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REMEMBERING D-DAY
June 6, 1944 is a day that many remember with fondness and pride. The day Allied troops began the final invasion that would bring an end to World War II. The Carlisle Mercury will present a special supplement on June 2 to commemorate the bravery of all those involved. The Mercury asks for your help in gathering memories, photos, and personal experiences of this momentous occasion. Please call today, (606) 259-2464.

Agency releases labor figures; County shows 6.6% unemployed
The Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources released figures showing unemployment in the state. Nicholas County's unemployment rate, according to the report, is 6.9%, 2% below the national average, and higher than the statewide rate of 5.2%. The report shows Nicholas County having a labor force of 3700 people.

Spring Lawn & Garden and Home Improvement Special
Check out next week's Mercury PLUS for a special supplement that will show you spring home improvement and lawn & garden problems! Coming May 2 in your mailbox, the Mercury PLUS!

Area Weather Forecast
Thursday & Friday: Scattered showers, lows in the forties, highs near 75.
Saturday & Sunday: Showers, cooler, with lows near forty, highs nearing eightly.

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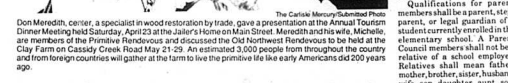
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Tourism plans for "primitive rendezvous"

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - The annual Tourism Dinner held at the Jailer's Home on Main Street Saturday, April 23, featured a presentation by Don Meredith, Meredith and his wife, Michelle, of Lebanon Junction, are members of the Long Run area called Primitive Rendezvous. Don, a specialist in wood restoration, spoke to tourism members about the upcoming Old Northwest Rendezvous to be held

at Clay Wildlife Management's Clay Farm. An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people plan to camp out there and live the primitive life May 21-29.
Dressed in a bright red U. S. Army jacket, the first kind the U. S. had ever issued, and leggings from buckskin he'd sewn himself, Don was dressed in 1700s-1770s French, Indian and Eastern U. S. style.
Participants in the Rendezvous will wear period clothing. In Visitors' day is 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Sunday, May 22.
On May 26, Carlisle Appreciation Day, the Five Trappers will come to Carlisle to hear the town story, eat, and take history rides.
Don explained the difference between a national rendezvous and an reenactment. A reenactment is a play about a very specific date and place in history. A national rendezvous does not have mock battles and a lot of public display.
Pam Randolph, Tourism



Don Meredith, center, a specialist in wood restoration by trade, gave a presentation at the annual Tourism Dinner Meeting held Saturday, April 23 at the Jailer's Home on Main Street. Meredith and his wife, Michelle, are members of the Primitive Rendezvous and discussed the Old Northwest Rendezvous to be held at the Clay Farm on Cassidy Creek Road May 21-29. An estimated 3,000 people from throughout the county and from foreign countries will gather at the farm to live the primitive life like early Americans did 200 years ago.

Foundation links community, schools

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - The part of the Nicholas County Education Foundation and the "Living Link between community and school," requests Chairperson Carol Sparks.
Contributions to the non-profit, tax exempt foundation will be spent on educational enrichment activities.
The activities run range from field trips to computer software. We felt we could meet some of the needs of the school and possibly work to be a link, a bridge, from school to community, Sparks said.
The foundation isn't taking the place of other organizations already in place such as the site based decision making councils. Nor does it interfere with classroom learning in the schools. It will instead serve as a

financial arm that educators may utilize for approved education oriented projects. The foundation has final approval on all projects it agrees to fund.
"We cannot, as parents and community members, expect the school to do everything for us. Just like we can't expect Sunday School to take care of everything a young person needs to know. I am into assuming personal responsibility. All of us, as thinking adults, have to assume responsibility for making our community a better place. I think our schools are doing a tremendous job of providing an education. My kids are products of this system," Sparks said.
Sparks' daughter, Pam, is a dentist, like her father, Bob, who practices dentistry in Carlisle. The Sparks' son, David, is a senior Transylvania University. The daughters of the children have gone on to become

coaches and physicians and other professionals. The foundation will promote the idea that "You can go to Nicholas County and can become anything you want to be."
Sparks said the idea that children go to school to get an education is outdated. "We need to be serious. The schools do a wonderful job but we can do more. We can do better."
The education foundation gives people an opportunity to step saying they wished they could do something positive for the area's youth. They don't have to sit on the sidelines anymore. They can use their energy better, in a way that helps us all work together," Sparks said.
Sparks is a retired registered nurse and occasionally helped at her husband's dentist office. She continues her education by taking 10 hours of classes from Harrison County in Spanish, public speaking and history. She's also kept up her nurse certification. "I would like to do volunteer nursing one day," she mentioned.
But her current goal is seeing the success of the education

