

Fiscal court approves roads for resurfacing

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That leaves a \$499,233 for the blacktopping. Roads recommended for resurfacing are 1.211 miles of KY 1209 (Wagersville-Alumbaugh-Arvel Road); 1.225 miles of KY 1139 (Wisemantown-Nolan - Blackburn Road); 1.241 miles on KY 1705 White Oak Road; and 2.267 miles on KY 2237 (Stacy Lane). The estimated total cost is \$504,591. The funds to resurface the roads will not be available until after July 1.

Lindon said the state started an 80/20 bridge replacement program three years ago with the cost of the bridge being up to \$100,000.

Magistrate Darrell Johnson asked if the bridge monies could be split be-

tween two counties.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said two counties in western Kentucky had teamed up on one bridge.

Johnson and Taylor were referring to the Knob Lick bridge. Johnson stated that every time it rains, either Estill or Madison county have to work on the bridge.

Lindon said he will check into the counties sharing the bridge replacement cost.

Taylor said Estill County has used more salt this winter than any other winter he was in office. He said the county now has 75 tons.

Estill County advertises for salt bids during the summer in what is called a reverse salt auction. Taylor said he has been unable to get through with the com-

pany that has the bid in recent days.

Lindon said that Governor Steve Beshear is allowing each county and city to get 50 tons of salt from the state at cost.

Taylor said Estill County has an agreement with Ravenna this year for salt removal. He said Ravenna had 16 tons of salt and is now out.

Joe Crawford, director of Estill Development Alliance, presented his quarterly report to Estill Development Alliance.

The fiscal court voted to advertise for 911 dispatchers. The court hired six part-time ones last summer, and Taylor said they are back down to two.

Bids were awarded to Greg Wright for radio site facility services for

\$42,000, All State Tower for \$97,150 for radio tower construction, and Nixon Power Services for \$25,933 for a generator and automatic transfer switch. These were the low bids and are contingent upon meeting the specifications of FEMA.

The court adopted Shallow Creek Road into the county road system. Taylor said there are two trees which may be on state highway that affect distance. The state is supposed to look at the trees in the spring.

The county voted to transfer accounts at Branch Banking and Trust Co. because of fees imposed. The monies will be transferred to Citizens Guaranty Bank which does not have similar fees.



Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor presented a certificate of appreciation to Ethan Martin at Monday's fiscal court meeting. For the second straight year, 9 year old Ethan has asked for gifts for the animal shelter instead of him on his birthday. He recently delivered over 400 pounds of dog food, cat food, litter and pet toys to the Estill County Animal Shelter.

6 incumbents face no opposition

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The winner will be decided in May as no democrats have filed.

The magistrate's race in district 3 will not be decided until the November election. Melvin Fields, a republican, has filed to upset the incumbent, Darrell Johnson, a democrat.

Danny Conrad, constable of district 1, has filed for re-election. He is being challenged in the May republican primary by Ronnie Means. That winner will face the top vote getter of the May democratic primary with the candidates being Ricky L. Williams and Ronnie Dale Conrad.

The constable's position in district 2 will be decided in November. Incumbent Paul "JP" Barnes, a republican, is being challenged by Jerry Goosey, a democrat.

Floyd Edmonson, constable of district 3, will run against Billy Goosey in the May democratic primary. The winner will face republican Charles Spicer Jr. "Junior" in the November election.

Eight candidates filed for

Irvine city council, but the outcome of that race will not be decided until November. Irvine residents will vote for six candidates in the general election.

Filing for Irvine council are republicans Tommy Jo "Tobo" Bryant, Billy Dean Arthur, Glenwood "Woody" Tipton, Tim Burkhart, William Harold Friend, and Nelle B. Williams.

Janice H. Bush and Margaret Suzanne Dudley Gross filed for council on the democratic ticket.

The Irvine mayor's race will be decided in November. James E. "Jim" Walters has filed as an independent candidate and W.J. Noland, a republican have filed.

Four democrats and four republicans had filed before press deadline to run for U.S. Senator.

