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Chris Ramsey of Somerset, also known as "Knot-Head," turns fallen trees into wooden cowboy hats. The custom-fitted, artsy hats adorn the heads of country music stars, NASCAR drivers and regular folks, too.

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Booth speaking to CAAG

Marti Booth, a Frankfort artist, web designer, and graphic artist will be the speaker at the 7 p.m. Monday, May 2 meeting of the Capital Area Art Guild in the fourth floor Community Room of Farmers Bank downtown. The public is invited.

Hearn needs parent for SBDM Council

Hearn Elementary is seeking parents who are interested in serving on the SBDM Council for the 2011-12 school year. The opening is for one parent for a two-year term. The PTA will be accepting nominations through Friday, May 6. Those interested must complete and submit a nomination form to the front office no later than 3 p.m. Friday.

All candidates must have a student attending Hearn Elementary School next school year. Contact Barbara Burch in the front office to obtain a copy of the nomination form. On May 11, names of nominees will be available to all Hearn families in the front office.

The election will take place on Friday, May 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hearn and from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Early Learning Village.

History Speaks! series on Thursday

Author J. Roderick Heller will host a discussion of Felix Grundy, a central political figure of the post-Revolutionary War era, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Old State Capitol. Heller is author of "Democracy's Lawyer: Felix Grundy of the Old Southwest." The program is part of the History Speaks! series.

Admission is free to History Speaks!, which is part of the KHS Highlighting History series. For more information about this program, contact Erica Harvey at 502-564-1792, ext. 4461, or Erica.harvey@ky.gov.

County school board Monday

The Franklin County Board of Education will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Central Office, 916 E. Main St.

Agenda items include presentations on the Spring-Board curriculum for English, instructional coaches, an update on day treatment services for next year, and technology updates.

Students 'treet' FHS to oak replacements

Earth Club and other supporters plant 10 trees native to Kentucky on Arbor Day

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Mud filled the front lawn at Frankfort High School Friday morning, but the slop didn't slow students as they dug holes for 10 trees to replace the pin oaks cut down last fall.

Two black gum trees will flank the front walkway, and a yellowwood and tulip poplar will stand to the right of the front door. Three serviceberry trees will surround the granite sign on the corner of Fourth and Shelby streets, and a hackberry will grow nearby.

The teens planted a holly tree and a bald Cyprus in the backyard.

Students in Kelly Helton's environmental science class chose the trees that will dot the front and back lawns.

They picked trees native to Kentucky that were suited for the soil in South Frankfort and resistant to bacterial leaf scorch. Most of the trees planted Friday grow to about 40 or 50 feet tall.

Two pin oaks to the right of the school's front door were rotted and decayed, and a third pin oak on the Fourth Street side was dying of drought and cramped roots. All three were cut down in the fall.

An elm tree diagnosed with Dutch elm disease was removed earlier in the school year. Students spent long lunches under the trees, and gathered there after school to hang out and play games.

Members of the Earth Club and other interested students planted the trees Friday, celebrated as Arbor Day nationwide. The event was originally scheduled to coincide with Earth Day last week, but heavy rains forced its cancellation.

"I think it's awesome that our school is supporting us," said junior Jeri Howell, 17, president of Earth Club.

"We recently planted a community garden, and they let us out of class for that because they recognize the importance of the next generation being in-



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Frankfort High School students work on digging holes for trees to be planted on the school's lawn Friday morning. Inside Out Design donated the trees and labor.



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involved in the green movement and making the place more aesthetically pretty."

Michael Fleck, an 18-year-old junior, says planting the trees will strengthen the school's relationship with the Frankfort community.

Andrea Wilson Mueller of Inside Out Design, a 1998 alumna of FHS, donated her time and two serviceberry trees in honor of her graduating class.

Along with city arborist Andrew Cammack, she

mapped placement of the trees and advised students on the ideal species for the space.

One of the trees planted Friday will become a living part of "Silent Witness," a sculpture students created from wood salvaged from the pin oaks.

"It's meaningful when it's combined with the sculpture and symbolizing the past, present and future of the school," she said.



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Andrea Mueller, center, straightens up a tree as Frankfort High students Bianca Beuschlein, top left, Abby Green, left, and Emily Martin work on filling the hole.

Beshear seeks federal aid for hard-hit farmers

SMITHLAND, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Steve Beshear on Friday requested federal assistance for Kentucky farmers who are watching some of their potential profits drain away as they wait for water-logged fields to dry out so they can plant their crops.

Beshear asked U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for the assistance for 21 counties, mostly in the western Kentucky grain belt.

Recent flooding and storms have caused crop losses and damage to farm

buildings, the governor said.

The governor said federal assistance "is critical and necessary to offset" those income losses.

The request for federal aid comes as heavy rains have stalled corn planting at

a crucial time for many Kentucky farmers.

Livingston County farmer Jeff McGrew hasn't planted any corn yet, and it'll be at least a week to 10 days before he can get into fields on higher ground. His river bottom land has been over-

taken by the flooded Ohio River, and it may be three weeks before he can plant there.

For McGrew and other farmers, it's becoming a race against the calendar that will help determine their success at fall harvest.

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