

## **Southside welders make bike racks for Lafayette**

Welding students at Southside Technical Center recently fashioned new bicycle racks for Lafayette High School.

“Students were saying there was not enough room in the old rack, and they had to chain their bikes to safety rails around the school,” said Cameron Marcum, who attends both schools.

“(Southside) students from both morning and afternoon classes constructed, painted and installed the racks,” he said. “We are always looking for small jobs to do around the school. ... This is the ‘real world’ we will soon be looking at, and I want to be ready when I graduate.”

The welding students work under the direction of Southside instructor Jim Lamirande. The welding program includes teens from all five Fayette County high schools as well as Woodford, Scott and Jessamine county schools.

“For the most part, the program uses students from the school the jobs are for to give them pride in their work,” Lamirande said, noting that mostly Lafayette kids worked on the bicycle racks.