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NEWS-HERALD

Caverna seeks info on Trooper Island allegation

By **Allyson Dix**
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Caverna Independent School District issued a statement on August 17 urging anyone with knowledge of an incident that happened on Trooper Island to report it to the proper authorities.

Following the release of a recent video involving a former basketball coach and two students engaged in another violent act against a student involving a belt, numerous parents began contacting the Barren County Progress with other alleged incidents.

One of which was a parent who shared that her child witnessed two students who held down a boy and sexually assaulted him with a pencil in his rectum while attending a Caverna sports outing at the Kentucky State Police Trooper Island in late June of 2024. BCP spoke with the alleged victim's guardian who said the child confirmed the incident did happen.

In Caverna's statement on Sunday, officials confirmed there were no reports on this incident; however, in

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Fiscal Court Meets At Judicial Center



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The Hart County Fiscal Court held its 1st meeting in the Judicial Center.

By **Gary Gardner**
Guest Contributor

The Hart County Fiscal Court met Tuesday morning, August 12, at the Judicial Center. This was the first time meeting there since the center opened 18 years ago.

After Judge/Executive Joe Choate called the meeting to order,

Brother Chuck Purlee, Pastor of Mt. Pisgah, opened the meeting with prayer.

All committees gave reports, including Jailer Israel Bergerson, stating there was a total of 128 in the county jail. Sheriff Jeff Wilson informed the

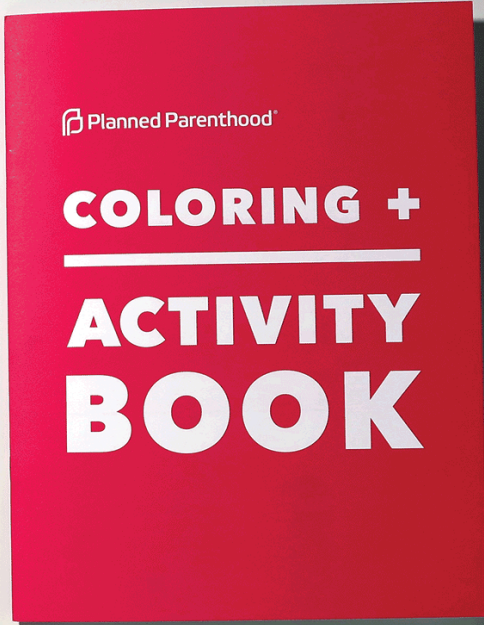
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EARLY DEADLINES

The Hart County News-Herald will be implementing an early deadline in anticipation of the Labor Day holiday. The deadline for the September 4 newspaper will be by noon on Thursday, August 28. This include news stories, submissions, and advertisements. All Jobe Publishing offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.

Parents Sue

Kentucky Science Center, Planned Parenthood Over Distribution of Explicit Coloring Book to Child



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A Grayson County, Kentucky family has filed a lawsuit against the Kentucky Science Center and multiple Planned Parenthood organizations, alleging that their nine-year-old daughter was given a sexually explicit coloring book during a school field trip earlier this year.

The complaint, filed August 7 in Jefferson Circuit Court by Heather and Jason Terry of Clarkson,

Kentucky, claims their daughter, identified in court documents as W.T., received the "Planned Parenthood Coloring + Activity Book" during a Health and Wellness Day event at the Kentucky Science Center (KSC) in Louisville on March 21.

According to the lawsuit, W.T.'s field trip to KSC occurred at the same time that a KSC event known as "Health and Wellness Day Science Celebration" of which Planned Parenthood was in attendance.

The lawsuit further states that a Planned Parenthood staff member distributed the book to children, including W.T., without parental consent or prior review by Kentucky Science Center staff. The Terrys say their daughter opened the book on the bus ride home and discovered pages containing sex-related content, including: sexual terminology, anatomical drawings including both male and female genitalia, and activities referencing

contraception, abortion, and reproductive health.

The coloring book included an activity page titled "SexLibs", a word game in which a person can fill in the blanks with specific parts of speech. Another coloring page depicted various methods of birth control, such as condoms and a tube of spermicide. A word search page found in the coloring book instructed individuals to find numerous

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PTO, Volunteers Bring New Playground to Bonnieville



▲ PHOTO | SUBMITTED
Bonnieville Elementary School PTO Officers Brooke Riggs, Erika Butler, and Savannah Logsdon are pictured with students at the school's new playground.

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For years, students and families at Bonnieville Elementary School dreamed of a better playground, and this school year that dream finally became a reality.

Thanks to the dedication of the Parent-Teacher


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