

JMHC accredited by national agency

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CARLISLE — Johnson Makers Health Care has received accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Confirmation of the accreditation was received by Dan Miller, administrator of Johnson Makers Health Care, last week. "We've been notified of our accreditation for the last several months, but we wanted an official document to confirm the fact," Miller said.

JCAHO, founded in 1951, is a national agency, however, it is not a federal or state program and evaluation for accreditation is completely voluntary.

"Nationally, JCAHO sets a standard for patient care. The organizations guidelines go far and above that of state or federal agencies," Josh Shepherd, director of public relations for Johnson Makers, said. "JCAHO conducted a hands-on evaluation of Johnson Makers, interviewing staff, nurses and generally watching how we did things and how we conducted operations."

"JCAHO's mission is to assist in the improvement of health care quality provided to the public.

According to the Joint Commission, standards set by JCAHO represent a national consensus on quality patient care that reflects changing

health care practices and health care delivery trends. Accreditation engages the organization's governing board, professional staff and administration in a cooperative effort to continuously improve patient care quality.

It also is the breadth and diversity of services provided under an umbrella that is national in scope and recognition.

Even though accreditation is not a prerequisite requirement for operation of a hospital or nursing home, it does show the community as well as surrounding health care organizations Johnson Makers is on target nationally in the area of patient care and existing services.

"Getting accreditation is like being looked at by professional scouts in sports," Miller said. "They [JCAHO] have standards they look for in a health care institution that defines quality. In our effort to provide the best quality health care to the people of this area, this accreditation means we are doing things right."

According to Shepherd, accreditation also means Johnson Makers set the goal not only to fulfill state and federal guidelines, but to reach a standard over and above guidelines.

"This shows our level of patient care is equal to or better than many larger surrounding

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CARLISLE — Every day 188,000 Kentuckians struggle to control a disease which, if not properly monitored, can cause serious life-threatening complications. For those people, National Diabetes Awareness Month will pass after November, but the



Grand Opening!

The Dollar General Store held its Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, November 18. According to Wanda Martin, store manager, customers packed the store during its first open hours and continue to enjoy the new location. The new site for the Dollar Store, on West Main behind Shell Food Mart, reportedly provides better parking and more space for merchandise display.

Site-based elects member

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CARLISLE — The Parents' Association elected Jimmie Dale as its new site-based member. Dale was elected to the Nicholas County Teachers' Association School Board, and resigned his post as site-based member.

According to Gerald Hammons, Nicholas County Elementary Principal, the term expires in May and Mattos may run for a new term at that time. Those eligible to vote included members of PTA for the current school year.

Those who ran against Mattos included Deborah Minton, Elementary Principal, the term expires in May and Mattos may run for a new term at that time. Those eligible to vote included members of PTA for the current school year.

Key to Diabetes is education

Lea Rose, registered nurse at the Nicholas County Health Department, said the health department provides education and other helpful programs to teach diabetic patients about disease will be there for the rest of that person's life.

For more information or to sign up, contact Furnish at 605 Moorefield Road or call 289-2234.

In Brief

Bluejackets and Lady Jackets open season; Nov 29 & 30

The 1993-1994 Lady Jackets will host their first game of the season on Monday, November 29 squaring off at home against Bourbon County. The junior varsity hits the floor at 6 p.m. and the varsity follows at 7:30 p.m.

The Bluejackets host their first game on the following evening, going head to head with the Montgomery County Indians on Tuesday, November 30, also at 6 and 7:30.

Round ball preview on its way to you

Look for A to the Hoop's round ball preview for Nicholas County Basketball Fans brought to you by The Carlisle Mercury on December 2.

This kangaque edition will provide a glimpse of upcoming games and interviews with coaches as well as pictures of all Nicholas County High School players and cheerleaders. Don't miss out!

Sign-up date for LTA set

The Nicholas County ASCS Committee announced the sign-up period for LTA is November 21, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

Producers wishing to sign up for Agricultural Waste Control Facilities should go to the Nicholas County ASCS Office. According to James Furnish, County Executive Director, this practice is to help conservation measures in Nicholas County.

For more information or to sign up, contact Furnish at 605 Moorefield Road or call 289-2234.

FHA plans Pancake Breakfast with Santa

The Nicholas County Future Homemakers of America will be holding a Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus on December 4 from 8:30 a.m. at Nicholas County High School.

Santa Claus will drop in for a pancake or three and children may pose for a pic with the jolly old elf before he sets off for the parade.

Tickets sell for \$2.50 at the door or interested parties may contact either an FHA member or the high school, 289-3780, for tickets in advance.

Lions Club holds Christmas Parade

The 1993 Lions Club Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 a.m. Queens will be crowned following the parade and float winners will also be announced at that time.

Toys inspected by state official

Since the weeks just before the holidays are the year's most intense period of toy purchasing, state toy inspectors are visiting 120 Kentucky retailers through the end of the month for unsafe toys.

They will be looking for small parts which could pose a choking problem for small children as well as toys with sharp edges or points, stuffed animals and dolls with well-constructed seams and firmly attached buttons and eyes.

Parents or other consumers who spot toys or other consumer products that appear to be unsafe can contact Terry Wescott, consumer product safety branch manager for the State Department of Health Services, at Product Safety Branch, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621 or call (502) 564-7373.



Julie Caswell



Tawnya Livingston



Lari Walden



Kristie Cox



Donna Gail Mattos, new Nicholas County Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council Member, was elected by the PTA Monday evening. Here, Mattos volunteers in Anne Baird's primary class during a Thanksgiving celebration and feast on Tuesday. Children discovered the true meaning of thanks and giving while trying such early feast foods as deer meat (provided by Greg Wills), nuts, breads and pecans.