

JMHC staff celebrate Christmas spirit

Johnson Mathews Health Care staff will hold a Christmas Program on Friday, December 17 for residents in the Nursing Home. Students in the Head Start Program will entertain residents with Christmas songs on Tuesday, December 14.

Groups will serenade...

The Nicholas County High School Band and Chorus will hold a Christmas performance for the general public on Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m. at the elementary. The groups will perform for the high school Monday, December 13 at 12 p.m. and for the elementary on Tuesday at 1:30.

Nicholas County Retired Teachers to meet

The Nicholas County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, December 13, 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Feedback. All members are urged to attend the meeting if possible.

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday & Friday - Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of rain. High in the mid forties, lows in the mid twenties.
Saturday & Sunday - Partly cloudy, increased chance of rain. High in the upper forties, lows in the mid thirties.

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Caswell, Clark crowned queens

By Heather Mathews-Harris
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Congratulations also to Hannah Clark, fifth grade Nicholas County Elementary School student and daughter of Bonnie and Kenneth Clark, who was crowned Nicholas County Snowflake Princess at the parade.
According to Kathy Howard of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, Jimmy Howard was the lucky winner of the television and VCR during a drawing held after the parade.
Ricky Livingston was the winner of the old ham and jam cake.
The Nicholas County High School Art Club took home the championship award for the best float with their rendition of Christmas Past, Present and Future.



The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hart Photo
Kentucky State Trooper Kenny Jones investigated this one vehicle accident on Mayville Road just outside Elizaville Friday afternoon. According to Jones, the driver of the car, 19-year-old Rebecca Miller of Mayville, as transported to Nicholas County Hospital by the Nicholas County Ambulance Service with leg and back injuries.

NCEF provides link to schools

By Heather Mathews-Harris
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Several members of the Board of Directors of the Nicholas County Education Foundation (NCEF) met Tuesday evening and hammered out a fact sheet outlining purpose, goals and objectives of the foundation which will be submitted to the Nicholas County Board of Education next Monday evening.
The NCEF was born of a Strategic Planning Committee (Kentucky Education Reform Act Principle) recommendation which called for a community partnership between private citizens, area businesses and the school system.
Foundation directors also gave the last approval of By Laws and Articles of Incorporation which had been proof read by Nicholas County School Board attorney, Dawn Letcher.
"We want to work to build a strong foundation for this organization, because this partnership will hopefully grow to be a cornerstone in our community," Carol Sparks, chairperson of the foundation, said.
One of the main objectives of the foundation is to be a tangible link between the school system, business community and the community at large.
A project which encourages the fulfillment of that particular
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Firemen play Santa

By Jason Hart
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Fire Department will again play Santa Claus to disadvantaged area families this year, but only if they receive community support.
According to Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, the Department's Toy Drive may be in serious trouble if donations of toys and non-perishable food items are not brought in by Nicholas Countyans.
"We're getting late start this year," said Hughes. "We really need everyone to bring in toys, donations, and non-perishable food for our food boxes."
Hughes said 50 families have already signed up to receive goods through the drive, and many more are expected to need the service.
"We had over 100 families last year," said Hughes. "We look to have at least that many this year."
Hughes offered a new approach for giving this year.
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Jobless benefits extend payment

Kentuckians who have or will exhaust their jobless benefits may be eligible for an additional seven weeks of payments under a new extension of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1993.

Adult abuse reported in KY

For the second straight year, investigation of abuse involving vulnerable Kentucky adults jumped 35 percent over the previous 12 months.
According to statistics filed by the Kentucky Department for Social Services, adult mistreatment reports in the state for fiscal year 1993 are at 35,157, 82 percent over reports two years ago.
A marked increase in reporting by law enforcement personnel, who have sought training and been responsive to new laws requiring agencies to develop clear policies and procedures for domestic violence have made people in the community more alert to adult abuse.
Anyone knowing or suspecting that a vulnerable adult is being harmed is urged to call their local social services office or the statewide abuse hotline, 1-800-752-6200.
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County Extension Service sponsors food & craft show

CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Extension Service will sponsor a holiday craft show, starting December 17, according to a news release from the Extension Office.
The show will run two days, December 17 and 18. Times for the show are December 17, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.; December 18, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Craft booth space rental is \$10 for both days, and is sponsored by the Nicholas County 4-H Council.
Flora sessions with Santa Claus will be available on December 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Nicholas County Extension Homemakers Club, and pictures cost \$2. You may also bring your video tape and have a video of Santa.
A chili supper will also be part of the events on Friday, December 17, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, you can eat chili starting at 6 p.m. thru 8:30 p.m. The chili supper is also sponsored by the Young Homemakers Club.
Demonstrations on holiday foods, crafts and decorations are free and open to the public.
Demonstrations will take
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Standards announced

Worker protection standards to be implemented in 1994 are designed to reduce farm worker exposure to pesticides.
One of the first parts of this program is a change in pesticide labels. They will give more information on re-entry periods, how long people have to wait before they enter pesticide treated fields, as well as specific information on the type of protective equipment needed.
There also must be pesticide safety training for all workers. All workers should be aware what pesticides are being applied and to what area.
The new standards will also require decontamination sites equipped with water, soap, towels and clean overalls within one quarter mile of all workers that could be exposed to pesticides.
Employers should provide clean equipment that is in good working order for those who apply or handle pesticides on a regular basis.

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