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1984 Blackberry Festival opens Monday!

Candidates for queen on review

The 1984 Blackberry Festival, sponsored by American Legion Post No. 14, gets underway officially here Monday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. when master of ceremonies Williams (Bill) Power steps to the microphone to introduce the five queen contestants as they pass in review before the judge's stand on repeat-off Main Street.

The Gettys Show and Carnival will be held during the courthouse park and Stanley Gray and his Midnight Riders will be getting set for a four-hour street dance beginning at 8 p.m.

The carnival and street dancing are week-long attractions during the annual festival that concludes at midnight Saturday, July 7.

A SPECIAL appearance by the Carlton Square Dancers is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. July 4, followed by the dedication of the courthouse flag at 11 a.m. and a giant fireworks display staged by the Chamber of Commerce at 11:15 a.m.

A 7:30 p.m. parade and crowning of the festival opens highlights Thursday's program. The headmaster will give a flagging exhibition from 7:30 p.m. Saturday, immediately followed by a drawing for prizes and money.

The parade will be led by the Nicholas County High School band. Deputy Baker, new band instructor, is currently conducting rehearsals from 8:15 noon daily at the high school in preparation for the festival appearance.

As Baker put it, "Come out and join the fun. We need you!"

Groups or individuals who plan to enter the parade should contact William Herd, chairman, at 288-7156 or 288-4111.

Food and craft booths will line Main Street throughout the festival and traffic will be rerouted during the evening hours.



GINGER FRYMAN



DENISE HIGHLAND



LISA SHAW



PAIGE HANEY



PAM SPARKS

Five NCHS classmates vie for queen title

Five senior classmates at Nicholas County High School will vie for the title of 1984 Blackberry Festival Queen. They are, Misses Ginger Fryman, Paige Haney, Denise Highland, Lisa Shaw and Pam Sparks.

The coronation will climax the annual parade of candidates here Thursday, July 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. Contestants will be introduced at opening festival ceremonies Monday, July 2 on the courthouse square. The girls will assemble at the school parking lot at 7 a.m., according to Bill Krutky, who heads up the queen candidate committee.

The 1983 queen, Mary Hawkins, will be on hand to crown her successor. THOMAS H. BRECHER furnished the contestants, are, in alphabetical order: Ginger Fryman - Ginger Fryman served as a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Ecology Club, Student Council, office aide and track statistician. She was voted into the Who's Among American High School Students her senior year. She will represent the United States Achievement Academy for outstanding merit in leadership, business and scholastic achievements.

Miss Fryman plans to attend Maryville Community College this fall and major in real estate management and law. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas Fryman, Route 3, and is a member of Blue Links Christian Church.

Denise is the daughter of Mrs. Virgil Woodard of Carlisle and Dennis Highland, Millersburg. Her grandmothers are Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mann, also of Carlisle. Lisa Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shaw of Carlisle, maintained a 3.7 grade point average and graduated as an honor student. During her senior year, Lisa served as vice-president of the National Honor Society, was chosen a member of Who's Among American High School Students and the Society for Distinguished American High School Students. She also received awards in leadership, business and honor roll from the "Top Classmates, page 7"

Crop certification deadline is July 15

Now that the sign-up period is over for all 1984 acreage reduction programs and farmers are planting crops, the next program requirement is crop certification. USDA official Milton J. Hertz explained the reasons for acreage reports and reviewed the certification procedure.

"We ask farmers to report the sizes and intended uses of their crops to determine whether they are eligible to receive the different benefits under the programs we offer. The reports are necessary to determine program compliance and to document crop acreage for future programs," Hertz said.

Before farmers can receive acreage support loans, deficiency payments and other program benefits, they are required to report crops and acreages and the uses to be made of those crops, and cropland acres to be devoted to the acreage conservation reserve.

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The USDA official said that producers who participate in the 1984 Development District board of directors should report their crop acreages to insure the opportunity to fully participate in future farm programs.

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Holiday deadlines

The Carlisle Mercury, normally printed each Wednesday evening, will go to press on Tuesday of next week, due to the Wednesday, July 4 holiday. Contributions of news and advertising are asked to submit items as early as possible to arrive at least Tuesday. The Mercury will be delivered on Thursday, at usual time.



Gettin' down!

These Nicholas County cheerleaders were well into practice Wednesday during a three-day cheerleading camp held at the high school last week. The camp is sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) with two representatives serving as instructors. Front left is Tracy Muller and Core Clark, right in the background are Christel Russell, Tracy Dotson, Amy McFarland, Lisa Holbert, Rhonda Curran, Amy Hill, Lealey Thomson and Loren Lyons.

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Park renovation money

County Judge Executive Reece Smoot, second from left, is accepting a check in the amount of \$7,500 from Garrard County Judge Executive L. Co. Homans. Blumgrass AOD Management Services and Civilite Alumnum, Magistrate who serves on the Recreation Board - Mercury photo.

BADD check good news

County receives \$7,500 grant for East End playground renovation

Representatives from the Blumgrass Area Development District presented Judge Executive Reece Smoot with a check in the amount of \$7,500 to help finance the renovation of the East End County Park.

On hand for the presentation was the Development District board of directors, Garrard County Judge Executive L. Co. Homans, Mary Knapp, Blumgrass AOD Management Specialist, Judge Smoot and other county officials.

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BLUMGRASS AREA Development District Board of Directors endorsed the project along with another project to renovate the heating system for the county's Community Action Facility. 1-

addition, the city of Carlisle received state funds which were used for improvements to the water plant. Since the Area Development Fund was first established in 1976, a total \$26,000 has been granted to Carlisle and Nicholas County. These state funds in prior years helped finance the purchase of solid waste collection equipment and train depot renovation.

Twenty-five other proposals for a total of \$113,000 Area Development Fund requests were similarly endorsed by the Blumgrass AOD Board of Directors from the fiscal years 1982-4 business funding cycle.

County granted \$50,000 to improve jail

Nicholas County will receive a grant totaling \$50,000 to be used for improvements to the local county jail which has been closed the past year because it did not meet state minimum standards.

The grant was one of 11 approved June 18 by the Kentucky Local Correctional Facilities Construction. Announcement was made by Rep. Adrian Arnold (D-Mt. Sterling).

Forty-one counties had applied for the grants for which counties must contribute 10 percent matching funds, according to authority rules.

MAKING GRANTS of \$50,000 were also awarded to Hart, Powell, Laramy and Ballard counties. Other grants ranged from \$40,000 to Garrard to \$4,000 to Carroll County.

The money must be used for fire safety, health and sanitation or security construction. Funding of the single-county grant program comes from a fee added to all state criminal court costs by the General Assembly in 1982.