

Listing of Problems, Needs, and Interest

Third Quarter 2005

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 PROGRAMS PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT
 OF
 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

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ISSUE/PROGRAMS DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF CURRENT COMMUNITY ISSUES:

July 1 – September 30, 2005

The following is a list of problems, needs, or issues of the community as determined by various ascertainment methods by station management:

1. Crime and Drugs

A) Possible Meth Clinic
July 5 (Five)

A southeastern Kentucky town is expected to learn later this week whether a methadone clinic will be allowed to open there. The state narcotics authority will meet Friday in Frankfort to discuss the possible clinic in Middlesboro. But the head of "Middlesboro Against Drugs" said he expects several hundred people who are opposed to the clinic to attend the meeting. The nearest methadone clinic for meth addicts in southeastern Kentucky is in Corbin.

B) Marijuana Hunt
July 21 (GMK)

Dozens of marijuana plants found in the Daniel Boone National Forest have been destroyed. Action News 36 was the only news station to go along with state and federal officers as they went on a marijuana hunt. We walked through thick brush and up steep uneven hills. While it was a difficult and demanding exercise... we saw how the war on drugs is sometime won... one plant at a time. Here are some more details: there are five ground teams and two helicopter teams statewide. The climate in the forest is ideal for growing high quality marijuana. So, dozens of people plant the weed there every year... hoping to harvest and sell it. The street value of one plant... between two and two and half thousand dollars. Officers destroyed 60 to 70 thousand dollars worth of marijuana.

C) Juvenile Sex Offenders
July 27 (Five, Six, 11@11), July 28 (GMK)

Kentucky legislators are pushing for the public's right to know when children themselves are the predators. After doing some digging... Action News 36 found there are more than 400 juveniles across the commonwealth who have been convicted of a sex crime. By law, they can be committed to a state or privately run facility for treatment or even to

their own home or foster care. That means they could attend your child's school and you'd likely never know it. "Unfortunately in Kentucky our juvenile court laws are antiquated as far as letting the innocent public know who amongst us is committing these crimes." There are some sentencing guidelines for those who are thirteen and older. For younger kids, it's not as clear, and punishment is at the discretion of a judge.

D) Wrongly Accused

July 27 (11@11), July 28 (GMK), July 29 (GMK, Noon, Five, Six, 11@11), Aug. 23 (Five, Six, 11@11), Aug. 24 (GMK)

Charges have been officially dropped against a Franklin County man accused of attacking a jogger, in what police call a hate crime. Michael Hieatt was picked out of a police photo lineup by the alleged victim. He told anyone who would listen that he couldn't have committed the crime, because he was in Florida on vacation. He even gave police receipts and surveillance video that showed he was in an auto parts store in Daytona Beach hours before the alleged incident. And even though he's been cleared, the damage has been done.

E) Sex Offender Mistake

July 29 (GMK)

A Jessamine County man says a mistake by the state has cost him his job and has put his wife and kids at risk. Steve Munsen says his name showed up on Kentucky's sex offender registry. Sixteen years ago, Munsen was convicted of a sex crime in Illinois. He denies the charge and even had his record expunged a few days ago...but regardless, since the crime was committed before the sex registry was created, his name is supposed to be exempt from the list. Only that wasn't the case. "What you did has ruined me. Now everybody's going to look at me as this person -- this little spooky guy that I'm not." Munsen says he plans to hire an attorney and sue the state.

F) Bryan Station Neighborhood Watch

Aug. 14 (Weekend 6 & 11)

Residents of a Lexington community came together this afternoon to try to put an end to violence in their neighborhood. Last month, a Bryan Station resident was robbed and beaten in her home. Today, Enza Morris called upon her fellow neighbors to help ensure that these types of crimes don't happen again. In addition to her incident, the community's Dollar General store was also robbed this month. And just last week, a home on Bryan Station Road was broken into. Enza feels that if the community works together, these crimes will undoubtedly end: "We have all these people for the watch. I think we could reduce crime. I hope we can get it down." Local police also attended today's rally to give tips and ideas for the residents of Bryan Station.

