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The Nicholas County Honor Society was recognized with a school-community recognition banquet on May 13 at the elementary school. Members of the Nicholas Conty High School National Honor Society for the first year were from left to right; first row: Justin Abnee, Brain Canupp, Gretchen McKee, Brian Dunn, Jennie Fryman, and Kim Tackitt. Second row: Mary Ann Lawrence, Aaron Judge, Christie Hatton, Johnya Griffith, and Ronald McCarty. Not pictured Nikki Smoot.

Rev. Wayne B. Smith

Members of the National Honor Society for two years were honored on May 13 at the elementary school by the school and members of the community. Pictured form left to right: Jill Hardin, Pat Phillips, and Janella Sibert. Not pictured Kristi Barton and Jennifer Beatty.

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Members of the Junior Honor Society for two years below, from left to right; first row: Karen Livingood, Mellissa Jolly, Danita Booth, Leia Brookshire, Sarah Dixon, and Cindy Glass. Second row: Rhonda Wilcoxsin, Kyle Smoot, Rusti Johnson, and Jan Hamon. Members of the Junor Honor Society for one year, in no particular order: Kathryn Allison, Lori Bach Holly Becker, Jonnie Bentz, Lana Bussell, Jennifer Caswell, Ashley Hilll, Kay Hollar, Hannah Hunt, Crystal Livingood, Cynthia Malone, Sabrina McFarland, Crystal McKinney, Kayte Sexton, Kami Smith, Sarah Smoot, Kari Soper, Amy Sparks, Amanda Storm, Tamara Tipton, Shannan Wheaton, and Lydia Wilson.

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Tourism's sets schedule of events

CARLISLE — An old fashioned school day in the old Hildreth School, church bells ringing 200 times, Chautauqua actors portraying historic figures, the Kentucky Central Railway arriving. Huh, must be the new Tourism Inc. summer season.

And what a season it is to be. The Kentucky Bicentennial Celebration in Nicholas County is gathering steam and Tourism Inc., as well as a number of Nicholas County organizations, are gearing up for an historic celebration of the time.

On June 1, just three weeks away, be in downtown Carlisle because at 12:00 noon, the church bells will ring 200 times, signalling the beginning of a Kentucky Bicentennial Celebration all month long.

Already several events have been planned to commemorate the 200th day since Kentucky joined with the Union. In addition to the bell ringing downtown, another special event will be occurring. Kathy Hopkins Caswell, a teacher at the elementary school, will be teaching her class in the historic Hildreth School on Abner's Mill Road, wearing a period costume to give elementary students an idea of what education was like in the early days of one room schoolhouses.

June 12, the annual Nicholas County Historical Society will have their annual dinner.

Also on Friday, June 12, the public will be entertained with a performance by Chautauqua speaker/character actor Richard Albin who will portray old time Kentucky humorist Emmet Davenport on Main Street at 8:15 p.m.. Albin is connected with the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission.

In addition to the events occurring throughout town, most work will be concentrated on the Blackberry Festival, where a number of new attractions will be on display.

On July 3 at 7:00 p.m. the second Chautauqua presentation will happen, David S. Dewitt as the Frontier Con Man, Joseph Galloway.

On July 4 special events will almost reach the level of commonplace. The American Legion Post #17, sponsors of the Blackberry Festival in Carlisle, will commemorate history in their own special way, the Parade of Past Queens, which will honor the roll of Blackberry Queens from 1950 to the newly crowned 1992 Blackberry Queen.

Along with the annual 5K run through the streets of Carlisle at 8:00 a.m., there will be the parade of horses, buggies, and wagons and, scheduled for later in the afternoon, an historic reenactment of an event that occurred in Carlisle at the time of the civil war, when Carlisle was given a surprise visit by a group of Confederate Soldiers during the summer of 1862.

The old Kentucky Railway steam engine will visit Carlisle on July 11.

Other events are in the works for Carlisle, Gladys Shrout said. It should be a banner year for all.

Carnico Golf Course to remain open

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARNICO — With a little over a week to allow the dust to settle over events that have left the 19th Hole of Carnico restaurant once again an empty place looking for use, the country club's owners have agreed the golf course will remain open to the public.

