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The annual Blackberry Festival began Monday night and the children were ready to begin to ride. The faces of children like William Clark III and his brother Scott, who was making faces at the crowd took a ride on the floppy bunnies. Ashley Brumagen held her ears as she rode the rabbits.

Well water testing project holds public meeting Tuesday

By Josh Shepherd
OF THE COURIER MERCURY STAFF

CARLISLE — Concerned about the chemical content of the well water you may drink? Do you wonder sometimes if the well water piped into the house is a safe, healthy water supply?

If concerned, join the crowd on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. a public meeting is scheduled at the Nicholas County Courthouse to introduce the availability of water testing kits so people who use fresh water wells as a drinking water supply can determine just how fresh their well water is.

Several Nicholas County and State agricultural organizations have become co-sponsors of a voluntary water testing program for county residents who get their water from a fresh water well.

Meeting organizers from the Nicholas County Farm Bureau Federation, Conservation District, and Extension Service met last Monday afternoon to set the agenda for the meeting.

According to organizers for water testing, various environmental organizations have claimed that fresh water supplies could become contaminated with a whole host of farm fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, volatile organic compounds, or metals that could pose a potential health risk to its users.

It is in answer to these concerns that these test kits will be made available. Mike Phillips, Nicholas County Extension agent, said:

"However, the program they offer is not mandatory. No one has to take these tests nor do they have to submit to any type of government mandate. In many cases where testing was performed, organizers said, most deep wells and fresh water sources were virtually clear of contamination or levels of contaminants registered so low they posed no significant health threat.

The testing is targeted specifically for county residents who use private resources for their water supplies, families who use wells, nearby streams, or ponds. Residents on city or water district supplied water lines have controls in place for possible infiltration of contaminants.

Private water supplies, however, are vulnerable to contamination and while serious cases of contamination are relatively low, they occur, Edgar Darrell said.

There are three separate test kits designed to measure the varying levels of a particular substance. One measures levels of nitrate, Tricaine, lassodual chemicals, and substances found in the makeup of Ridomil and Temk. The rationale for testing for these contaminants is the risk of water runoff from a treated farm field into streams or percolated ponds.

Another test indicates the presence of volatile organic compounds, another test measures two types of metal.

Metals I includes heavy metals such as lead and copper, the other category takes in such metals as arsenic, selenium, and mercury.

None of the tests, however, will be designed to indicate the presence of bacteria. However, project organizers did say they would be approaching the Nicholas County Health Department to participate in the project.

If people choose to participate in the program, and they are encouraged to do so, it is wise not to depend on the results of a single test. Especially not during this time of year as crops are being set high levels of nitrates because "If a test result comes up and shows a high content of a particular substance, I advise they wait and take a second test for analysis. It may be that there are periods in which test results would show above interest, in having you've recently set a crop and its rained."

"One set of results cannot be said to indicate the permanent condition of a groundwater well," Phillips said.

If a series of results do indicate a health risk, an unlikely occurrence, organizers said, there will be no one to shut down the water supply. Project administrators will give advice about how to correct the situation and offer help where they can, they said.

"No one is going to padlock a private individual's water source," said an advisor.

The main intention of this well water testing project is to address environmentalists' accusations that farmer's uses of chemicals in the field is not creating individual health hazards.

"We are trying to determine if there is a major health risk involved," Darrell said.

The public meeting at the courthouse next Tuesday night will be an informative session on the use of these tests and an explanation of the project's intent. Test kits will be available.

But as they said, it is not mandatory for anyone. It may, however, be educational.

Joe Ramey murder suspects surrender to Leslie Co. sheriff

By Josh Shepherd
OF THE COURIER MERCURY STAFF

HIVDEN, KENTUCKY — A Kentucky couple, on flight from a murder charge in Urbana, Illinois, surrendered themselves to the custody of a Leslie County Sheriff Monday afternoon and were turned over to federal authorities.