G) Sexual Abuse by a Big Brother

Aug. 17 (Noon, Five, Six, 11@11), Aug. 18 (GMK, Noon, Five, Six, 11@11), Aug. 19 (GMK)

More powerful testimony is expected today in the sexual abuse trial of a 55-year-old Woodford County man. John "Tim" Jenkins is charged with sodomy, sex abuse, and indecent exposure. In court Tuesday, a second grade boy testified he saw Jenkins

touching the private parts of an eight-year-old boy while the two were in the shower at a public pool. The alleged victim was Jenkins' "little brother" in the "Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Bluegrass" program. The boy is now ten, and is expected to take the stand today. We're covering the trial.

H) Katrina Relief Scammer
Sept. 9 (Five, Six)

Despite the countless donations to hurricane victims, authorities in one Bourbon County community say some people were taken by a scam. Folks in Clintonville say 42-year-old Wayne Combs stood at an intersection for most of the week, asking people for donations for hurricane victims. He told folks he was with a Clark County church. Authorities became suspicious and later found his story to be bogus. They arrested him on charges including theft by deception. He's in jail on \$10,000 bond.

I) Squires Elementary Kids Being Photographed
Sept. 13 (Six, 11@11), Sept. 14 (GMK, Noon)

Police have stepped up patrols in an area of South Lexington after a burglary suspect is spotted taking pictures of children at bus stops. Police believe he's the same man who tried to break in to a family's home in the neighborhood. School officials are on alert. Both Squires Oak Elementary and Edith Hayes Middle schools sent home letters to parents detailing the incident, which has changed the atmosphere in the area from care-free to cautious. Savanna King, a fifth grader, says, "This is a very scary situation. Now I really won't want to go outside unless it's my day to feed the dog in the backyard or I'm going to my friend's house." Karen Bailey says she does not let her children walk anywhere alone: "We don't let them go to the bus stop alone. Now we're aware of everything."

J) Bank & Gas Station Robberies
Sept. 15 (Five, 11@11), Sept. 16 (GMK, Noon, Six), Sept. 18 (11@11), Sept. 19 (GMK, Noon, Five)

A Lexington woman accused of robbing a bank last week says she didn't do it. Stacy Brooks went before a judge for the first time Monday and pleaded not guilty. She's accused of robbing a National City bank branch on Tates Creek Centre Dr. last Thursday. Police are looking into whether Brooks is behind two gas station robberies that happened on the same day.

2. Traffic

A) Street Smart Traffic Report
Everyday on GMK

This is a regular segment featuring a live traffic report on conditions in Lexington, KY.

B) Man O War Closing Problems

Aug. 10 (Noon, Five, Six)

We have information on a major traffic impact. Action News reporter Melinda Roeder is live on Man O' War Boulevard with news of a road closure that just started. Signs of development. They're all along Lexington's southeast corridor. And new subdivisions like Glen Eagles, have brought a lot of traffic to Man O War Boulevard. "With all the construction and the new homes it's gonna get worse." Construction will soon begin on yet another subdivision. But first, they have to install water and sewer lines. And to do that, they have to tear up the road. "It's gonna be a big hassle without a shadow of a doubt." Chris Parker drives this road everyday to work. Now he'll have to take a detour for the next several weeks. Because this project won't be finished until November. "That's an awful long time to be putting up with a bunch of construction. I'm kind of dreading it." He's not alone. Drivers who live in Glen Eagles are already scouting alternate routes. "I'll just take Sir Barton over to Winchester." "What detour are you gonna use now? I guess I-75." The warning signs have been up for weeks, yet many drivers didn't know Man O War was closed until they came to the roadblocks. "What?! Are you serious?!" "I am so sorry to hear that. And you said November first?" But there is some good news. While the road is closed, the city will consider making improvements ...like widening it, flattening the dips, or adding another turn lane for the new subdivision. And neighbors hope it will make traffic flow more safely. During this closure, city traffic managers suggest drivers take I-75 as a detour. You can also take Sir Barton Way to get from Hamburg to Winchester road. Melinda Roeder Action News 36.

C) Newtown Pike Extension

Aug. 18 (11@11)

Sixteen million dollars -- six years of construction -- and a whole new look for Newtown Pike. Congressman Ben Chandler and Mayor Teresa Isaac unveiled the "Newtown Pike Extension Project" at South End Park this afternoon. The construction will widen many streets just south of the downtown area -- opening a corridor to UK's campus -- and easing congestion. "When the money is spent...the residents' needs will be taken care of first and foremost." More than 25 acres of the Southland Park neighborhood will be torn down -- then built back up. Construction will begin in 2006.

