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Lt. Gov. Beshear joins politicians at parade tonight

Blackberry 5K, kids run, fireworks July 4 highlights

Lt. Gov. Steven L. Beshear is the latest politician to announce plans to attend the American Legion's 27th annual Blackberry Festival, underway this week in Carlisle. Beshear, along with U.S. Senator Wendell Ford, and 7th District Representative Arnold, will be on hand for the festival parade tonight, Thursday, July 3. He notified councilman Carl Mehl that he expects to arrive in time for a 6 p.m. dinner at Lee's Restaurant.



LT. GOV. STEVEN L. BESHEAR...in last parade tonight

Riding high

Charlie Painter of Prestress Services of Lexington, rides atop a concrete slab being lowered into place Wednesday, June 25 as work

continued on the Doreysville bridge span. It took approximately five to six hours to lay the slabs, with grouting and blacktopping to follow.

\$222,707 approved for county road repair

Gov. Martha Layne Collins announced the approved 1986 Rural Secondary Program for Nicholas County. "We have budgeted \$222,707 for maintenance and traffic improvements for 64.2 miles of state roads," said Collins. "This program is necessary to ensure the continued proper care of Kentucky's rural road system."

Funds for the Rural Secondary Program are made possible through collection of the state motor fuel tax. Funding levels are based upon each county's land area, population, and rural road mileage.

THE FOLLOWING projects are part of the Nicholas County program:

-A multiple pipe will be placed 400 feet east of U.S. 60 on Kentucky 21, the Carlisle-Oxymore Road.

-Bridge flooring will be replaced on the bridge over Goose Creek on County Road 5007, Goose Creek Pike.

-An oil and rock seal will be placed on 2.8 miles of County Road 800, Anners Mill Road; 2.8 miles of County Road 5117, Lower Sharpburg Road; and 3.7 miles of County Road 5108, Scrippsburg Creek Road.

State Transportation Secretary C. Leslie Dawson said the project on Kentucky 21 will be done by state forces as soon as time permits. The remaining projects will be performed by county forces with the Transportation Cabinet furnishing only the necessary material.

Board votes new uniforms for football

The 1986 Nicholas County Blacklocks will be sporting new uniforms.

The board of education, at a special meeting June 23, voted to furnish 30 uniforms to the football program as well as purchase a new team blacklock for use during practice. The board also voted to give Pam Kirby \$100 to defray expenses to the National FFA Convention in Orlando, Florida July 18-26. Kirby is vice president of Region 15 and was named as a convention delegate when the president was unable to attend.

IN OTHER BUSINESS the board:

* Appointed Mrs. Jane Beckler to serve on a local evaluation appeals committee.

* Accepted the Deposit Bank of Carlisle as depository for the 1986 and 1987 school years.

* Voted to employ Susan Way Co. of Mayeville to shampoo carpeting in the elementary school lunch room.

Supt. Donald G. Elder announced that the board is still interviewing for a junior high math teacher and junior high basketball coach.



Off and running

Participants in last year's Blackberry 5000 walk/run headed east on Main Street. The popular event, co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

and the Carlisle Community Women's Club, will be repeated tomorrow, July 4, at 8 a.m. It will be preceded by 67.45 a.m. Kids Fun Run.

Wanted: Soaking rain

Devastating heat and drought of July, 1936 recalled

While nowhere near the devastating drought of July, 1936 Nicholas Countians are nevertheless beginning to feel the effects of an extended period of little to no rainfall and oppressive heat.

The July 16, 1936 issue of The Mercury reported 64 deaths statewide as a result of 13 consecutive days of 100 degree-plus temperatures. On July 14, for example, temperatures soared to 107 degrees, with little relief in sight.

Conditions in the county were described as the worst ever reported here, with pastures burned up and most ponds dry. The tobacco crop, already short, was at a virtual standstill due to the heat and lack of rain.

In complete matters a hail storm July 11, 1936 reportedly ruined existing tobacco and corn fields in the Morefields, Miranda, Buzzard Brook, Locust Grove and Cassidy Creek communities.

City residents were cautioned not to wash cars or sprinkle yards in an attempt to conserve water. Thirty-seven counties, including Nicholas, were designated as drought areas.

FIFTY YEARS later, farmers are again looking to the skies in search of soaking rains. Extension agent for agriculture Mike Phillips said Friday that corn that had been started to grow in some parts of the county and that recently grew up almost everywhere.

Phillips have just about burned



Plaque dedicated

A marble plaque honoring the efforts of the original directors of the Nicholas County Development Corporation was dedicated June 26, on the 25th anniversary of the board's election. Those attending included: Mrs. Charles Cox, widow of the late, original director; Albert Roger Bond, current director; About 65 persons attended the brief tribute held on the beach at Lake Car-

rollis, dedication speaker. At right, original director Don Rich, Mrs. Doreen Withers, widow of the original vice president, current director John Gabriel, John Hall, corporation president and Orin Toney, current director. Absent: Roger Bond, current director. About 65 persons attended the brief tribute held on the beach at Lake Car-

Two men die in weekend accidents

Two non-residents died in separate accidents in Nicholas County over the weekend, state police Friday reported.

Roger Trent Stout, 23, of Tallmadge, died in Lake Carro late Sunday afternoon and Frank Jones, 41, of Youngs Mill Road in Paris, was killed Saturday about 8 p.m. when his car stalled through a bridge railing and landed on its top.

Stout was swimming with friends at the bathing beach about 4:40 p.m. when he reportedly disappeared from sight. The Nicholas County Rescue Squad was called to locate the body. Stout, who reportedly couldn't swim, was taken by ambulance to the Nicholas County Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 10 p.m.

Trooper Sam Jett and Bill Hurst were assisted in the investigation by the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department. Jones was traveling alone in his car, a 1973 Ford on Latham's Chapel Road, about six miles north of Carlisle.

Trooper Russ Sparks said Jones's car ran off the road while crossing an old railroad bridge. The car went through the bridge railing and landed on its top, 23 feet below. Jones sustained head injuries. It was not learned whether he was wearing a seat belt.

Three awarded liquor permits

Three liquor licenses were awarded in Nicholas County, effective June 25.

The Division of Alcohol Beverage Control in Frankfort issued permits to B & J Liquors on Myers Road, owned by Bobby and Carolyn Bowler; J & J Liquors on Walnut Street, owned by Jimmy and Judy Shaw; and Jackie Bannock, 350 Morefields Road.

Bowles and Shaw held permits when sales were legal here prior to an ABC endorsed shutdown last November. They have resumed operation at their previous location.

Bannock said he will be about six months before he will be open for business. He had wanted 10 permits were issued before constructing a building to house his new business.

Air conditioners, fans are needed

Community Action, 148 Scrippsburg Road, is requesting donations of fans or air conditioners for their summer Assistance Program.

Donated items will be distributed to low-income, elderly and handicapped area residents, who are particularly vulnerable to the summer's heat and humidity.

Call 338-1771 to make a donation or to receive information on the assistance requirements for the summer program.

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