Mark Abel, manager of the golf course, said he and his father, Carl Abel, owner of the building, have been in the process of assessing the damage the building sustained during the events of the past week.

However, once the pool tables, pinball machines, dart boards, and one broken cigarette machine were removed, the condition of the golf course pro shop improved a great deal.

Even during the sudden departure of former Carnico buyer Joe Ramey and the ensuing events that occurred Tuesday, May 12, the golf course remained in use by afternoon golfers.

It has never quite closed, Mark Abel said.

For now, green fees purchased during the 19th Hole at Carnico's brief re-opening will be honored, Abel said, but whether that will continue is in question.

The course will be open during its regular hours, and will have special hours during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

The course will be open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday beginning at 7:00 a.m. A snack bar will be available to golfers as well, Abel said.

But as for the future of golf course operations and whether the green fees will continue to be honored is very much in question, Abel said.

"As far as what we are planning to do in the next few months is really hard to say at this time. None of us were exactly prepared to take over operations of the golf course. What we hope to do is find some equitable solution with those people who bought golf course memberships from the former owners," Abel said.

Meanwhile, the golf course itself has sustained some minor damage in the past few months. It was evident the course was not cared for, fertilized or treated in any way, Abel said. But it is slowly getting back in shape.

"There is no evidence at all that the former owner intended to keep the course open at all. Fortunately, nothing was done to it," Abel said.

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The Nicholas County Bat Jackets celebrate their first district tournament victory over the Bourbon County Colonels. Head Coach Billy Anderson was pleased with the team's performance throughout the eight inning game. The Jackets very nearly lost it save for a fielding job by Travis Sims that took a Colonel out right at home plate.

Jackets clinch.....

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man was nearly speechless. But what he said to reporters was not nearly as important, or as telling, as what he said to pitcher Daniel Brown. "It was your pitching that won the game," he said as the players clasped hands.

Head Coach Billy Anderson, however, warned the team not to get too elated. Yet he knew the game would be a test of the Bat Jackets skill and will.

"I knew coming into this game that it would probably be decided by one run. Bourbon, is a tough competitor and they have Ferrell, one of the best pitchers in the region.

"Nicholas and Bourbon have been ranked in the top 15 in the state all season long, so you could expect it wouldn't be easy. I'm glad we at least made it to the region. And the team, they want to win it," Anderson said.

Hodai advances in tennis region

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

PARIS — Rui Hodai, representing Nicholas County's best hopes in the girl's 10th region tennis tournament, pulled a stunning upset in the girl's first round with a victory over one of the region's top players.

Overall the finals of the 10th region Tennis playoffs have gone only marginally well for the recently organized Nicholas County Tennis Jackets.

All but Hodai were eliminated by the remaining top tournament seeds. According to Tennis Jackets coach Jim Lally, the young Nicholas team, having little or no tournament experience beyond this year, enjoyed none of the benefits of being seeded in one of top spots in the tournament.

Not even Hodai was listed among the region's top players, Lally said, although her record in the regular season has been good.

But the main reason Hodai was not seeded in the tournament was mainly because she has only faced one other seeded player, Megan May of Paris. Unfortunately, she lost that regular season contest, 6-2, Lally said.

However, not being seeded may have played to the Nicholas County exchange student's advantage. Her first round opponent, Bourbon County's Emily Wilson, was the girl's 10th region champion last year. She was seeded second in the tournament and was expected to dispatch her first round opponent quickly.

While the rest of Nicholas County's unseeded team fell, Hodai produced one of the, if not the biggest upset of the 1992 10th region tournament.

However, Hodai still has four other rounds to face, any one of them with the potential of eliminating her from 10th region contention.

The second round of the tournament will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at Garrard Park in Paris. Hodai's opponent, also a surprise unseeded player who knocked off her seede opponent in the first round will square off for another set.

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Nicholas County Tennis Jackets Rui Hodai surprised the number two seed in the region by defeating her in a close contest and advancing to the szecond round of the regional tournament

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