D) Holiday Fatalities

Sept. 6 (Five)

Some good news to report after this Labor Day weekend. Fatal accidents on Kentucky roads were down dramatically. Eight people died over the holiday weekend... compared to 18 last year. Kentucky State Police says the numbers are down because of an increased presence of law enforcement during the weekend.

E) Newtown Pike Accident

Sept. 15 (Six)

New at Six, traffic is flowing again on Newtown Pike, near Lexmark, after a two-car accident flips one vehicle on its top. Police say the driver of this Volvo was making a left out of Lexmark when it was hit by a car traveling northbound. Crews were called to un-trap the driver of the Volvo, but no one in either car was injured.

F) Bike Safety at UK

Sept. 28 (Six, 11@11), Sept. 29 (GMK)

Campus police at UK are seeing an increased number of pedestrian versus bike accidents... and it's prompting them to crack down on reckless riders. Even though signs are posted prohibiting bikes on some campus sidewalks... technically, police say it's not illegal. But some cyclists are taking their riding to extremes... and campus police are paying more attention. Those who don't obey traffic laws will be issued citations up to 25 dollars and could have their bikes impounded.

3. Environment

A) Lexington Smoking Ban Review

Aug. 16 (Noon, Six, 11@11)

At a news conference today, the Lexington-Fayette County Food and Beverage Association called for the city to change the law to look more like the less restrictive ban passed in Louisville last week. It has renewed the debate over smoking versus smokeless. The Food and Beverage Association is also asking for a copy of grant applications for a UK professor who did a study that showed the smoking ban hasn't hurt businesses and that air quality has improved. The association calls the research biased and improperly influenced by outside sources. We don't know if the council will consider changing the law. We have more details on the smoking ban. We do know a city committee that's evaluating the ban is meeting. We'll show you what they think of the proposal as well as smokers' opinions.

B) Plant Evacuation

Sept. 15 (11@11), Sept. 16 (GMK)

The Central Lighting Alloy Plant in Paris had a scare late last night. It was evacuated after a fire caused part of the facility to fill with smoke. No one was hurt...and the Bluegrass Chemical Response Team was on the scene to assess whether the fire released any toxic chemicals into the environment.

C) Georgetown Smoking Ban

Sept. 28 (Six, 11@11), Sept. 29 (GMK, Noon)

People in Georgetown have a little more than 24 hours to "Smoke 'em, if they got 'em". Tomorrow night...when the clock strikes midnight...smoking in public places will be snuffed out. Many feel the ban is stronger than Lexington's. You may recall that back in June, Mayor Everette Varney cast the deciding vote to implement the ban, saying "he had an obligation to his grandchildren". However, in August, Scott County rejected a county-

wide smoking ban. Georgetown will become the fourth Kentucky city to enact some form of a smoking ban. Lexington, Louisville, and Lancaster are the others.

4. Mayor/City Council

A) Vice Mayor Scanlon Property Dispute

July 15 (Five, Six, 11@11)

A former city councilman is questioning a current councilman's recent property purchases. Vice Mayor Mike Scanlon owns these two pieces of property bordering Midland Avenue and in between Goodloe and Corral streets. Here's the issue... a proposed connector street connecting Bluegrass Aspendale to downtown would cut through this park and end right here at the corner of Midland and Corral. Former councilman Michael Wilson believes the location of Scanlon's property creates a conflict of interest. So, he filed a complaint with the Urban County Government ethics commission. Scanlon says... he's done nothing illegal or unethical. Scanlon says he plans to use some of the property to build a garage for his classic car collection.

B) Bill Farmer Enters Race

July 29 (Six, 11@11), July 30 (Six, 11@11)

Also tonight, it's going to cost a lot to run for mayor of Lexington. Next year's race is expected to be the most expensive in this city's history ... and you can add another name to the candidates list. Five-term Urban County Councilman Bill Farmer, Junior .. notified the Kentucky registry of election finance .. that he plans to begin raising and spending money for the 2006 race. Farmer is the fourth person to enter the race, joining Mayor Teresa Isaac, lawyer Jim Newberry and cigar-store owner Charles Martin, Junior. The filing deadline is in late January of next year.

