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Sign of the times

Students at Nicholas County High School will be better informed of coming events as a result of the new sign pictured above which was purchased by student groups. Representatives and their organizations contributing to the cost of purchasing the sign are, i.e., Derek Zashby (Pep Club), Phillip Coldren (Ecology Club), Jeff Sides (FFA), Jonelle Hill (Student Council), Jill Irwin (Cheerleader), Alison Kropke (Glee Club), and NCHS principal Greg Reed.

Drug abuse evident among all ages here, recent survey shows

by G. Michael Greer
 A seminar on drug and alcohol abuse was held at the First Baptist Church on Monday, May 12 from 8 until 9 p.m. The meeting was attended by a wide spectrum of concerned citizens of the community. The group heard informative presentations from a panel of professionals who deal with the problems of drug

abuse on a daily basis. Panel members included District Judge Robert W. McGinnis, Division I; Dr. Robert Ross, associate director of the Samaritan Center, Lexington; Dr. Tim Scott, family physician in Carlisle, and Trooper Jim Dobwick of the Kentucky State Police.

A lengthy discussion on the prevalence of drug use in our society pointed out that, according to the legal and law enforcement officials, drug (especially alcohol) abuse is the number one factor in criminal offenses in this society.

Dr. Scott presented an informative survey taken among second graders in the local school system. This survey indicated that our community is evidently not immune from the effects of an across the board abuse of substances by all age groups.

A good deal of the evening was spent in discussion about possibilities for action which might have an impact upon a developing attitude of tolerance for drug abuse. It was agreed that changing societal attitudes toward indiscriminate drug use is an extremely difficult task. Most present agreed that drug abuse has been glamorized to the extent that many people have become unaware of the dangers facing our society in this regard.

It is hoped that this seminar will result in the formation of a concerned leadership group in the community which will take the lead in some concrete proposals for action in Nicholas County. It was agreed that the struggle against drug abuse will be a long and difficult one.

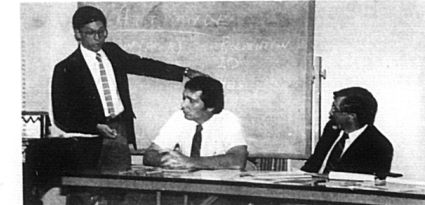
Child Find Survey opens

Bill Guthrie, Child Find coordinator for Nicholas County Schools, announced this week that the school district is conducting its annual Child Find Survey in an attempt to locate children in the county who are in need of special education and related services but are not currently receiving such services.

This survey is conducted in cooperation with the Kentucky State Department of Education and the Office of Education for Exceptional Children.

The school district offers a full range of special education and related services that are available to any student with a demonstrated need for the services. All children are placed in the classes following due process proceedings as outlined by state and federal regulations.

Anyone with knowledge of a child residing within Nicholas County who is in need of these services should contact Guthrie at the Nicholas County Board of Education, 395 West Main Street, phone 285-2262.



Drug abuse forum

Dr. Tim Scott, left, conducted an open forum Monday, May 12, at the Carlisle Baptist Church. At Ross, Ph.D., associate director of the Samaritan Center, is right, seated from left, Robert W.

1850 theme of dinner and dance

June gala planned at Blue Licks

Blue Licks State Park, long noted for the battlefield enactment each August and more recently for its swimming pool and campground, has added two more attractions to its summertime agenda. Manager Sam Devine has received permission from the Department of Parks to stage "An Evening at Old Blue Licks Springs" on Saturday, June 28. Dinner for a dinner and dance will carry out an 1850 theme when the Springs attracted the rich and famous for miles around.

A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m. under a tent in the parking area in front of the museum. It will be provided by Dana Gully Catering, who caters for Duncan Tavern in Paris.

MUSIC FOR dancing from 8-midnight will be provided by Edgar Allison and the Bluebonnetes. Cost of the evening is \$12.50. Tickets are available at the park office or may be ordered by calling 285-5607.

Ticket orders are being planned in Carlisle and a five-county area around the park. Persons who prefer to order by mail may do so by sending a check to the park in care of P.O. Box 66, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40364.

In addition to the dinner and dance the museum will be open and exhibits in operation that evening. Devine said.

The PARK will also be the scene of "Area Appreciation Day" scheduled Wednesday, June 11 from noon until 5 p.m. The museum will be open to the public free of charge. Persons are invited to view the number of changes and additions that have been made since last year. The midweek date was selected to coincide with the closing of a number of area businesses during the afternoon hours, Devine pointed out.