The democrats are Burrell Charles Farnsley, Louisville, Alison Lundergan Grimes, Lexington, Gregory Brent Leichty, Louisville, and Tom Reckentwald, Louisville.

The incumbent republican, Mitch McConnell of Louisville, is being chal-

lenged by Matt Bevin, Louisville; James Bradley Copas, Lexington; and Chris Payne of Salvisa.

U.S. Representative of the 6th district, Andy Barr, faces no opposition in the May republican primary. He will take on either Elisabeth Jensen or Geoffrey M. "Geoff" Young in the November election. They are all from Lexington.

Three attorneys from Irvine filed to run for circuit judge of the 23rd judicial district. They are Heather Combs, Michael Dean, and Thomas J. "Tom" Clark.

There will be a run-off in the May primary with the two top vote getters advancing to November's election.

State Representative Toby Herald, republican, has no opposition in the May primary for re-election in the 91st district. Two democrats have filed to replace Herald. They are Cluster Howard of Jackson and Arch Johnson Jr. of Booneville. Which of the two gets the most votes in the May primary will face Herald next November.

Candidates filing after the press deadline will be listed in next week's Tribune.

Soccer Signups

The soccer sign-ups are going to be at Hardee's starting Fri. Feb. 7th 6-8 p.m. and Sat. Feb. 8th 11-1 p.m. And also Fri. Feb. 14th 6-8 p.m. and Sat. Feb 15th 11-1 p.m.

A child must be born on or between dates of August 1, 2001-July 31, 2009 to be able to participate.

The fees for returning players from Fall are \$25 and new players are \$50 with sibling discount available.

If you have any questions please call Staci Owens at 726-9686.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

College hoops 3 per cent? Louisville '14 had a Bobby Bowden schedule



Bob Watkins

A Harris Poll told us last week that college basketball not only ranks last among America's favorite sports, but is favorite sport of only three per cent in USA.

Adolph Rupp just turned over and groaned. But, here in God's meadow where Kentuckians boast back-to-back national championships, we know better.

And last weekend provided us a few gems to savor.

- In Lexington Kentucky's almost forgotten freshman Derek Willis got a rebound, turned, ignored all things left or right and dribbled up court with an expression on his face that said, "I am Kobe! Outa my way!" He had one thing in view, the rim. Willis split defenders, made a twisting lay-up and brought Rupp Arena's 22,000-plus crowd to its feet. This IS God's meadow!

Willis's was a connection moment with longtime Wildcat watchers who recognize - kid did what a long list of native sons have done for decades at UK - got a chance, took it, exceeded expectation and fans got their Moment's worth too.

- In Monroe Louisiana on Saturday, Western Kentucky trailed host Monroe by 10 points midway first half then went on a 25-1 scoring rampage and won its 13th in 20 games. WKU's run of points was impressive, but more so the

Hilltoppers clinical defense. Superb.

- 40-0. Ironic this numbers set originated with Wildcats in Lexington and is now a possibility for Wildcats at Arizona. Sean Miller's team (20-0) dismantled Utah Sunday with defense and heady play to demonstrate here is a top of marquee college team. Unselfish, rhythmic A joy to watch.

- Then, there was a poll. ESPN.com offered a Harris Poll last week. Ranking fan favorite sports in 2014.

- 35 percent said the NFL is America's favorite.

- 14 percent said Major League Baseball.

- 11 percent, college football.

- Seven percent, auto racing.

- Six percent, NBA.

- Five percent, NHL.

- Three percent, College basketball.

Comment: This was warning anew we ought be skeptical and suspicious of polls. All polls on anything.

Ironically, ESPN Harris poll story undid its credibility with first sentence of last paragraph. "A sport's popularity varies greatly based on demographics," the writer concluded.

Really.

Left unreported - what slice of America was data taken? What social stratum? What time of year or time of week was survey done?

That college basketball rated three percent, begs an answer to this question: (With tongue in cheek) How did Harris Poll researchers manage to leave out data from, say: Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina and West Virginia.

The ESPN story did provide a nugget or two of interest.

- More people who live in rural areas on the East coast say they're fans of the

NFL than the general U.S. population.

