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Extension office offers Pesticide Certification
A County Pesticide and Forage Certification Meeting will be held on February 28 at 7 p.m. at the Nicholas County Extension Office in the old armory. It is necessary for anyone with an expired Pesticide Card to attend. For more information, go to schedule a make-up session, contact Mike Phillips, county extension agent, 289-2312.

Go Big Blue!
Both the Nicholas County Bluejackets and Lady Jackets have drawn Harrison County for the first round of the district set to begin next week. The Lady Jackets meet up with the Thorobreds in Harrison County on Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. The Bluejackets play Harrison in Bourbon County on Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Community Datebook
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court, called meeting on Thursday, February 24, 4 p.m.
Lady Jackets were slated to play Bourbon County, away February 23 but that game is cancelled. However, the Lady Jackets will stay at home and play Clark County on Friday, NCHS Site-based Council meets, Wednesday, March 2, 4 p.m. in the library, NCHS Site-based meets Thursday, March 3, 4 p.m.

Area Weather Forecast
Thursday & Friday - Winter is back! Highs in mid thirties, possibility of snow flurries on Friday. Lows in upper twenties, mostly cloudy.
Saturday & Sunday - Cold front settles in, highs hanging in thirties range. Overnight lows dip to twenty degrees.

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Court bans blue lights

By Heather Matheo-Harris
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - Several members of Nicholas County Fiscal Court agreed with Judge Executive Charles Smith when he said problems were arising from county constables using sirens and emergency lights when fulfilling duties.
"It's up to the fiscal court to approve these sirens and lights and since it has never come up before the court these constables are in violation because they are using them right now," Judge Smith said.
"I served in the sheriff's department for 12 years and I didn't need lights and sirens to run up and down 68."
"And all they really need to do is serve papers and checks, what do they need sirens for?" Danny Hughes asked.
Judge Smith also said he had received a call concerning the purchase of constable uniforms.
"And she said the county ought to furnish the gun and the uniforms too. I told her that if I hadn't bought my gun myself when I was in the sheriff's department, I wouldn't have had one. She got riled with me, but that doesn't really matter one way or another. I just let her know how the ball bounced," said Judge Smith.
He made a motion to prohibit every constable in every district from using blue lights and sirens. It was seconded by Hughes and passed with a unanimous voice.
Lanny Hutchison, president of the First National Bank of Carlisle, spoke to the court concerning hiding out the deposits of the court.
"I have three proposals for your consideration. The first is to award the deposits to a local bank for a four to five year period. Continued on Page 10



The mark to beat... Kim Derkins, Lady Jacket senior and candidate for Miss Kentucky Basketball, receives the game ball from Head Coach Barbara Kerney and Assistant Coach Perry Dritz, following Nicholas County game against Berea Community Democrats, which reached the 2500 point mark in the fourth quarter. Derkins brought down the post record at 2543 for boys' athletics at Nicholas County.

Site-based hashes out Spanish dilemma

By Heather Matheo-Harris
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CARLISLE - Bonnie Metcalfe presented a course of action for Nicholas County High School to answer questions Metcalfe fellow concerning Spanish class during the Nicholas County High School Site-based Decision Making Council.
"Since Laura Thomas' resignation as math and Spanish instructor January 28, Nicholas County has not found a replacement for the Spanish part of the curriculum."
Around 70 students started Spanish classes in the fall and expressed interest in resuming the language in the spring.
"As an alternative to offering a half of a credit, Metcalfe proposed Nicholas County High School utilize a class offered on Kentucky Education Television

Farm Safety program benefits community

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CARLISLE - Farm Safety 1994, a program free and open to the public and sponsored by the Nicholas County Cooperative Extension Office in conjunction with the Johnson Mathers Community School of Good Health, will be held this Wednesday, February 23, at the old armory beginning at 5:30.
The JMHC School of Good Health organizes programs such as Farm Safety in order to provide community outreach and monitor the health of the community providing valuable information which affects residents on a day to day basis.
"We started out by having health fairs, but we wanted to move to meeting specific needs of the community," Jack Sheppard, director of public relations for JMHC, said.
"And we are not blind to the rising cost of health care. We want to provide residents with information and avenues so they can afford health care."
"The role of the hospital, since it was first founded, has evolved and we needed to evolve with it."
Farm Safety, normally a two day program, was scheduled in February, a slow time for area farmers.
"And instead of giving farm safety tips as we have during the past two years, we wanted to present a program from the angle of health care reform and how that reform will affect rural communities such as Nicholas County," Sheppard said.
Jo Ann Myers, coordinator of the University of Kentucky's center on rural health in Hazard will speak on the possible impact of health care reform. She will speak at 7 p.m. and will also take questions.
Michael Johnston, director of the Life and Health Division of the Kentucky Department of Insurance will speak at 8 p.m.
"And he is not a salesman, his is in the monitoring branch and will present ideas on getting a Continued on Page 12



Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes and fireman Scott Allison determine the best avenue to reach a tree on Buffalo Trace last Friday afternoon. The tree, right across the road from the home of Ada and Clay Snapp, burnt through 20-25 acres of land and was started by an electric line. The Harrison County Fire Department brought two trucks to aid area personnel. The NCFD also answered a call on Myers Road Friday evening at 11:45. The brush fire at that location burnt eight to ten acres of land ranging from Mike Fryman's farm and through other neighboring farms. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

IN BRIEF

Game Club meets
The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will meet Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. at the club.
The meal will be pot-luck and the Highland Baptist Christians from Lexington will perform.

Bible study open to all
A non-denominational Women's Bible Study will be held every Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information contact Terri Salter at 289-7355.

Safety should be rule of thumb
As winter cold weather rolls right back around for Nicholas County in the next couple of weeks, health and safety officials remind residents safety should be the rule of thumb when using fireplaces and space heaters as most burns and deaths associated with these heating methods result from improper use, installation or creoside buildup.



The 1994 Homecoming Queen and her court are as follows: left to right, Renée Walker escorted by Kyle Smoot, Julie Hoog escorted by Matt Hall, 1994 Homecoming Queen Dara Jo McCord escorted by Pat Baker, Carrie Bowles escorted by Wes Felt, and Dana Barnta escorted by Jason Metzen.