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Hester named to KHA post

Bob Hester, administrator of Nicholas County Hospital, has been elected treasurer of the Kentucky Hospital Association.

The election of new officers for the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) for 1988-89 took place at the association's 29th Annual Convention in Louisville.

Elected Chairman of the Board of KHA was Stuart Paxton, administrator of Murray-Galloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky.

Operation Child Find set to begin

Bill Guthrie, Child Find Coordinator for the 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 Department of Education, 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 services.

All children are placed in these classes following due process proceedings as outlined in state and federal regulations.

Anyone with knowledge of a child reading "with in Nicholas County who is in need of these services should contact Guthrie at the Nicholas County Board of Education, 305 West Main Street, telephone 288-2264.

N.C. Historical Society to hold annual banquet Friday; at the Depot

The Nicholas County Historical Society will hold its annual banquet, Friday night, June 10.

The event will be held at the Depot beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker for the event will be University of Kentucky professor David Dick.

He is a former CBS news reporter, and has interests in Kentucky newspapers, as well as writing a syndicated column.

Although tickets will be available at the door, reservations are requested for the banquet and can be made by contacting Dorothy Neal.

Graduation set

A graduation ceremony and reception for all graduates of the 1987-88 Adult Education (GED) Program will be held on June 10.

The program is scheduled to be held at the Nicholas County Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Kestner, Department of Education, will be the guest speaker.

A reception will follow the awarding of diplomas.

Other persons who have been enrolled in the program will also be presented with participation awards.

All graduates, participants, and their families and friends are invited to attend.



Don't Finch, 23, Carlsle, allegedly commandeered this Dodge Regis June 2, of 2:35 a.m. The Carlsle City Police chief said the vehicle was subsequently damaged when Finch struck a rock wall, and two parked vehicles owned by Howard Hestrich, an East Main Street fire equipment store, were damaged. Finch was charged with theft when the theft occurred. In a report filed by officer Jerry Bonfield, Finch was charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$100 and weapon endangerment. The report showed Finch was taken to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance Service, following the accident. He was later charged and transported by The Nicholas County Jail to Montgomery County Jail. — Heather Mathes Photo

Will it be the drought of 1988?

By Hank Bond
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky farmers are beginning to feel the effects of the recent unseasonably dry weather, and serious problems could arise if significant rainfall doesn't arrive.

Nicholas County farmers are also suffering from the dry conditions.

"At this point it's hard to say about the economic impact it will have on Nicholas County,"

"Tobacco is a fairly tolerant and drought resistant crop," said Mike Phillips, Nicholas County Extension Agent.

"With additional rain at tipping time, we will still have a heavy crop."

However, Phillips said tobacco is not the number one concern.

The number one problem Nicholas County is facing is the pasture and hay areas. At this time there is not rain for adequate growth. Right now we're six inches short of rainfall and everyday the problem is compounded.

"There's no way to be adequately prepared for this problem. In the past few years, rainfall supply has not been replenished, and this limits the ability to irrigate and fence off the drought problem," Phillips added.

The greatest percentage of all farmers are not able to irrigate, because of a lack of suitable equipment.

Cynthiana has an adequate supply of water for now, and the city's traditional supply problems should be over once an already-installed new pump is fixed and starts bringing six million gallons a day from the South Fork of the Licking River.

For the next two summers, the City of Carlsle has had a lake measure concerning a lack of water for the city system; however, to date, this has not been necessary in 1988.

The drought has forced farmers in McCracken County to stop planting for the third time this season, said George Martin, the county's agriculture extension agent.

"Either way we should know something this Wednesday because the court

probability of having much of a harvest at all is very small," said Wayne Mattingly, 4-H agent in Owensboro, said soybean, corn and tobacco crops could be in serious condition if there is no rain during the next few weeks.

"We definitely have noticed an effect from it," Mattingly said. "I think people are a little bit nervous about it."

Mike Callahan, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service, said Friday the state is generally between 3 inches to 5 inches behind normal rainfall totals since January.

The lack of rain is most serious in the Bluegrass area, which has been in a drought condition for about nine months, said David Lee, of the state's Water Resources branch of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

The central and western parts of the state have also been dryer than usual.

Eastern parts of the state, which are more prone to drought, have received rain recently and are in relatively good shape, Lee said.

