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Well, I wanted to see where you stood before I went any further, Sidles said.

According to Sidles, the qualifying inmates would be those who are considered minimum security risks and non-violent.

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members that will oversee the administrative aspects of the school and the congregation of approximately 135 will also have some volunteers to assist with certain academics and teaching aide needs.

Members will not participate in CATS testing as public schools do, but students will take annual proficiency tests and will take tests throughout the year to monitor progress, according to Buswell and Sexton.

We'll have small class sizes and have more interaction between teacher and student, Buswell said.

We'll follow a curriculum but we will also be flexible in that we will not lock them back from their full potential and we won't pass any to the next year if they still need improvement. We will start the year by taking placement tests to see where each student is performing academically.

Buswell and Sexton said they would provide plenty of educational resources to students.

We'll have computers and we're trying to ensure that each student has a laptop by the end of the year, Buswell said.

Sexton spoke briefly about the expanded educational offerings by New Beginnings Christian School.

Technology has a part in every child's education, he said. We believe that strong morals and ethics are the part of a child education. We will also instill patriotism and citizenship. We will be saying the pledge of allegiance every day.

Buswell and Sexton said that some activities will interfere with church activities.

Both, and other church volunteers have been providing approximately 50 lunches for Carlisle citizens to help fund the school project and are all also looking for donations, including educational supplies and future scholarships for students who wish to attend but can't afford the tuition.

We'll also be having a large yard sale on the second Saturday of the coming year and we will be having an upcoming fish fry also.

Anyone with any questions regarding the school or how to enroll a student is urged to contact Buswell at 859-273-3133.

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Academy either job shadowing or having actual co-op jobs with area business.

Neace also wants it to be known that the Graduation Academy is not an alternative for students with behavior problems, but a scholastic opportunity to help boost academic achievement.

Neace mentioned that there would be students with special needs at the Graduation Academy and that collaboration will be done with special needs teachers from both the high school and middle school.

Neace and his wife, Ginger, have been married for 12 years. They have two children, Wrenlee, 9, and Spencer 5. They reside in Nicholas County where Mrs. Ginger Neace teaches at Nicholas County Elementary Middle School and the children attend school.

fenders. They would benefit from the program by getting out of jail for several hours while performing useful community service, plus they would receive additional jail time off their sentence for participation. I believe they would qualify for a two for one program, Sidles said while explaining that for each day an inmate performs community service they would have two days removed from their sentence.

Sidles also briefly discussed the program with the county attorney of Nicholas County Dawn Letcher. In other action the court- Reappointed David Smith to the Fire Board for three more years. Discussed a recent meeting of the Board of Assessments with County Clerk Doug Fryman stating there had been no challenges made during the meeting.

Approved the monthly bills. Approved the treasurer's transfers of \$10,000 from the general fund to the jail fund. Welcomed guest Martha Foster to the meeting. Briefly discussed a recent meeting between Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tinger and members of the Administrative Office of the Courts for approval of a court-

house improvement project that will improve the existing sewer lines in and around the courthouse and make the courthouse bathrooms handicap accessible, according to Tinger. Discussed county attorney Dawn Letcher not attending future meetings of the Nicholas County Hospital Board with strong favor for such action being voted by Magistrates Randolph and Daryl Stacy

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Courthouse Square Arts Guild

I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils. William Wordsworth (1770-1850) The Courthouse Square Arts Guild 4th Annual Quilt Exhibit was held on July 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Historical Neal Building.

Sacks Myrtle Ray, owned by Wilene Barton. "Jockey Quilt", Mona Vice. "Baby Quilt", Mary Paul. "Passover Neck", Brad and Mary Powell. "Victorian Lady's Quilt", by Rita Hogg, owner Janice Cox. "Rambling Rose", made by Janice Cox quilted by Rita Hogg. "Hogwarts Quilt", Wanda Shrout. "Reply for Life", Owner Georgia Glavin, made by Louise Zachary. "Turkey Tracks", made by Naomi Dale Owned by Phyllis Gaunce. "Log Cabin", Mona Vice. "Drunkards Path", made by Sud-Gaunce, Owner Wilene Barton. "Cathedral Window", Garnetta Letcher. "The Lone Star", Garnetta Letcher. "Cross Stitch", Garnetta Letcher. "Flower Garden", made by Mrs. William Tillery, owner Larry Mitchell. "The Quilt Jewel", Buswell. "Violets", made by Margaret Mitchell and Mary Louzer. Owner Larry Mitchell. "Trip Around the World", Pieced by the late Mrs. Eva Wills and quilted by Mrs. Reba Wills. Mrs. Betty Ford says they were wonderful. I'm sorry I don't know their names. And a quilt painted antique wood ironing board entered by Becky Gum were some of this years entries.