- Those with an annual household income of more than \$100,000 are more likely to be baseball fans. African Americans are less likely to enjoy the sport.

- More southerners call college football their favorite sport.

- Those with a high school education or less gravitate to auto racing.

In the end, polls are like a ventriloquist's dummy? Whatever The Man wants Woody to say.

LOUISVILLE FOOTBALL

Season tickets for Louisville football 2014 may break records. We haven't seen a schedule like this anywhere since Bobby Bowden took over at Florida State in 1976 and said, "we'll play anybody anywhere," and did.

The first year in the Atlantic Coast Conference Cardinals open with Miami, play at Clemson in the middle, face defending national champion Florida State at home Thursday before Halloween, then travel to Notre Dame before Thanksgiving, and close at home a weekend later against Kentucky.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

Question: Having written anemic non-conference schedules for Kentucky and Louisville this year, what changes would you suggest?

Answer: Fans paying top dollar to see their teams play in two of the college game's most prominent arenas, Rupp Arena and Yum Center, deserve attractive home games ahead of arranged-by-television money games.

KENTUCKY. Instead of Michigan State in Chicago, Providence in New Jersey and Baylor in Dallas, and Texas Arlington and Eastern Michigan at Rupp, the Wildcats should play schools from a pool: Day-

ton, St. Louis, Cincinnati, West Virginia and Western Kentucky. Also, home-and-home contracts with Pittsburgh, Indiana, Oklahoma State and/or Ohio State.

LOUISVILLE. Rick Pitino's team is ranked in the top 15, but its strength of schedule is 75th. Poor for a defending national champion. Cardinal paying customers deserve better opponents, play teams from the pool mentioned for Kentucky.

CHEERS! KOBE

Worthwhile, a Kobe Bryant opinion last week. The Los Angeles Laker guard who skipped college and went straight to the NBA, told LakersNation.com readers the NCAA isn't helping 'players.' All should make their own decisions," Kobe says. "... going out and working and having a job. You should be able to make your own choices."

Bravo. Every 17-18-year-old 'player' should go straight to the NBA's developmental league if he chooses instead of wasting time pretending to be a student. Kobe's not-new idea would dismantle one-and-done, open scholarships to student-athletes and level the playing field for coaches who recruit players and student-athletes.

Of course, Kobe Bryant's view of the world is from a mansion in sunny California where he can safely believe every 18-year-old kid is "ready to play, man."

WORTH REPEATING

Mike Krzyzewski watched another Duke team score a landmark victory for his legacy last week. 900th win at one school.

Coach K's reaction? Been blessed, he said to (coach) at "one of the greatest schools in the world. Great schools don't necessarily always have great people in command."

Amen.

And so it goes.

Richmond man arrested for twice breaking into Rose's Cash & Carry

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Damages to the store building were estimated at \$720.00.

The second break-in occurred at Rose's a week later and was very similar to the first.

The warrant obtained by Deputy Doc Morris in connection with the second break-in says that Lainhart took 67 cartons of Marlboro cigarettes valued at \$3,274.29, and \$525 in cash.

Store damages again were estimated at \$720.00.

Sheriff Gary Freeman said that Lainhart has confessed to the burglaries in Estill County.

He added that Deputy Doc Morris learned that Lainhart was a convicted felon and had recently pawned a weapon.

This resulted in a charge in Madison County of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Lainhart is charged in Madison County with a burglary at Bluegrass BP Food Mart on Berea Road, Richmond which occurred Christmas Day.

The door glass was broken out. A large quantity of cigarettes was taken along with money.

Lainhart is also charged with an attempted burglary at the Redi-mart on Irvine Road, Richmond on January 12.

When officers arrived at the scene, they found evidence that someone had tried to break in the door glass but had fled the scene.

Lainhart was charged with receiving stolen property in Madison County for items stolen from Rose's Cash and Carry which were recovered at Lainhart's apartment.

Richmond Police say they found two small packages of heroin and drug paraphernalia during the search. This resulted in Lainhart being charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, and drug paraphernalia.

Lainhart remains in the Madison County Detention Center.

His bond for the burglaries at Rose's Cash and Carry was set at \$20,000 cash for each.