

Supt. says book salesmen are not affiliated with local school system

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On Friday, Superintendent Bert Hensley stated that there were people in the area going door to door selling educational books. He said that he along with Skip Johnson had spoken to the lady when she first came to town to start selling her product but hadn't heard from them since.

Hensley said that he wanted the public to be aware that the company is not affiliated with the school system whatsoever and that any information that the representative from the book company had pertaining to students had not been acquired from the school system.

Trey Campbell, director of communications for Southwestern Advantage,

stated on Monday that the company has been in business since 1868. He explained that the company is based in Nashville, Tennessee and they employ approximately 2,200 students each summer to sell their educational books across the country. The students work door to door selling the product and pay their way through school and can also receive college credit hours for their work during the summer. He said that the students live with host families while they are working.

Campbell stressed the fact that they do not receive information from the school system in the town where the representatives are working. He said the employees work on referrals only and from going door to door. He added that all em-

ployees are also required to obtain a permit or privilege license in the town that they are working at that time. Campbell said that if anyone had any questions they could contact him directly at 1-888-602-7867.

Jennifer Nuut, a college student from Florida, has worked for Southwestern Advantage for four years. She said in an interview on Monday that she is working to pay her way through college and has been an intern with the the company for four summers. Nuut is living with a family in Lexington, Kentucky while she sells the books to residents in Estill County. She said that she has been in the area for four weeks and will begin delivering the educational books right before schools starts in August.

Nuut also stressed that she has not obtained any personal information from the school system but in selling door to door has met several teachers who have purchased the books for their own personal use. She said that during those brief meetings, the teachers have written letters of recommendation for her product and that she can see why people would be confused about the school system being involved with the company.

"I have enjoyed being in Estill County for the past four weeks and I have enjoyed meeting people in this county. I'm very sorry if there has been any miscommunication about the books that I sell but I'm just an honest, hardworking girl trying to pay my way through college," Nuut added.

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Farthing, assisted by Deputy Russell Morris, patrolled the roads for two hours.

The following day, July 21, a woman called the tow truck driver and said the truck was hers. Farthing said she stated she wanted her truck back.

Farthing then went to the residence of Billy Brooks, 33, of Hargett Road. The deputy said that Brooks admitted to being on the Coal Wash property on July 20. He stated that Brooks' boots matched the prints left in the office.

He added that Brooks had sold copper pipe to Patrick's Recycling on three different occasions. The value of the copper pipe was over \$500.

Brooks was arrested and charged with third degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking over \$500. He pleaded not-guilty to the charges during his arraignment in Estill District Court on Monday. A bond for Brooks had not been set as of Monday.

Charges against other individuals in connection with the burglary and theft are pending.

Applications will be taken for Bowie Refined Coal starting on Friday at the Estill County Judge/Executive's office in the courthouse. The company is expecting to hire about 60 employees.

Martin resigns as principal to take new job at Eminence

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On Friday, Bert Hensley stated that the site based council usually hires the principal for each school. The site based council is made up of two parents, two teachers, and the principal. In the absence of the principal, Hensley can fill that seat to assist in the hiring process.

Hensley said that for now the school system will wait for the new site based members to be trained and

let them go through the hiring process once they have completed the necessary training.

"I understand why she is leaving and we will muddle through this," Hensley said.

Hensley said that Chesteen Robbins, who has worked many years for the Estill County school system, will fill in as interim principal until the site based council hires a permanent replacement for Mrs. Martin.

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