C) Lyric Theater Trouble

Aug. 5 (Noon, Five, Six, 11@11)

Hey Lexington.... you now own a historic theater.... and it's up to all of us to help pay for it. After nearly a decade-long legal battle, the city now owns the Lyric Theater. While it was a showplace back in the '40s, the Lyric now is rundown .. and falling apart. Along with a hefty price tag for the rights to the theatre, the city will also have to put a lot of money into renovations. And of course, you and I will get the bill. Gayle Slaughter, God's Center attorney, says, "It will be a financial burden on the city. It will never pay for itself, it will always require government funds in order to operate." A jury trial is scheduled for September to determine the value of the Lyric. Regardless of the assessed value, according to state law, the city has eight years to meet the deed's requirements to turn the theater into an African-American cultural center.

D) Fayette Roads Money

Aug. 11 (Five, Six)

It's money to move on... today, the mayor's plan that would begin eight improvement projects to Lexington roads was unveiled... to the surprise of some council members. The plan calls for \$3.4 million of improvements in areas all over the county. The money comes from the state road fund and would work to improve areas like Clays Mill. Still, some council members felt the projects were done without their consent. The mayor's office says their door was open. "It was really an open door policy. Any council person that wanted to be involved... could have been." "We are talking about \$3.4 million of road improvements that citizens could have had." Some councilmembers say the mayor took too long to respond to the state's road assessment questionnaire. They're expected to bring up the issue on Tuesday, even if it's not on the agenda.

E) St. Joe's Expansion

Aug. 23 (Six)

It's not everyday you see the city's mayor on a backhoe .. but that's just what Mayor Teresa Isaac was doing this morning. No, she's not changing jobs. The mayor kicked off the official groundbreaking for Saint Joseph Hospital's \$85 million expansion and renovation project. The first phase of the project includes an 80,000 square foot expansion to house mechanical, laboratory, and business offices.

F) Kentucky American Water Battle

Aug. 23 (Noon, Six, 11@11), Aug. 26 (Noon, Six), Sept. 16 (Five)

The battle over your drinking water went to court today -- as Kentucky American water and the city added yet another chapter to the legal fight. Lawyers for the city and the water company argued in a circuit court this afternoon on two key issues. The first -- whether the controversy and ownership of the water company should go to the ballot. The second -- when should the vote take place. The city wants you to vote on "water ownership" this November. Lawyers for Kentucky American say if there has to be a vote -- it should come in November 2006. The judge hearing the case will make a ruling Friday.

5. Jobs & Economy

A) New Jobs Created

July 26 (11@11)

From pink slips to new jobs: an auto carpet manufacturer plans to open a new plant in Pulaski County. UGN Incorporated expects to have the 314,000 square foot facility in Somerset ready for operation by 2006. Initially, there will be 159 positions created... but that will jump to about 300 by the third year. The average employee will make about 12 dollars an hour, plus benefits.

B) Lexmark Job Cuts

July 26 (11@11), July 27 (Noon)

There's good news and bad news at Lexington-based Lexmark. The bad news is the computer printer maker is going to eliminate 275 jobs...most of them at the company's headquarters in Lexington. The good news is Lexmark has added more than 200 jobs in research and development and more hires are expected.

Financially, Lexmark expects the job cuts to make 23 million dollars available for reinvestment in the company's strategic initiatives.

C) Plant Expansion

Aug. 9 (Six, 11@11), Aug. 10 (GMK)

There's some good economic news for the Bluegrass. Denyo Manufacturing announced plans to expand its Danville operations. The company is Japan's leading manufacturer of engine-driven generators, welding machines, and air compressors. Denyo currently has 73 workers in Danville. The expansion will create 20 new jobs.

D) Mercer Co. Plant Transfers

Aug. 11 (Noon)

More than a hundred employees at a Harrodsburg plant will have to relocate or find new jobs. According to a report in the Danville Advocate-Messenger, about 160 employees at the Trim Master plant will be transferred to company plants in Nicholasville and Bardstown. Company officials say employees can sign up for plant preferences... but the move will be based on seniority. The transfers will begin September 1.

E) Yearling Sale

Sept. 11 (Weekend 6 & 11), Sept. 12 (GMK, Noon, Six, 11@11), Sept. 13 (GMK, Six, 11@11), Sept. 20 (GMK)

A Bluegrass tradition returns to Keeneland. The world's largest and most prestigious yearling sale is underway. Last year, a record 4,891 horses were cataloged for the sale. This year...over 5,000 are expected to go up for auction. The sale runs through the 26th.

