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Spelling Bee merit winners

Here are the five grade school Courier-Journal spelling bee winners by grade in Nicholas County. Overall winner was Heather Hall, who will receive a trophy and participate in the championship bee April 13 in Louisville.



Golden 100 scholarship

Keith Lyons, Susanne Jones and Steve Anderson have been selected as semi-finalists for the 1983 Golden 100 of Kentucky scholarship competition at Murray State University. One hundred of the semi-finalists were selected to participate in an academic competition held on Sunday and Monday, March 27 and 28. These students were selected by a faculty committee for their academic achievement and achievement test scores. Keith, Susanne and Steve are juniors at Nicholas County High School where they are members of the National Honor Society. — Photo submitted.

White Hawk rendezvous pig roast Saturday at CWMF

The White Hawk Primitive Rifleman's Club is having an old time authentic "rendezvous" or campout at the Clay Wildlife Management Farm this week, according to Charles T. McFarland of Carlisle.

Farm program signup ends with 1,347 acres in PIK

The signup period for the 1983 acreage reduction and payment in kind program ended on March 11 with 1,347 acres of 53 percent of the eligible wheat, feed grain acreage in Nicholas County enrolled.



School tornado drill

No. 11 is not a new religion in Nicholas County, but a Tornado Drill at Nicholas County Schools last week. An intensive and wide-ranging tornado preparedness campaign and drill was done in the school system all week from March 14-18. Here students were instructed in the proper positions to assume if a tornado is imminent. — Photo submitted.

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Nicholas property tax rate under actual sales

Secretary Ron Geary of the State Revenue Cabinet has announced that the Department of Property Taxation has prepared the 1982 property tax assessment-sales ratios for every county in the state under the provisions of state law (KRS 131.200). This information reflects a comparison of the certified assessments for last year with actual real estate sales.

Kentucky block grants to total \$21.5 million

The fund from which Carlisle hopes to get \$699,000 for its East End Sewer and Water Project will have a total of \$11.5 million to hand out, according to an announcement from the state Department of Economic Development.

Deadline for filing applications, which includes Carlisle's application, is April 11. After all applications are received, the state will form two, three-member teams and rank the applications. The office hopes to announce the recipients in early June.

The funds are divided into economic development, housing and public facilities program areas. In the economic development fund, a community use grant money to make a low-interest loan or grant to finance a job-creating project, like the construction of a rail spur to serve a new industry.

The 29 such projects funded last year will lead to the creation or retention of 2,006 jobs within the next two years.

Housing grants are aimed toward housing renovation in low-income areas. Nine such grants were made last year. The public facilities category, which numbered 13 grants last year, covers funds to build or replace community water, sewer or gas lines.

Dale Smith, department commissioner, said grants are made on the basis of matters like need, cost effectiveness and other sources of financing. The program is administered by the department's Office of Community Development.

Among changes in this year's program is an increase in the maximum amount of a grant. For economic development, the new limit is \$1 million per grant, up from \$750,000. For housing and public facilities, the maximum is \$600,000, an increase of \$100,000 from last year.

The \$11.5 million is divided this way: \$7.5 million for economic development; \$1.5 million for public facilities; and

\$2.5 million for housing. Sally Hamilton, who heads the county development office, noted the state has held training sessions for public officials to acquaint them with program changes. Sessions were held in Owensboro, Fort Mitchell and Somerset early this month.

If experience is a good predictor, the supply of funds won't meet demand, Commissioner Smith said. Some 20 applications were funded last year, out of nearly 300 submitted.

For economic development grants, applications will be accepted throughout the calendar year. Those applications will be reviewed monthly by a committee consisting of department staff, legislators and private business people. In 1982, 26 of 41 applications were selected for funding.

"Care should be used in interpreting between market values and assessments."

"The countywide ratios cannot be applied to the assessments on individual parcels. For example, an assessment ratio of 96 percent does not mean that each individual's property is assessed at 96 percent of its fair cash value. It merely means that the typical countywide assessment is 96 percent of indicated real estate market value."

Under the homestead exemption act and the agricultural use assessment act, a portion of the assessed value on qualifying property is exempt or deferred from taxation. This in some counties, property owners are paying taxes on substantially less than the full market value.

Nicholas and surrounding counties

Bach	98.5
Bourbon	99.8
Bracken	100.7
Fayette	88.1
Fleming	108.4
Harrison	91.4
Mason	104.3
Nicholas	95.3

Dr. W.E. Davis retires

The Health Department doctor for the WEDCO district, shown here with a patient, Dr. W.E. Davis of North Middletown, has retired. Davis spent 22 years in private practice before joining WEDCO, which was named after him, "W. E. Davis Counties." Dr. Davis was recently honored by a reception in Paris. — Photo submitted.