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Tobacco festival Nov. 15

The 17th Annual Nicholas County Tobacco Festival has been set for Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Carlisle Armory. The best crop, consisting of three hands of each of the four grades of tobacco, will receive $40 and a trophy. The best handled crop will receive $25 and a trophy.

Premiums are $10, $8, $6, $5, $4, $3, $2, and $1 for the first eight places in each class. Each grower that has a complete exhibit of all four grades and does not win as much as $5 in premiums will receive a $5 prize. Entertainment and door prizes will add to the enjoyment of the Festival Program.

All Nicholas County Growers including 4-H and FFA members are urged to exhibit. A total of $250 will be awarded the winners.

The Festival is sponsored by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, the Extension Service, Farm Bureau, East Kentucky Production Credit, Blue Grass Industries, Clay Seed Co., Tobacco Warehouses from Paris, Cynthiana, Mt. Sterling and Lexington and Carlisle merchants and banks.

County got $1,933,000 from state

Gov. Wendell Ford recently announced that according to a state government analysis Nicholas county received $1,933,000 in state monies and services during the past fiscal year.

Governor Ford pointed out that the largest amount of this total, some $600,000, was fed into Human Resources concerns. These include $419,000 in the form of services from the state Department of Economic Security, $7,000 from Child Welfare, $142,500 from Mental Health and $54,000 from Health.

Of the $419,000 going to Economic Security, $167,500 was aid to the aged, $7,000 to the blind, $55,700 to the disabled and $120,000 to dependent children. N/a persons in Nicholas county received $n/a in food stamps.

A new service under the Ford administration, the Office of Public Defender, received $715 this past year. An additional $104,000 was spent for services from the departments of Public Safety, Military Affairs and the Administration of Justice.

$648,000 was allotted by the Department of Education--part of which was funding for the foundation program, adult education, state food services and the disadvantaged.

Another $422,000 was received from the Department of Transportation, the majority of which was state road funds.

"This administration has adhered to the motto that government exists to serve people," said Governor Ford. "These county expenditures represent tax dollars being returned to the people in the form of services for the people."

Easy as pie

A new drive-in window was going up Thursday mid-day at the First National Bank. The job was completed in one day, with the inside furnishing being done this week.—Mercury photo

Local farm income $10,057,000 gross

NEW YORK—Although farming and ranching have not been the most lucrative of occupations in recent years, Nicholas county's agricultural community has been making out better than most, it appears.

The majority of local farmers held their own last year and a number of them, especially those with well-equipped, commercial-size setups, ended up well ahead of the previous year.

Credit for it is attributed to record output, made possible by generally favorable weather conditions, by greater mechanization and by more intensive use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Gains were made in nearly every section of the country. The Northeast, which was hit by heavy and continuous rains, was an exception.

The facts and figures, showing how local growers fared in relation to others, are contained in a survey released by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

It reports total receipts in Nicholas county from farm operations in the past year at $10,057,000. Two years ago, when it made a similar survey, it listed the total at $9,210,000.

That was the gross amount, before deductions for operating costs and taxes.

Included in it are the cash receipts from the sale of farm goods, together with government payments and income inkind, which is the value of products grown and consumed on the farm.

The increase, 9.2 percent, compares with a 8.7 percent rise in the State of Kentucky.

According to the most recent figures from the Department of Agriculture, approximately 57 percent of the total received locally from the sale of farm products came from the marketings of crops and 43 percent from livestock, poultry and dairy goods.

Although the past year was a big one for the American farmer in terms of gross income, it was also a record one for

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City may get $85,463 federal reimbursement

An $85,463 additional federal reimbursement grant may be coming to the City of Carlisle for its 1963-65 sewer plant construction costs.

Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (as amended Oct. 10, 1973), 142 communities may be eligible for a total of $19 million in federal reimbursements—if they applied before Oct. 18. Carlisle has applied.

The money is available under a recent congressional resolution for communities which have waste treatment facilities built between June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1972.

Carlisle previously received federal assistance amounting to $155,955.

The State Environmental Protection Agency Commissioner Thomas Harris said, "This is a rush act for us. I hope we can contact everybody in time."

Thirty officials and employees fanned out over the state last week to obtain the necessary official signatures on applications. Harris said the plan was to fly the applications to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at Atlanta last week. If the deadline is met, the grants should be approved.

"Previously under the law, only two state communities were eligible for a total of less than $250,000," Harris said.

Hungry

Jim Barnes gazes fondly at a huge mushroom given him last week by Cliff House, wondering if it is edible? The basketball size mushroom came from a patch on Mr. House's farm on the Gravel Road.—Mercury photo

'Safe cigarette' could save Kentucky's tobacco industry

Kentucky's tobacco industry, which has come under fire in recent years because of health problems associated with cigarette smoking, will eventually be saved by the development of a "safe" cigarette, according to Gov. Wendell Ford.

Ford, speaking recently at the 24th annual convention of the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Association, pointed out that such a cigarette, termed the "reference cigarette," has been developed by the University of Kentucky Tobacco and Health Research Institute.

More than 10 million of the cigarettes have been produced and "when perfected, it could be a most significant boost for the tobacco industry," he added.

The governor emphasized the importance of tobacco in the Kentucky economy, pointing out that it is the state's leading producer. Last year Kentucky marketed more than 413 million pounds of tobacco, 70 per cent of the nation's burley product.

The "reference cigarette" is the result of a bill enacted by the 1970 General Assembly creating the Kentucky Tobacco Research Board and authorizing UK's Tobacco and Health Research Institute to begin an intensive research program.