6. Health

A) Smoking Ban Health Effects

July 5 (11@11)

A new study suggests dramatic health improvements... since Lexington's smoking ban took effect. The report released today by researchers at the University of Kentucky... tests nicotine in the hair of bar and restaurant employees. It shows levels were cut in half over three months. It also found that workers reported having fewer colds since the law was enacted in April 2004.

B) Smoking Cessation

July 6 (Six)

If you want to quit smoking, help in Kentucky is now just a phone call away. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services says the adult smoking rate in Kentucky has dropped 10 and a half percent. Still Kentucky's adult smoking rate leads the nation. Today, Governor Fletcher introduced the 1-800-QUIT-NOW phone line. The number provides one on one counseling .. and can also get you smoking cessation materials.

C) Parkinson's Patients Kept Off Drug
July 12 (Noon, Six, 11@11)

A federal judge will not allow eight Parkinson's patients to regain access to experimental medicine... they say slows their disease's progression. They were given the drug GDNF as part of a study at the University of Kentucky. But the research was stopped after GDNF's maker, Amgen, said it was found that high doses caused brain damage in monkeys. One of the participants Action News 36 talked to earlier this year... says his quality of life has suffered because of a business decision. According to the court ruling that sided with Amgen, the company submitted credible, scientific evidence showed GDNF wasn't effective and posed safety concerns.

D) Shigellosis
July 29 (Five, Six), Aug. 1 (Noon), Aug. 9 (Noon, Six, 11@11), Aug. 10 (GMK),
Aug. 23 (Five, Six)

Health officials in Fayette County fear an outbreak of the bacterial infection shigellosis could get even worse once school starts in a couple of weeks. There have been more than 100 cases reported in the county since spring. More than half of those involved children who were kept in a number of day cares. Symptoms include diarrhea, vomiting, fever and stomach cramps. There is growing concern that shigellosis could spread through the public schools. The health department is still offering free stool culture kits for parents who can't get appointments with their family doctor to diagnose shigellosis.

E) Medical Interpreters
July 29 (11@11)

Imagine needing medical help... but not being able to communicate with the doctor. It's a growing problem because of the diversity of the nation ... and that's why the need for medical interpreters is growing. UK's health education and training center is holding the first of its kind conference this weekend... to train these professionals. The idea is to ensure that interpreter training is up to par with states like California... where minority populations are much larger. Some say the job's biggest challenge is playing the middle man between patient and doctor. "By joining together we get to share tips because we want to be very professional and improve ourselves as medical interpreters." The conference continues tomorrow.

F) Lung Cancer
Aug. 10 (Five, 11@11)

Yesterday, we learned Dana Reeve... wife of the late Christopher Reeve... has lung cancer. Her announcement came just one day after the world learned ABC anchorman

Peter Jennings had died from the disease. Action News 36's Michelle Rauch talked to a Lexington woman who is trying to raise awareness about how dangerous lung cancer is.

G) Muscular Dystrophy Association

Aug. 25 (Six, 11@11), Sept. 1 (Five), Sept. 2 (GMK)

In preparation for the annual telethon, which airs on our station and in which the anchors participate locally, we aired several stories and packages on muscular diseases.

H) Flu Vaccine

Sept. 14 (Five, Six, 11@11), Sept. 15 (GMK)

Flu season is just weeks away and Kentucky health officials are already worried about another vaccine shortage. It's unclear at this point how many doses will be available, but the state has ordered about 18,000 more shots than they did last year. Elderly patients with chronic health conditions will have priority. Healthy children and adults are on the bottom. The first shots should be available October 1.

I) Breast & Cervical Screenings

Sept. 28 (GMK)

A chance at early detection for breast and cervical cancer could increase a woman's chances at surviving the disease. And next weekend...Fayette County health officials will be doing just that. When breast cancer is detected in its early stages, the five year survival rate is 97 percent. That's why medical workers say screening is so important. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women between the age of 40 and 55. Early detection can find a tumor even before it's felt in the breast. Early detection also gives women a wider range of treatment options. That's why the mayor's task force on breast cancer will sponsor a community "breast and cervical cancer screening" on October 15.

Here are some more details. Free round-trip transportation will be provided from the health department to Samaritan Hospital for mammograms. The screening is recommended for women who are either un-insured or under-insured, and over the age of 40. If you'd like to make an appointment...call sister-to-sister at 859-254-3786. You can also call the health department at 859-288-2314. All registered participants will receive a phone card and a special gift.

