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Leo Peckenpaugh set a single game Western Kentucky University record in 1978 with five touchdown passes against Morehead State.

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FRANKFORT INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board OKs \$9M working budget

Contingency cut nearly in half by reduction in state funding

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The Frankfort Independent Board of Education approved a \$9 million working budget for the 2009-2010 school year Tuesday, with a contingency cut nearly in half by a reduction in state funding.

In May the board approved a tentative budget that included an 8 percent rainy day fund.

But this summer state legislators voted to keep funding for public education at the same level as 2008-2009 – a loss of \$43 per student from what districts budgeted months earlier.

That reduced Frankfort Independent's projected funding by more than \$300,000. The contingency fund now sits at 4.6 percent.

The state requires that school districts maintain

at least 2 percent as a safeguard.

Frankfort Independent also lost more than \$19,000 in state textbook funds this month, dropping from \$21,705 to \$2,387.

The district had already spent \$15,000 of that on math books for Second Street School. The money could be shifted from another fund – preschool, school safety or extended

school services.

The newest version of the budget includes a \$30,000 fund for technology upgrades in the district.

That money was appropriated to Frankfort High School and SSS. But board members decided to create a district technology fund instead, allowing more flexibility in spending.

The Board of Education meets again Oct. 20.

AROUND FRANKFORT

'Special Collections' moved

The Kentucky Historical Society Special Collections Reading Room has been moved to the Martin F. Schmidt Research Library at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. As a result of the move, patrons have access to Special Collections materials from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

History center visitors now have access to archival, genealogical and other research materials in one location.

Library patrons may peruse more than 90,000 published works, 16,000 reels of microfilm and more than 30,000 vertical files focused primarily on Kentucky history and genealogy.

Special Collections appointments are welcomed, but not necessary. To contact the reference desk, call 564-1792, ext. 4460 or email refdesk@ky.gov.

Franklin Academic Team wins

The Franklin County High School Academic Team defeated Shelby County High School, 135.25 – 91, Monday at Shelby County. FCHS had a 10 point lead after the written rounds and maintained the lead throughout the match.

Leading scorers overall (written plus quick recall) for FCHS were Joel Franke and Will VanArsdall (tie) – math; VanArsdall – science; James Robb – language arts; Benjamin Overstreet – social studies; Robb – arts and humanities.

Leading scorers in written assessments were Franke (perfect score) – math; David Henson – science; Robb – language arts, social studies and arts and humanities.

FCHS takes on Western Hills High School at home on Oct. 19.

Western Hills team beats Sayre

The Western Hills High School Academic Team defeated Lexington Sayre Monday, 108-76. WHHS was ahead 58-52 after the written assessments and went on to win all the quick recall rounds, leading them to victory.

In written assessment, leading scorers for the WHHS were Diana Gooding – math, Daniel Patterson – science, Lacy Wallace and Anita Shanker – language arts, Zack Wasson – social studies, Shanker – humanities.

In quick recall, leading scorers for WHHS included Zac Bates in math and science, Wallace and Shanker in language arts, Wasson in social studies and Augie Phillips, Shanker and Gooding in humanities.

WHHS faces Franklin County High School Oct. 19.

Fiscal Court to discuss rates

The Franklin County Fiscal Court meets 5 p.m. in work session, regular session

at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Agenda items include reviewing a resolution related to the 2009 Franklin County tax rate for Insurance Capital, authorizing an appointment to the Farmdale Sanitation District Board and authorizing to award a bid for boiler, asbestos and debris removal from the Family Court building.

Salvation Army taking aid requests

The Salvation Army is taking applications for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance Oct. 12-16 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

Bring a picture ID, social security cards for all in the household, birth certificate or official proof of children's ages, current food stamp letter or SSI/disability award letter or proof of income and all current bills.

The Salvation Army is located at 517 Greenup Ave. For more information call 227-2638.