A special half cent per pack tax on all cigarettes sold in Kentucky has provided $3.4 million a year for the research.

"As lieutenant governor, this was one of my pet projects, and I have always been proud to have helped lead the fight to begin this program," Gov. Ford said.

He praised the tobacco institute at UK, pointing out that 20 per cent of the world's tobacco and health research is being conducted at UK.

Because of this research, the governor said, "someday it will be possible to produce a cigarette that will not be labeled "Dangerous to your health."

Cub Scout meet

A reorganization meeting of the Cub Scouts will be held Monday, Oct. 29, at the Nicholas County Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

All old and new members and their parents are urged to attend.

Bicentennial meet

The Nicholas County Bicentennial Committee will meet tonight, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Library.

All members and interested persons are asked to attend.

HALLOWEEN'S

'Trick or Treat' scheduled here for 6 - 9 p.m. Oct. 31

"Trick or Treat" is scheduled for children 12 and under from 6-9 p.m. on Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31. Children over 12 are not allowed to wear a mask.

Apples, cookies, candy, cider, and donuts seem to go right along with the witches, ghosts, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween. The goodies are treats—payments in lieu of tricks. Or are they?

This Wednesday, Oct. 31, the annual pilgrimage begins for the long anticipated treasures. Will it be "trick or treat?" or, trick or treatment? For many children it is an evening of great fun and adventure, but for some it can turn into a night of tragedy and sorrow.

Each year, far too many children are injured and killed Halloween Eve by motorists unable to see them darting unexpectedly into the street. Others are badly burned as their costumes are ignited by flames from lighted candles and lanterns. These tragic situations could be avoided if parents would observe rules of good sense and safety.

Use only bright costumes. A white-sheeted ghost is more easily seen by a passing motorist than a black-clad witch. But even brightly clothed children may be hard to distinguish as the evening darkens so florescent strips which would make them even more visible, is suggested.

Do not allow children to carry lighted candles, or lanterns, or any type of open flame. Many children have been burned in past years when their costumes, often made of extremely flammable material, caught fire. A flash-light would be easier to carry, and would also make crossing the street safer.

Be sure to chaperone all children who would not normally be allowed outside alone at night. Younger children should be out only in the early evenings. The discreet presence of an adult can stop a problem situation from developing.

A major problem each Halloween is children who have been cut, drugged, or poisoned. Apples and cup cakes can have razors hidden in them. Any kind of non-commercially packaged edible can have drugs or other poisonous ingredients added to them. Be very careful that gum, candy, and other snacks are securely wrapped, and that the wrapping has not been opened and resealed. It is best to trick or treat in your neighborhood.

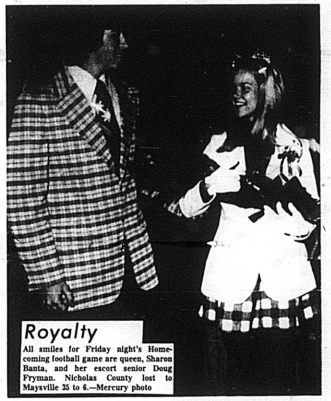
Keep a light on in front of your house so that there is no danger of children being injured by walking into objects or holes they cannot see in the dark. If there is a pet in the household, keep it away from the door.

Children enjoy putting on make-up as part of their costume but be careful of what they use. Cheap make-up can in many instances cause complexion problems for youngsters—or hurt their eyes.

Finally, when your child goes out for the evening, make sure you know where he or she is going and what time he or she should return.

Hallbween can be a real treat for everyone. One way to enaure it is to follow these simple rules of safety. The result will be an enjoyable and safe evening for children and parents alike.

Safety on Halloween is not a magic act.



Royalty

All smiles for Friday night's Homecoming football game are queen, Sharon Banta, and her escort senior Doug Fryman. Nicholas County lost to Maysville 35 to 6.—Mercury photo

Injured in fall through window

Garnett Gray, 36, Route 4, was treated at the Bourbon County Hospital Saturday night for lacerations suffered when he was allegedly knocked through a plate glass window at Nixon's Service Station on East Main Street, Paris.

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Buckler, who investigated said Gray suffered lacerations on his left arm, forehead and left shoulder and was treated at the hospital and released.

He quoted Gray as saying he didn't know the person who knocked him through the window.

Blue Jet gridders beat Paris 36-0

The Carlisle Jaycee Blue Jet football team beat the Paris All Stars Sunday in both games. The first game saw the Blue Jet 11-13 boys win by a score of 36-0. The second game, comprised of ages nine and 10 Blue Jet players, was won by a score of 28-0.

The Blue Jets travel to the Nicholasville All-Star Tournament tonight, Oct. 25, and Sunday, Oct. 28. Games start at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

Elementary open house

Nicholas County Elementary School, grades one through four, held a Grandparent's Open House on Wednesday.

Grandparents of students were invited to visit the school from 3-3 p.m. The Open House was scheduled in conjunction with American Education Week, according to Mrs. Jimmy Conrad, Assistant Principal. Parents of the students provided the refreshments.

Democrats favor Reforms amendment

The State Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party announced today in Frankfort that they are in favor of the Legislative Reform Amendment.

Chairman J.R. Miller and Chairman-elect Senator William Sullivan released the results of a poll taken of the members of the Committee.

Senator Sullivan stated "The results were overwhelmingly in favor of passage of this amendment". This, once again, points out the fact that the Democratic

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