Ideal weather attracted a good many campers during the month of April, he said. With the opening of the park pool Friday (May 23) summer activities will be in full swing in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Graduation count-down is underway

Count-down to graduation is well underway at Nicholas County High School which enters its last full week next Monday.

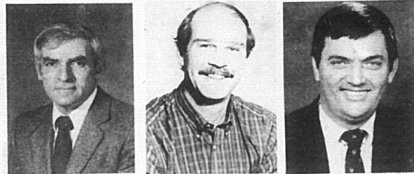
Final exams for seniors are scheduled May 26-28, with semester exams for underclassmen May 27-29.

Class Night is set for May 29 at 8 p.m. with practice at 11:30 a.m. that day. Graduation practice is Friday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m. with commencement scheduled Sunday, June 1 at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The final day of school, June 2 for students, and June 3, a professional day for teachers.

Other events are the Head Start banquet May 27, 8 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria and the Nicholas County Education Association retirement dinner May 22, 6 p.m. at the Carlisle Christian Church.

The Junior High dance is planned May 27.



Seek Arnold's seat

Incumbent Adrian Arnold, left, is being challenged in next Tuesday's May Primary by Tom Hogge, center, and Keen Johnson, candidates for representative from the 74th legislative district.

Light turnout of voters expected here Tuesday

A light turnout of voters is expected here in Tuesday's May Primary. Little local interest is expected with one possible exception, that of the race for 74th District representative.

Incumbent Adrian Arnold, resident of Montgomery County, is seeking his seventh two-year term in Frankfort. He is being opposed by

Keen Johnson, a Mt. Sterling lawyer, and Tom Hogge of Owensboro, a Bath County farmer. In the only other Democratic race, Tom County and Jerry Hammond of Lexington are candidates for U.S. Congress representing the 6th Congressional District. The winner will meet incumbent Republicans Larry Hopkins of Lexington, who is

unopposed. Four Republicans seek the nomination for United States Senator, a seat now held by Democrat Wendell Ford. They are Carl W. Brown, Thurman J. Hamilton, Tommy Klein and Jackson M. Andrews. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Play school graduates

The semester child development Play School class, sponsored by the Nicholas County High School Home Economics Department, held production exercises last Tuesday. Class members include, front, Jr. Shannon Greer; Forest Neal

Hunt; Matthew Lawrence; Andrew Dunn, Julie Min-ton; middle, Ashley Fields, Mollie Vise, Jacob Broderick, Jennifer Brewer; back, Bradley Hicks, Weston Smoot, Joey Kenney.

Board of Education meeting to hire coaches, teachers

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Nicholas County Board of Education will hold a called meeting Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. Supr. Donald G. Edger announced.

Business includes interviewing of applicants for teaching and coaching positions, including the head basketball coach.

At the May 12 board meeting, the following action was taken: * Adopted a salary schedule for 1986-87 school year.

* Approved third grade field trip to Blue Licks on May 22, second grade to Boonesborough on May 21, and fourth grade to Blue Licks on May 20.

* Bids asked on bank depository for school year 1986-87, 1987-88.

* Approved school calendar for 1986-87, (see elsewhere this issue.)

* To allow FFA to raise 126 pounds of tobacco and lease not remaining 270 pounds at 70 cents per pound.

* To select Scholastic Insurers Inc. Company to provide student insurance and athletic insurance for

1986-87. * To employ classified personnel. * To approve extended employment.

* To approve extra-duty personnel and pay schedule.

CERTIFIED personnel hired for the 1986-87 school year are as follows: James Fields, Charles Darbach, Georgia Becker, Elaine Broderick, Kathy Cavell, Peter Chamness, Benita Doyle, Debbie Fryman, Harlan Gabel, Brenda Lawrence, Greg Letcher, Nicolette Maloney, Troy Smith, Sharon Wilson.

Early copy, please

The post office will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Persons with news or advertising for next week's Mercury are reminded to mail early or bring items to the Mercury office which will be open for business.

Also, Billy Anderson, Brenda Anderson, Patricia Atkinson, Anne Baird, Robbe Barry, Bonnie Darby. * See Called meeting, page 11.

1986-87 School Calendar

Aug. 12	In-service day
Aug. 19	Professional day
Aug. 26	Student registration
Sept. 1	Holiday
Oct. 1	CKEA-No school
Nov. 27	Holiday
Nov. 28	No school
Dec. 19	Schools close at end of day for holidays
Jan. 1	Holiday
Jan. 2	In-service day
Jan. 5	Schools reopen
Jan. 20	Holiday
Mar. 27	In-service day
Apr. 6-10	Spring break/CKEA
May 21	Professional day
May 22	Last day of school