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Bond's Broadcast



Good job Academic Team

There has to be some notice given to the good job done by the Nicholas County High School Academic on the WLEX in The Know program.

Although the local team was eliminated in the semi-final round it speaks very well of the team, the sponsor and the school that the team was able to progress this far in the competition.

It continues to show how diligent effort and hard work can pay off in any endeavor - from the sports fields to the classroom.

It is necessary for our academic programs to continue preparing our young people for the college level work - other post secondary types of preparation - and ultimately the general work force.

One key ingredient of attracting industry and jobs to any area is the work force available through a well educated local populace.

Of course other elements have to be in place to have these things happen, but with the growth sought by nearly every city and town in Kentucky, Nicholas County is not exempt from the drain of requiring a well prepared - well versed working public.

More business competition Business owners beware Last week in the mail The Mercury received a press release announcing officials of Carolina Pottery Outlet Centers will open a 178,000 square foot facility in Georgetown.

The center is scheduled to open in September. The new outlet center will be anchored by a 60,000 square foot Carolina Pottery store and will feature 25 brand name manufacturer outlet retailers -- to be announced at a later date.

Tenants in the existing Carolina Pottery Outlet Centers in Smithfield, NC and Lake Park, GA, vary from clothing to appliance dealers, shoe stores, and book stores.

This will present even more competition to a very tough business climate in Carlisle and Nicholas County. This will also present a problem to large retailers in Lexington.

A case in point is the tremendous growth displayed in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee of facilities similar to this, which have done economic damage to the mainstream retailers in Knoxville and retail in general in much of Eastern Tennessee and Southern Kentucky.

It again forces aggressive retail practices in merchandising and buying to fend off the ever growing list of businesses competing for the shrinking spendable dollars available in this area.

A facility will do damage to places as far away as Florence Mall, Tri-County Mall in Cincinnati, and a geographic circle of up to 200 miles, which of course will include Louisville.

I didn't really believe the strength of this type of facilities until I walked through those in Tennessee and saw what was happening with the traffic flow. It only makes things tougher.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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GENERAL NEWS

KSP REPORTS

Trooper Tim Layne has charged Jamie McCortney, 18, Millersburg, with alcohol intoxication, possession of alcohol in a minor, and resisting arrest.

The arrest occurred at 6:05 p.m., May 11, at the Carlisle Police Department. McCortney was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation officer.

Trooper Tim Layne has charged Bibba Hardwick, 23, Carlisle, with driving under the influence, operating on a suspended license, no registration plants, no insurance and no motorcycle endorsement.

The arrest occurred at 4:45 p.m., May 11, in the limits of Carlisle on Main Street. Hardwick was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a single vehicle injury accident, which occurred at 1:20 p.m., May 7, one mile east of Carlisle on KY 36.

The driver involved was Geneva Etkins, 69, operating a 1979 Oldsmobile. Etkins struck a pedestrian, Willie Duncan, 74, Carlisle.

Duncan was taken to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance Service with hip and leg injuries.

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