J) Safety Stories

Periodic

Action News 36 has done numerous safety stories in order to warn viewers of possible dangers in everyday tasks. Safety topics included BBQ (July 1), boats (July 1-2), bikes (July 5), UK's campus (Sept. 14), and pedestrians on campus (Sept. 23).

7. Education

A) College Is Affordable

July 16 (Six)

An interim college affordability study shows that higher education in Kentucky is affordable for most in-state students. A new report was commissioned by the Kentucky council on postsecondary education. It says out-of-pocket costs for non-traditional and independent students are higher than those who are still considered dependents. The report looked at the actual net price students pay after factoring out financial aid. The study found student grants from the state are evenly distributed across income groups....but higher income residents are more likely to get grants from the institutions they attend.

B) Education Spending

Aug. 14 (Weekend 6 & 11), Aug. 15 (GMK, Noon)

Kentucky is not making the grade when it comes to education spending...that's according to a report in Governing Magazine's State and Local Source Book for 2005. The bluegrass ranks last in the amount spent per capita on education and the amount spent as a share of personal income. The report says Kentucky spends a little more than \$950 per resident on education....about 3.7 percent of personal income. The report also says the commonwealth was the only state in the country with a per capita spending on education below \$1000.

C) ACT Scores

Aug. 17 (GMK)

Kentucky high school graduates this year made modest improvement on their ACT college admission test, but they still lag the national averages. The average Kentucky composite score from the four sections of the test was 20.4 for the 29,943 students who took the exam. The composite score has risen since 2002. Officials with the council on postsecondary education say the modest improvement is especially encouraging because more students are taking the test. Kentucky scores were lower than national averages across the board in English, math, reading, and science. They were comparatively lowest in math and closest to national averages in English.

D) KET "Encyclo-Media"

Aug. 17 (Five, 11@11), Aug. 18 (GMK)

Kentucky teachers are now wired to use state-of-the-art technology in their classrooms. It's called "Encyclo-Media"...the program uses the internet to bring videos, photographs, and audio clips into the classroom. The goal is use technology to bring lessons to life for tech-savvy students. KET and the Kentucky Department of Education worked together to bring the program to commonwealth classrooms. The program is completely free for any Kentucky school. All of the content in the program is catered to meet Kentucky academic standards.

E) Education Grant

Sept. 19 (Six, 11@11)

The governor made his re-election statements after announcing a new aggressive program to benefit Kentucky's low income students. The program is called 'Gear Up.' It will be kick-started by a \$34 million federal grant. That money has to be matched in order to create a \$68 million initiative. "Gear Up" develops rigorous college prep classes, planning, and scholarships for low-income Kentuckians.

F) Jackson County Cutting Fridays

Sept. 23 (Five, Six)

Next month.. students in one Kentucky school district will no longer go to class on Fridays. Jackson County schools will instead move to a Monday thru Thursday schedule. And to make up for the lost day of instruction, students will attend classes for an extra hour. The superintendent there says the cutback was necessary... due to declining enrollment and a tight budget. One of the biggest cost savings will come from gasoline. The district's buses burn up about 520 gallons of diesel fuel a day. And higher gas prices has put them in a pinch. "We anticipated an increase in fuel like all the other districts did, but we didn't anticipate it going up 25 percent to 40 percent." School officials will try to help parents who need Friday daycare. They also say they'll monitor student achievement and test scores closely, to make sure education doesn't suffer.

G) Japanese Saturday School Addition

Sept. 26 (Six)

Japanese students in Central Kentucky have been attending Saturday school to supplement their education with courses in their native culture for nearly two decades. During that time, they have had their classes in these portable buildings at Tates Creek Middle School. Now, the Central Kentucky Japanese School wants their own facility and they have an offer for the Fayette county school board. They are willing to build a \$2 million addition to Edythe J Hayes. They will use it on Saturdays; in return... Fayette County will be able to use it during the week for early childhood classes.

H) CATS Testing

Aug. 24 (Noon, Five, Six, 11@11), Sept. 21 (GMK, Noon, Five, Six)

Like the song says... it's only just begun... but school officials in Fayette County are already planning on testing students. The reason... they want to improve scores on the "CATS" exam for state accountability. Fayette County schools have a new plan this year to prepare for "CATS" testing. All students will now take tests similar to "CATS" in the months leading up to the test. Educators are hoping the extra tests will help them find and improve weaknesses before the spring "CATS" exam. The first of those evaluation tests will be in September for all Fayette County students.



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