The lack of rain is "serious

for this time in the year," said farmer John Egan, of Boyleville in Breckinridge County. "We definitely do need rain for the livestock."

"There's no surplus laying around here,"

Hay, tobacco and corn crops could suffer the most harm from the drought conditions throughout the state, agriculture extension agents said.

"I think the reason everybody is concerned in this is supposed to be the wet time of the year for us," Callahan said. "By fall, which is traditionally the dry time of a year, there could be a lot of problems with not enough water."

Dave Beusterian, a meteorologist for WeatherData in Wichita, Kansas, said he doesn't see any significant rainfall in the forecast that could end drought conditions.

Callahan agreed. "Our forecast is for a warmer than normal and drier than normal summer, so the prognosis does not look good," he said.

So far, however, city water supplies generally are still adequate, water officials said.

After more discussion on the situation the board decided to continue to make runs on dumpster fires but look into the situation more closely.

City facing EPA fines

By Heather Mathes
OF THE CARLSLE MERCURY THAT
The Carlsle City Council met in a special emergency meeting June 1, at 7 p.m. and primarily discussed the stipulated penalties and fines imposed on the city by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mayor Lee Bantz, City Attorney Skip Watson and Bob Smallwood met with the EPA to discuss the impending suit and returned to present a Consent Decree to the council.

"This suit revolves around not meeting the requirements of the EPA for not completing a sewer plan by July 1 and therefore not complying with the treatment schedule."

He said, "A Consent Decree is really the first step in a

friendly lawsuit in which two parties agree or make a settlement on an issue and a judge makes the agreement binding.

"We negotiated on behalf of the city to get the fines and penalties reduced."

Carlsle's Lester, council member, said, "Why wasn't the council represented at this negotiation meeting and why weren't we even told?"

Bantz said, "I was just called up and had to come in early from vacation."

Watson added, "First, one council member cannot represent all the council and I think they considered this to be more of an executive meeting."

Carlsle is not the only city being penalized. Continued on Page 12

causing farmers concern

Residents in Nicholasville were asked Friday to temporarily not water lawns or wash cars because of possible water shortage, said city clerk Dennis Dean.

Also banned until further notice is using water in fountains and reflective pools, swimming pools and serving water in restaurants unless a customer asks, Mr. Dean said.

"We have water, but it's just that if everybody starts watering their lawns and if it's used for other purposes, we could run out," she said.

Louisville has had 16.75 inches of rain this year, compared with its average of 19.85 inches for the same period. Lexington has had 14.29 inches, compared to its average of 20.04. Neither city is experiencing a serious water shortage, officials said.

"We have enough water to serve another city almost the size of Louisville," said Jerry main adequate, according to Ford, manager of administrative services for the Paducah Water Works. Paducah gets its water from the Ohio River and Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

Lynsey Snow, community relations manager for Kentucky-American Water Co., which handles much of Lex-

ington's water, said she didn't foresee any problems, but "we're watching it real carefully."

The water company pumped 56 million gallons Wednesday and 63 million gallons Tuesday. Its average per day for 1987 was 38 million gallons a day.

In Owensboro, water use is at a peak, said Bob Corper, general manager for Owensboro Municipal Utilities, as people water their lawns and try to beat the heat. The water supply, however, remains adequate.

Customers are using 17 million gallons a day, Corper said. Normally, 12 million and 13 million gallons are pumped. Conditions remain good because Owensboro is supplied by a natural reservoir 125 feet underground, Corper said.

The situation is similar in Paducah. Although water use has increased, supplies remain adequate, according to Marvin Devers, general manager for the Paducah Water Works. Paducah gets its water from the Ohio River and Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

A portion of this story was provided by The Associated Press.

Roads to be closed

John Wright, Acting Chief District Engineer, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has told the Mercury of plans to replace a structure located on KY 1285 in Nicholas County located at Milepost 000.007 over Somerset Creek on the Carlsle-East Union Road.

The Cabinet plans to replace small, narrow structures with metal pipe culverts. The road will be closed June 13 for approximately one week. Work will be done by State Forest. The tour will be provided via US 66, KY 1455, and KY 1244.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regrets the inconvenience to the traveling public; however, the new structures will provide many years of service to the traveling public in this area.

Extended Forecast for Kentucky

National Weather Service - Louisville Ky
Wednesday through Friday
Warm with little or no chance of rain.
Lows around 60. Highs 85 to 90.