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Hopkins indicted by federal grand jury

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A Carlisle woman, was recently indicted on the federal charge of tampering with a consumer product.

Julia Hopkins, 41, of Carlisle, was indicted on federal charges Sept. 4, according to information issued

through the US Attorney's Office and statements made by Kyle Edelen, a public affairs officer with the Office of the United States Attorney.

The indictment alleges that Hopkins committed the offense while a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Mt. Sterling.

"With reckless disregard for the risk that another

person would be placed in danger of death or bodily injury, and under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to such risk, (Hopkins) did tamper with a consumer product that affected interstate commerce, specifically the drug morphine, and with the labeling of and containing for such a product," the indictment states, accord-

ing to Edelen. The indictment alleges that Hopkins engaged in tampering by replacing morphine contained in three separate syringes with saline solution, and placing the saline filled syringes into the hospital's drug dispensing mechanism, according to a Sept. 4 press release issued by the US Attorney's Office.

The Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations and the Mt. Sterling Police Department led the investigation, and Assistant US Attorney Robert Duncan Jr., presented the case to the grand jury, according to Edelen.

Hopkins was scheduled to appear in Federal Court in Lexington Monday in front

of Federal Judge Honorable Joseph Hood, according to Edelen. If convicted, Hopkins faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years. All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty. An indictment is not a confession of guilt, but merely a procedural step in the judicial process.



It is nearly impossible to pass through Millerburg without noticing the Military Institute, which has been vacant since 2006. USA's acquisition of the campus brings promise that the facilities 113 year history will be preserved.

New beginning for former MMI

U.S. Army Cadet Corps purchases historic campus

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On Wednesday, Sept. 10 Brigadier General Charles R. Torrow, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Cadet Corp (USAC) announced the purchase of the former Millerburg Military Institute (MMI), effective Friday, Sept. 5, 2008.

MMI's history began in the early 1880s, Colonel Carl Meade visited Millerburg and realized it was the ideal location for a military institute - primarily because of the absence of what he considered negative influences in the community. Specifically, he noticed that there were no pool halls or saloons in town. Colonel Best believed that leaders grow best in a struc-

tured lifestyle, combined with education, and felt establishing an institute in Millerburg would be beneficial to both the nation and its military. He also believed Millerburg's wholesome environment would make it easier for youth to embrace the code of honor he was trying to instill in them: "A cadet does not lie, cheat, or steal."

Colonel Best established the Millerburg Training School in 1883 on the original site of Millerburg College. This all-female college was founded in 1860 and was mostly owned by the citizens of Millerburg. After a major fire forced its closure, Millerburg College was restructured and operated for a time as the Kentucky Wesleyan College. The college closed a second time after suffer-

ing another devastating fire, with the property remaining under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. He eventually purchased the campus from the church in 1889, renamed it the Millerburg Military Institute and continued to serve as its commander and president until 1920, when the school moved to its present-day location on the 16-acre facility in the heart of town.

Under Colonel Best's leadership, MMI established a considerable reputation. For decades, dignitaries from all over the world (i.e. Rumania, Switzerland, France, and Korea) sent their sons to the institute in Kentucky's heartland to help them develop into strong, successful leaders. Over the years, however, the

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Nicholas Schools receive high marks

Nicholas County Board of Education members accepted the annual audit report from Penny Stanfield at the September board meeting and with it earned high marks for financial performance.

The CPA's audit compliance letter states that the Nicholas County School District complies in all material respects with the requirements of normal auditing standards.

Additionally Stanfield's report shows that the auditing firm found no deficiencies in internal control over compliance considered to be material weaknesses.

The auditor's results in the report accepted by the board said there were no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statement of the district, additionally

there were no deficiencies relating to the audit of major federal award programs, as the report expressed an unqualified opinion on all major federal programs.

"We are extremely pleased that our annual audit again shows we work in the best interest of the district from a financial perspective," said Greg Reid, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools.

"The items we need to address only make us a much stronger reporting agency and help protect the children and the financial state of the district and representative programs."

The board approved the following personnel actions: Hiring of Jennifer Taff, Tony Smith, Susan Roberts, Brenda Anderson, Sara Kinsler, Stephanie Duncan, Sharon Wilson, and Penny

Betz as 21st Century Instructors. In addition, Donna Galbraith, Phyllis Alexander, Carol Todder and Kathy Green have been employed as 21st Century Instructional Assistants.

These individuals were hired as migrant tutors for the school year. Chris Stewart, Jerlyn Clark, Geraldine McMillan, Cheryl Rawlings, Lynn Simons, and Katie Hunt.

Melissa Fugate has been hired as a food services substitute.

Anne Jones has been employed as dropout prevention literacy teacher-coordinator, while Brian Howard was hired a literacy teacher in the program at NCEMS and Zachary Edwards as half-time literacy teacher at NCHS.

Garnett Walker, Kim Lyons and Mary Livingston were hired as substitute teachers. And, Melissa Graves as academic coach at NCEMS.

In other action, the Nicholas County School Board members:

- Approved the request of the Carlisle Rotary Club for Turkey Bings at NCEMS Nov. 21;
- Accepted the Kentucky Department of Education Elementary Arts and Foreign Language Grant in the amount of \$91,960 and to create the position of Spanish Teacher at Nicholas

Photo submitted

MESSENGER MERGES

In order to broaden the advertising and marketing base for The Messenger, its advertisers and its readers, the owners have merged the local paper with MC Investments.

The Messenger, which serves Fleming, Lewis and Mason counties, joins papers in Bath, Menifee, Nicholas and Robertson counties as members of MC Investments and extends its readership base to 13,000.

"With the economic situation being what it is, we thought this would help the paper to grow and better serve the community," said Debbie McCord.

"With several papers and radio stations seeking ad dollars, the merger will be a way to sustain the paper and its quality."

MC Investments does not plan any changes in the current format of the paper. In addition, the staff will remain as it is

with McCord continuing to sell advertising, Tisha Mitchell creating ads and page layouts, Kim King and Carolyn Schwartz serving as staff writers and Joanne Colgan delivering the papers to area communities.

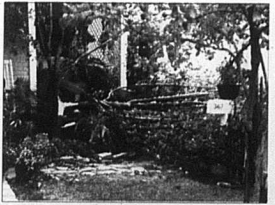
The Messenger office will continue to be located at 127 Court Square, and the phone number (606-845-8610) and fax number (606-849-8618) remain the same.



Wind Damage in town

High winds resulting from the aftermath of Hurricane Ike tipped through Nicholas County on Sunday morning, tearing off shingles and siding of many homes, such as the Gaunce home on Main Street (above), and knocking down several trees.

Neighbors were quick to lend a helping hand where they could. Crews also responded quickly and were hard at work Sunday afternoon clearing county roads of all heavy limbs and debris.



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