

GENERAL NEWS

Harrison RECC to hold annual meeting

Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative will hold its 50th annual membership meeting on Monday, June 27, 1988 at the Co-op's office in

1988, at the Rural Electric Farm, on Highway #982, p.m. with the program getting underway at 7:00 p.m. Registration for the members will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The business meeting will be the first item on the agenda.

Fleming RECC also sets annual meet

Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation will hold its 50th annual membership meeting on June 29, 1988 at the Co-op's office in Fleming, Ky.

In addition to these reports, the members will elect three directors, who will serve for a three-year term. Director nominees are: J. E. Smith, Jr., and Elmer Foxworthy, Fleming County and James Walls, Rowan County.

It's the tick season

By Heather Mathes
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
According to many health professionals, parents should carefully inspect their children after outside play for ticks.

During the warm season ticks thrive and may pose a threat to those who enjoy being outdoors.

According to Doctor Tim Scott, a tick may carry Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, a dangerous disease. Scott said, "Tig ticks the

most common carrier in Kentucky) and wood ticks of the west carry an organism. An annual event at each

ports on current activities and conditions of their cooperative. Also, a review of activities from last year, as well as plans for the coming year will be given.

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Ernest L. Skinner, Co-op Manager, said, "It is our hope that members of Harrison RECC would attend this meeting. We want to share the good news about the success of their cooperative. In addition, we have some outstanding entertainment for everyone to enjoy."

Country music artist and Grand Ole Opry star Jack Greene will be featured entertainment of the evening in Flemingburg at 8:00 p.m.

A new Miss Harrison RECC will be crowned. Also included in the program will be Col. Bill Roby, a ventriloquist and magician to entertain the children. There will be a drawing of door prizes for the members who attend.

Harrison RECC provides electricity to 9,400 members in Nicholas, Harrison, Scott, Bourbon, Robertson, Bracken, Pendleton, and Grant Counties.

Ray E. Gauson, III, son of Roy E. Gauson, Jr. of West Main Street, Carlisle, and Mary J. Russell of Berea, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Gauson is an administration specialist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, with the Aeronautical Systems Division.

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Center more than fellowship

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The Nicholas County Senior Center holds more than fellowship for the elderly.

It holds interesting individuals with fascinating stories to tell.

Mrs. Mary Bell Shrout was born in 1896 and raised in Moorefield.

After running the store for a number of years, Mr. Shrout contracted crippling arthritis.

As a young woman, Shrout lived in Carlisle's former men's clothing store in that day, C. C. Cole's.

"It was very hard for him but he was suffering with arthritis and had to sell and he thought selling his interest in the company to his partner was most appropriate."

"Shortening a and lengthening sleeves can be taken off and re-sewn or pieces added."

"Russell suffered from the disease for 10 and a half years and eventually had to go in a wheelchair."

After marriage, her husband, Russell O. Shrout, bought the store's interest from Fisher.

"But that was a false report because after two months of treatment he was not better. I guess you could say we were like a drawing child problem at first," she said.

It's the tick

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called Rickettsia Rickettsii which is transmitted to people through the bite of a tick.

Scott-continued, "We can keep doing the reported cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in certain areas, including hair and the back of the neck, are examined for ticks and if any symptoms of the disease are reported immediately to local health officials."

Scott added, "After around three days a sudden onset of chills, severe headache, a fever which lasts for several days or weeks with a rash on the extremities and trunk will cause much discomfort for the patient."

Both Scott and Christiansen agree that if gone untreated the disease could be fatal.

How much danger could Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cause to children and adults?

There are other side-effects as well.

Scott said, "The problems after the disease could be detrimental as well."

"Some of the side effects could include shock or meningitis which could compound the probability of death."

The disease is treated with oral or intravenous antibiotics.

How much a threat is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever to Nicholas County?

Scott said, "There are a number of cases reported in Kentucky each year, but few in Nicholas County."

Christiansen reported most people can reduce the threat of the disease by following simple rules.

First, prevention of ticks getting on human skin by wearing pants and boots while out in high grasses may reduce the danger.

Christiansen added, "Treat clothing with approved tick repellent or aerosols containing permethrin also provides excellent protection."

"Finally, teach children to check periodically and remove any ticks found on their body."

"Careful attention should be made to squeeze or crush the body of the tick since body fluids might inject disease agents into the skin."

Road contracts are awarded

The state transportation cabinet has awarded a contract to reasurface 9.6 miles of Kentucky 36, the Carlisle-Owingsville Road in Nicholas County.

According to Milo D. Bryant, State Transportation Secretary and Commissioner of Highways, H.G. May's Corporation of Frankfort, received a \$205,863 contract to reasurface Kentucky 36 from Kentucky 32 East extending to Bath County line.

The project is part of the state's continued effort to improve Kentucky's highways.



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