Vincent Daniel Lewis, 33, and Lavonda Jane Lewis, 24, prime suspects in the beating death of farmer 12th Hole of Carnico owner Clifford Joseph Ramey, 42, of Mouthcard, Kentucky, turned themselves in to Leslie County Sheriff Fred Bowling at approximately 2:45 p.m. Monday afternoon after more than three weeks on the run from federal and state authorities.

According to Bowling, the Leslie County Sheriff's department received a call a little after noon on Monday asking specifically for a meeting with the Sheriff in the Leslie County residential area of Big Branch. When the Sheriff arrived, Vincent and Lavonda Lewis surrendered themselves to his custody. Bowling said the officer had received one call earlier in the week alleging the Leslie County couple was in the area. Federal authorities began a search in the county soon afterward, he said.

At the time of their surrender, Bowling said the couple had been persuaded by their family to turn themselves in. Bowling brought the Lewis to the Sheriff's department for holding until FBI agents arrived to take the two into custody. They were turned over to federal agents and were transported to the Laurel County detention center in London, Kentucky to await extradition procedures.

The search for the couple was turned over to the FBI when it became apparent the couple had left Illinois. A federal warrant was added to the list of charges against the couple for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Becker, Woodall retire from Nicholas school system

By Pam Howles
OF THE COURIER MERCURY STAFF

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County School Board met in a special meeting on Monday night to end the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Superintendent Ceberth Gilbert made several announcements about the employment for the 1992-93 school year.

Gilbert told the board Jane Becker, Nicholas County Instructional Supervisor, has decided to retire because of health problems.

The position has already been advertised and two members of the staff have applied. Phyllis Ramey, Nicholas County Elementary Assistant Principal, and Wilma Donathan, Nicholas County Elementary Librarian, said Gilbert.

Gilbert also said he has advertised for an elementary drama sponsor, and girls softball coach, assistant football coach, head and freshman basketball coach, drama sponsor, and girls cheerleader sponsor.

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Gilbert said the Nicholas County School Board Management meets on Tuesday night and will decide on Day's hiring.

If Day moves to the high school, her position at the elementary school will become vacant. Day was hired at the last school board meeting to replace retiring Dorothy Wawley.

Patty Ockerman was hired at the last board meeting to take Day's vacated position at the elementary school. If Day moves to the high school, Ockerman will move into Day's position.

Gilbert reported on the search for a basketball coach at the high school. There have been 14 applicants. The committee has been checking on the applicants.

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According to Federal Bureau of Investigation media representative Bill Check, Illinois State Police and Urbana City Police have been notified and will begin extradition proceedings. In the meantime, the couple remains jailed in Laurel County.



Lavonda Jane and Vincent Daniel Lewis, being a murder charge in Urbana, Illinois, surrendered themselves to authorities Monday afternoon after three weeks in hiding. They are suspects in the murder of former 19th Hole Restaurant owner, Clifford Joseph Ramey.

New pizza restaurant to locate on Main Street

By Josh Shepherd
OF THE COURIER MERCURY STAFF

CARLISLE — Within the next three weeks an empty downtown Carlisle storefront will be filled with the smell of melted Provelone and sizzling pepperoni. Yes, Nicholas County, pizza delivery is coming soon.

Gary Sexton of Portsmouth, Ohio concluded talks over the rental of the former Carlisle 5410 building on Main Street, and has begun setting up facilities for Nicholas County's newest, and only, pizza establishment.

Equipment will begin being installed Wednesday but a great deal of work remains to get the restaurant into full operation, Sexton said.

Sexton anticipates opening within the next three weeks, providing everything goes smoothly enough. Following, Sexton said he has planned to locate a residence in the Nicholas County area.

"We considered locations in Hinton Point Pleasant

ant, West Virginia as well as various other locations in Kentucky before deciding on Carlisle to try and make a go of it," Sexton said.

The appeal of the downtown Carlisle building was because of the space the building offered and its central location on Main Street.

The arrangements for rental of the former Howe building were completed last Monday afternoon, Sexton said.

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