

Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism kicks off bicentennial activities

The official state kick off on June 1, 1992 fast approaching the Nicholas County Bicentennial Committee met on Tuesday, February 4 to discuss the county's participation. Several activities will be taking place during April and June. In April, Tourism, Inc. will present the official Bicentennial flag to the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. The flag will be flown throughout 1992. Also Tourism, Inc. will donate a coffee tree to the Carlisle Cemetery. The cemetery has lost several trees due to age and weather. The cemetery board is pleased to receive the gift of the state tree. The tree will be planted near the front entrance. A very special "The Yea Remember Day" is being planned in May at the

Nicholas County elementary School by Rob Lane and Brenda Day. Old pictures and memorabilia of all the county schools will be on display. This look into the county's past will help the younger school children to learn about the school days of long ago. June will be the time to enjoy a Chautauque speaker at the Nicholas County Historical Society's dinner and annual meeting on June 12. Dick "Richards" Albin will entertain portraying Emmitt Davenport. Albin created the character of Davenport as a tribute to the early itinerant performers who entertained Kentuckians during the early part of this century. The Chautauque presentation will begin about 8:15 p.m. and is free and open

to the public. Mr. Albin is one of the Chautauque speakers provided by the State Bicentennial Committee during 1992. He is a story teller, banjo player and humorist who has a special interest in early country music. In commemoration of the state Bicentennial the Nicholas County Historical Society has reprinted "The History of Nicholas County." The new edition is larger and includes a page on the old jail building. The cost of the book is \$30. Checks may be sent to the Nicholas County Historical Society, P.O. Box 222 Carlisle, Kentucky 40311. A second opportunity to enjoy a Chautauque character will be on July 3 at 7:30 p.m. in front of the band stand on Main Street. David S. DeWitt

will portray Joseph Galloway, a son man who mentored good but ended up doing some good anyway. In 1783 Galloway launched the tracks from some prime Bluegrass real estate. His windmill was discovered before any harm was done. Ironically, it was in part because of Galloway's scheme that Kentucky moved down the path to statehood. At this time plans are under way for the Saturday following the 4th of July to be a

day to celebrate the history of Nicholas County. This is the same day that the old steam engine train will once again roar down the tracks from Paris from Carlisle. As one of Nicholas County's Bicentennial events many activities are being planned for train riders. Customized characters will greet the passengers, tour guides will give a walking tour of the downtown area, carriage rides will be available, the jail and dungeon will be open and

John Hall will have a 1949 State Trooper vehicle on display. Other groups are also planning Bicentennial events. The Nicholas County Lions Club's spring and summer Horse Show will have a patriotic theme. The Rotary Club and Woman's Club are presently making plans for the Bicentennial celebration. Nicholas Countians will have many opportunities to share in the excitement of our state's 200th birthday.



The Carlisle Mercury/Pan Rowley photo Members of the Nicholas County basketball team, cheerleaders, statisticians, managers honored their parents with a rose before the Montgomery County-Nicholas County basketball game.

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GRAY
Zane Keller Gray, 62, of Green Valley Apartments #6, Carlisle, husband of Juanita Emmons Gray, died Tuesday, February 21, 1992 at his home. He was a member of the Church of God, a Veteran of Korean War and a member of the American Legion and M.F.W. He was born in Nicholas County to the late Edsell Franklin and Emma Bell Gray.

Other survivors include a sister, Mary Lois Riggs, Carlisle. Services were held Thursday, February 13, 1992 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Harold Harr and Rev. Scott Riggs, burial in Elizaville Cemetery. Casketbearers were, Bonnie Lawson, Dee Buckler, John Koehler, James Cannon, Barry Gray, and Art Boble.

JOLLY
Hattie Jolly, 83, of Martins Road Home, Cynthiana, died Tuesday, February 11, 1992 at her residence. She was born in Fleming County to the late Edward and Lennie Irvin Jolly. She is survived by one brother, Rev. Clay Jolly, Manchester, Ohio, two sisters, Lizzie Jolly, Cynthiana, Ina Buswell, Florida, several nieces and nephews. Services were held Friday, February 14, 1992 at Price Brothers Funeral Home by Rev. Donald Jolly. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Casketbearers were, Ed Mitchell, Arlie Mitchell, Larry, L.C., Franklin Jolly, and Jimmy Glass.

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