell and Bob and Betty Ring.

Trussell graduates from EKU

Trussell Graduates, Eastern Kentucky University held its spring 2007 graduation on May 12 with 1594 students graduating.

Trussell, son of Larry and Shirley Trussell was one of these students.

Trussell is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Fraternity), graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with Magna Cum Laude honors.



Charlotte Michelle Sexton



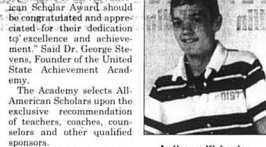
Roger Trussell

Kiskaden named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Anthony (Bub) Kiskaden from Carlisle has been named an All-American Scholar.

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Anthony Kiskaden

McLean named to United States Achievement Academy

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Mandi McLean from Carlisle has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner.

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Mandi McLean

EAST END FOOD MART Hunt Brothers Pizza 2 for \$15.99 3 for \$23.99

Coca Cola Fridge Packs \$2.99 24 PACK Pepsi Cube \$6.39 Bluegrass Country Ham \$6.99

Daily Lunch Special One Meat, Two Vegetables Roll or Cornbread \$5.29

Video Shack Win a FREE Night's Rental at Video Shack Name the 1996, 5-fime Academy Award Nominat movie about a sports agent who loses his job?

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Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby Maternity Fair Join the professionals at Harrison Memorial Hospital for a Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby Maternity Fair on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Use your feet...and your heart. Order your Luminaria Today! At dusk, all participants will share in a special luminaria ceremony to remember those individuals who have been affected by cancer.

3 DAY Sale Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 8, 9, 10 Van Camp Pork & Beans \$2.89, Deja Blue Water \$4.50, Value Time Paper Plates \$0.99, Jersey Farm Cottage Cheese \$2.29, Gatorade \$0.99, Kahn's Hot Dogs 3 for \$5, Idaho Potatoes 2 for \$5, Pringles Potato Chips \$0.99, Vienna Sausage 2 for \$1, Deli Carolina Turkey Breast \$2.89, IGA Peanut Butter \$0.99, Value Time Hamburger Dill Pickles \$0.89