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NCES Council elects members
CARLISLE - The annual election of Parent Council members to the Nicholas County Elementary Site Based Council will be held 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at the Nicholas County Elementary School cafeteria.
Qualified voters are those parents who are members of the PTA.
Election of parent members to the Council shall be by majority vote of qualified parents who are present at the meeting or who vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be available at the elementary Friday, May 6 and Monday, May 9 through May 11. Voting by absentee ballot must be done by the parent casting the absentee vote and the ballot must be marked and turned in to the principal at the time the ballot is received.
Qualifications for parent members shall be a parent, step-parent, or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled in the elementary school. A Parent Council member shall not be a relative of a school employee. Relatives shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, son-in-law or daughter-in-law. Parent council members shall not be district employees.
Nominations shall be made in writing and submitted to the principal no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, May 5.
Parents may nominate themselves or another parent. Teachers who are also parents are not eligible for election as parent members.

District rebids contract

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Contractors wishing to bid on the Nicholas County Water District Contract 2 which includes the pumping station, holding tank and booster tank for district #317 Million water line extension project should be at the water district office, 110 Broadway St., at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.
The motion to rebid that part of the project was made during a special meeting held April 21. Bids received previously cost more than the district had to spend, said water district chairman Garvey Cuppinger.



Lady Jackie's Coach Barbara Kerney presents the Outstanding Female Coach of the Year award at the Hym Pigeonry, Lexington, Friday, April 22. The bid was sponsored by the Department of Education. It was the sixth annual awards presentation recognizing outstanding female athletes and coaches throughout Kentucky. The award considered all sports, including basketball. The award was made by the Committee for Sports Equity in Kentucky. One woman coach receives the honor each year. Kerney led the Nicholas County High School Lady Jackie Girls Basketball team to Class A State Tournament and onto the Sweet 16 championship in 1993. Last year she was named Coach of the Year by a coaches poll sponsored by The Lexington Herald-Leader and The Courier-Journal.

Baerler discusses tobacco, economy

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - State Representative Scotty Baerler discussed the tobacco industry at the community forum meeting held at Tracks Restaurant noon Monday, April 25.
"On the front burner, the number one issue in Nicholas County is that people are concerned about the tobacco program. Our number one goal is to make sure we can stabilize quotas in tobacco," Baerler said before his talk began.
"I'm the only one in Washington who raises tobacco," he commented to the group.
The former Lexington mayor said most of counties have an agricultural base with health care the next concern.
It was Baerler's fourth meeting in Carlisle. Previous topics were taxes, education and health care. Baerler gives a community talk in each of the 19 counties at least one every two and a half months, he said.
Approximately 30 members of the community were in attendance. Baerler had talked with McDonald's General at Headquarters earlier that morning. He has 16 grocery stores in his

State Representative Scotty Baerler, left, talked with Carlisle Mayor Horace Clark, right, First National Bank of Carlisle President Larry Hutchison, left, and Nicholas County Judge Executive Charles "Chuck" Smith, across from Larry, at Baerler's fourth community forum held in Carlisle. Approximately 30 community members met with Baerler at Tracks Restaurant to hear Baerler talk about the stabilization of tobacco quotas.
Baerler gave a community talk to talk with members of the community who wouldn't ordinarily attend a luncheon meeting. Seven general stores are on his route in Nicholas County.
Local businessman Carlisle Mayor, owner of Lester Family Store, downtown Carlisle, was

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Farrow sentenced to five years

Nicholas County resident Joyce Farrow was sentenced to five years for reckless homicide in the shooting death of her husband. Farrow's jury trial began in Nicholas County Circuit Court with the Honorable Robert McGinnis presiding on Monday, April 18.

Kentucky State Trooper

Tim Layne confiscated these 40 marijuana plants Tuesday. Layne said he located the plants near Mount Zion Road, about 30 yards from the road itself. "We're still investigating who the plants belong to," said Layne. "And we'd like to encourage people to call and report any plants they may find." The radio number for the Kentucky State Police is 1-800-222-5555.

Local business

Local businesswoman Carlisle Mayor, owner of Lester Family Store, downtown Carlisle, was