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Marble shooting champs

Members of Davi 1 Cub Scouts were given silver medals for marble shooting in the Cub Scout Olympics. Receiving their awards were Jason Min-ton, Eric House, Robert Reid, John Sidles, Wesley Berry and Mike Booth. The boys competed against the entire 12-county Bluegrass Council District.

Bourbon County celebrating 200th year; ongoing plans concern Nicholas Countians

Bourbon County is celebrating its 200th year and plans are being made by citizens of Paris for commemorating the county's birthday. Tom Kincaid of Paris has reported to The Mercury that on Saturday, April 12, a contingent of Bourbon County citizens is forming a parade to come to Carlisle. They will be in "full dress" according to Kincaid, referring to period clothes. They plan to arrive at Nicholas County Courthouse about 10 a.m. to meet with county and city officials.

The following paragraph, re-taken from a news article written by Josephine Ewalt, recently published in the Bourbon County Citizen, May 1981, is the advice to the committee on Kentucky Day for the Bourbon County Bicentennial.

Everyone who had an ancestor live in Bourbon County in the 1780s is asked to register for special recognition on Kentucky Day of Bicentennial Week and all such are asked to send their names and name of the ancestor to the committee by April 12. The address is Bourbon County Birthday Party Committee, General Delivery, Paris, Ky.

"While trying to line up the descendants of those who came in the 1780s the committee looks at a compelling fact: Bourbon County comprised a lot more territory in 1786 than it does now. To say you had an ancestor living in Bourbon in the 1780s is just as much the privilege of those who live in counties since separated off from Bourbon. So spread the word in the bibliography in the late 18th century, i.e., Clark, Mason, Harrison, Montgomery."

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Nicholas County extraordinary fire hazard area

According to a proclamation from the governor's office received April 1, Nicholas, Bath, Fleming and Robertson counties are among the 40 counties proclaimed to be an Extraordinary Fire Hazard.

Under KRS 48.40 Gov. Martha Layne Collins stated that an emergency exists as a result of the dry and parched condition of Kentucky forests which creates an extraordinary fire hazard endangering lives and property.

The other counties named were...

Arbor Day observance at Blue Licks Park; Governor's Mansion

A white dogwood tree was planted on the Executive Mansion grounds to commemorate Arbor Day, which Gov. Martha Layne Collins has proclaimed for April 4, 1986. Planting the tree are, 1, Charlotte Bobbitt, Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection; Gov. Collins; Jane Hudson, Commissioner of Parks, and Boyce Wells, Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Devine stated that a flowering crabtree will be planted during the program. Nicholas County and Robertson County school children have been invited as well as garden club, city and county officials. A representative of the state Division of Forestry will also be present.

Devine stressed that an invitation is open to all citizens of Nicholas County to attend the program. "Planting trees on Arbor Day is a tradition that enriches Kentucky's natural beauty," the Governor said. "It improves the appearance of our communities and our countryside and brings considerable practical benefits in everything from absorbing noise in our cities to preventing erosion of our farm land."

To recognize the economic and aesthetic importance of Kentucky's forests, for example, trees will be planted in 41 state parks and the Kentucky Horse Park. Gov. Collins said former governors, first ladies and other dignitaries will be planting trees in the parks. She invited citizens and other organizations to take part in the ceremonies or plan their own activities.

Shore Collins, who is helping coordinate Arbor Day activities statewide, noted that the many accessible green spaces, garden clubs, and other organizations and citizens additional opportunities for observing the day.

"Collins, who is Gov. Collins' son, challenged these organizations and individuals to lend their time and efforts to improve Kentucky. The people of Kentucky take a great deal of pride in their cities and towns and in the entire state," he said. "Arbor Day offers the opportunity for everyone to have a part in a visible fashion and in a way that will further increase the pride our children and grandchildren feel for the state."

County Education Board holds called session

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Repairs to elementary school roof were completed last Friday. Flood damage was estimated at \$40,000, including \$20,000 for the elementary school building "structurally sound." Supl. Elder added that in the case that in six months the gym floor buckled as a result of recent water damage, the insurance company would cover.

Board approved report by Don W. Jeffers, architect who made visual inspection of March 11 storm damage at high school. There was some discussion as to the feasibility of using a better roofing method that would provide insulation to the gym area. Heating costs are high because so much heat is lost through the roof.

Among methods proposed were an acoustic ceiling that would cost in the neighborhood of \$11,475 or a roof including two inches of foam insulation at a \$21,000 tab for \$28,000 for one-inch.

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Student Council, submitted the request, which was signed by Nicholas County High School principal Greg Field.

Other business included a "good" report by the Kentucky Department of Education's accreditation team which reviewed the Nicholas County school system March 15.

Three applications for high school basketball coach were reviewed by board members.

The board went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Testing dates

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Students at the high school will be given the test on April 17, 21 and 22 with makeup tests for students who were absent given on April 17, 21 and 22.

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Flag donated

Bill Guthrie, Federal Programs coordinator for the Nicholas County schools, is shown presenting a flag donated by Rep. Larry Hopkins to assistant principal Marjorie Williams for use at the school. The flag was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 4.

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