Marines offering outreach event

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit will hold a community outreach day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Capital City Airport.

Aircraft on display will include Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, Huey, Super Stallion and Super Cobra helicopters.

The event is free and open to the public.

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit is conducting training in the Frankfort and Peaks Mill areas.

Volunteers needed for Book Fair

Volunteers are needed for annual Kentucky Book Fair, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7, at the Frankfort Convention Center.

Volunteers may choose from several options:

>Nov. 6, to help set-up at the Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

>Saturday, the day of the Book Fair, to greet patrons, assist authors and be of other service. There are four time slots: 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

To volunteer or request additional information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Amy Luscher Smith at 223-2062 or e-mail kybookfair@yahoo.com; or contact the Kentucky Book Fair at 564-8300 (extension 297) or e-mail kybookfair@ky.gov.

A printable volunteer sign-up form is also available on-line at www.kybookfair.com – click on "Volunteers." An orientation will be held for volunteers Nov. 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Convention Center.

The Kentucky Book Fair brings authors and readers together to celebrate their mutual interest in reading and writing. More than 200 authors plan to attend this year to meet readers and sign their latest books. Proceeds benefit Kentucky's schools and public libraries and others who promote literacy.



Ashlee Larson of Lawrenceburg plays with her daughter Tatum, 9 months, during a reception celebrating the first year of the Frankfort Regional Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Tuesday evening.

Travis Carmack, 10 months, from Frankfort, walks with the help of his mother, Connie Carmack, at the hospital.



A year full of babies

PHOTOS BY HILLY SCHIFFER

Psychiatric evaluation ordered for Nunn

Judge approves agreement between attorneys to get mental health review

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A Fayette County judge agreed Tuesday to a psychiatric evaluation for a former state lawmaker charged with killing his ex-girlfriend.

Former state Rep. Steve Nunn has pleaded not guilty to the Sept. 11 shooting death of 29-year-old Amanda Ross outside her Lexington home. He did not appear at the hearing, but Ross's supporters showed

up wearing badges with her picture.

Nunn, a former gubernatorial hopeful, was arrested at a Hart County cemetery the day Ross died after police found him with apparent self-inflicted wounds.

On Tuesday, District Judge Julie Muth Goodman approved an agreement between attorneys in the case that Nunn would get a psychiatric evaluation but would not immediately have to provide a DNA sample prosecutors want. He

may have to provide it later.

Nunn's lawyer, Astrida Lemkins, did not elaborate on why she asked for the psychiatric evaluation. A guard escorted her from the courtroom to her office down the street.

Speaking to reporters outside the courthouse, she declined to comment on a wrongful death lawsuit Ross's family filed Monday. The lawsuit accuses Nunn of stalking and threatening Ross before allegedly shooting her multiple times and

killing her.

Nunn is being held at the Fayette County Detention Center. Goodman said in court that his evaluation would take place at the jail.

His case is to be considered by a county grand jury.

Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Larson declined to comment on the case or grand jury proceedings. Larson said that in cases involving a grand jury, prosecutors have 60 days to get an indictment.

Corps investigating lock failure on Ohio River

WARSAW, Ky. (AP) — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials are investigating the failure of a gate at the Markland Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in northern Kentucky.

A segment of the gate broke loose and fell into the water Sunday morning. Corps officials were forced

to close the main lock and open a smaller auxiliary lock.

Corps spokesman Todd Hornback said Tuesday that a board is being formed to do a detailed study. He says the agency located the fallen gate segment on Monday and is working to drain the water from the 1,200-foot

long lock chamber.

Hornback says barge traffic is moving slowly through the auxiliary gate, since it is only half the size of the main gate.

Corps officials are trying to determine whether the gate door can be reattached, said Carol Labashosky, a public affairs specialist in

Louisville.

"Our goal is to keep the river open," Labashosky said Tuesday.

She said divers will do bi-weekly inspections of the auxiliary gate to be sure it can withstand the new workload.