We asked the public to judge the quilts and let us know which one they liked the best. The winner of this year's quilt show was "Garnetta Letcher with 'The Lone Star'". She won a grand total and lots of oh's and ah's from everyone! Mrs. Garnetta is a beautiful lady who started quilting with her mother Minnie Fuller as a child. She recalls the day of the Quilting Bee. "The neighbors would get together and talk about the events that were happening around the area," said Mrs. Garnetta.

Neighbors would often piece their tops in the winter months and save the time stitching for warmer days when neighbors would get together. They were important social events of the times. It was an opportunity to exchange news, recipes, and patterns.

She started quilting by herself in her early 20's and has made numerous quilts including the Wedding Ring and Little Dutch Girl. Grandmothers Flower Garden, Double Wedding Ring and American Eagle Cross Stitch to name only a few. Congratulations Mrs. Garnetta and all.



Photo submitted by Mrs. Garnetta Letcher. This quilt was displayed in the Courthouse Square Arts Guild's Living Heritage Quilt and Craft Exhibit at Neal's Center.

All of the fine quilters in the area. Hope everyone enjoyed the July 4th festivities, at a lot of hot dogs and hamburgers and watched the pretty color fireworks. And hope you didn't forget the parade and marching bands. I hope you enjoyed the quilts as much as I did and as the lines in the poem: I gazed and gazed-but little thought

Which of the stars won an Oscar for this film?

Continuously as the stars that shine. And twinkle on the Milky Way. They stretched in never-ending line above my head: Each kept its place, not only beautiful, but telling a story of the lives it touched. A large number of visitors who came through experience heritage quilt at here finest. Some of the quilts were made by grandmothers many years earlier, while others were taken from the quilting frame only a few days before. Some of the examples are: "Maple Leaf", Jean Bretz and Gail neva Mitchell. "Family History" Linda B. George fam- "Peaches", Mona Vice. "State Flowers", Ginger and Leon Riggs. "Tree of Love" Mary Paul. "Apples", made by Suds Gaunce, owned by Wilene Barton. "Sleepy Bertha", Barbara. "Snoozy quilt", Reba Wills. Tobacco

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Climbing fuel costs cut educational trips

By Charles Mattox News Editor charlesmattox@mercury.com

The rising cost of fuel will soon have a negative impact on Elementary and Middle School children who had planned on taking field trips this year.

There won't be any school-sponsored field trips until further notice. Members of the Nicholas County Elementary and Middle School Site Based Decision Making (NCEMS/SBDM) Council unanimously voted in support of the decision July 10 during the council's monthly meeting.

According to Principal Shawn Parrish, who is council chair, sporting trips will still be held, but that policy may also change in the near future.

"This topic is big," Parrish said while assuring council members that the previously scheduled field trip to see the Lexington Legends would still occur.

Parrish said the fuel costs would also impact athletic events and other extracurricular activities.

"We'll be limiting the distances we travel for sporting events also," Parrish said while discussing the negative impact fuel costs are having.

Brian Watkins, a parent guest in attendance, expressed concerns about the perception that transportation costs were more important than educational field trips.

Parrish and other members replied that there

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parent at a recent Nicholas County School Board meeting who stated his son had been the honor role while in the seventh grade, but had failed several classes the next year and struggled with simple math problems.

Parrish and others stated that honor role criteria has recently been changed with previous criteria existing that could allow a student to receive a D or maybe a F in a single class but if their overall grade point average is over 3.0 they could still make the honor roll.

"The criteria has been changed," Parrish and others said.

With all of these examples of radical and successful change toward a more fiscally responsible climate, a more business friendly atmosphere and a more fiscally responsible state government, one must wonder why Kentucky state government is so dumbfounded at the crossroads of economic growth and financial doom. It's not time to merely "think outside the box" anymore, it's time to get outside the box and destroy it altogether.

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MESSICK - Continued from Page 14 softball while at Nicholas County and said she would be signed for basketball at St. Catherine's she hadn't played softball.

"I liked both sports but I had to say I enjoyed basketball more. It's not sure what my specific role will be with the team right now but I've been working hard and will continue to work hard until the season starts."

Messick said she would enjoy the small town charm of St. Catherine's campus just as she did Carlisle. Everyone supported me and helped me here and I'm very thankful for it," she said.

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duction is in 2009. It will be replaced by a much lower corporate activity tax that has fewer overall loopholes. The result is that taxation of business activity is fairer and much less restrictive.

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Tennessee has had no state income tax for nearly 30 years. Since they abolished the tax, they have consistently been in the top

10 in the nation for state economic growth and low individual tax burdens. In addition, their state government has almost exactly the same budget as Kentucky. Why do we discuss the concept of reigning in spending? What do we do in our own households when money gets tight?

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