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Nicholas County Fair scheduled Aug. 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Nicholas County Fair has been set for August 3, 4, 5, and 6. The fair is inaccurately listed as running from the August 3 through August 5 in the report in the edition of the Mercury. Call the Nicholas County Extension Office at 289-2312 or 289-2323 for more fair information.

Tobacco Labor Hotline available for farmers, workers

A hotline has been established for tobacco farmers and workers to connect. Sponsored by the Community Farm Alliance out of Berea, the hotline number will be available starting August 1 and running through September 30. Hours of availability are 5:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Farmers looking for laborers and laborers seeking employment housing tobacco may call (806) 247-2204 (Both County). The Community Farm Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to aiding farmers through a variety of means. For more information about CFA, call (606) 986-7400.

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday & Friday: Hot and muggy, scattered heavy thunderstorms, highs near ninety.
Saturday & Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms, high humidity, temperatures near 90.

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Abner's Mill Bridge to be constructed soon

By Leigh Stone
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ABNER'S MILL - Hinkle Contracting Inc. of Paris was scheduled to begin construction of a new two lane bridge across Elk Creek at Abner's Mill Tuesday morning.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court approved construction of the bridge during the May 10 meeting.

The Court considered the Abner's Mill Bridge of importance because since the weight limit was lowered to five tons, school buses were no longer permitted to cross.

Rob Layne, Nicholas County Schools Transportation Director, said the ten limit was lowered at the beginning of the 1993-94 school year, he directed

the school bus not to cross the bridge. There were approximately five school aged children residing on the bridge side of Elk Creek.

The Nicholas County Board of Education would pay parents \$2 per day to transport their children to the top of Abner's Mill where the children are then transported by bus to school.

"Some of the parents didn't even want to take the money, but the board of education treated everyone the same. The parents were just concerned that their children get to school safely," Layne said Monday morning.

Layne said a school bus weighs on the average of 15,000 pounds and he prefers a weight limit on a bridge to be at least eight tons before permitted a bus to cross.

The Abner's Mill Bridge is the only bridge in the county school buses aren't permitted to cross. The Abner's Mill Bridge is one of four bridges in Nicholas County that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet informed the Nicholas County Fiscal Court should be replaced.

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Magistrate Darryl Stacy, left, and Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, right, stand at the entrance of the new two-lane bridge to be constructed across Elk Creek at Abner's Mill. Hinkle Contracting Inc. of Paris was scheduled to begin construction of the new bridge Tuesday, July 26. Carolyn Leet, daughter of Abner's Mill resident Robert Hinkle, Jr., took photographs of the bridge a year ago, depicting a cordoned-off area. The Nicholas County Fiscal Court had hoped to have the bridge completed by the time school began. In the meantime, parents are being paid by the Nicholas County Board of Education to transport children across the bridge. It is the only bridge in the county that school buses aren't allowed to cross.

'... She wanted to take some pictures so people would know what kind of shape the bridge was in ...'

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District 5 Magistrate Juanita Smith loves being in public office, working at Shopwise and spending time for family. She is the first woman elected to serve the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

First woman magistrate 'loves political position'

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - District 5, see Juanita Smith as just a woman. See her as just a person.

Smith became a part of Nicholas County history when she was elected as a magistrate of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court in 1989. The court's first woman magistrate defeated an incumbent. She made history again in 1993 when she was the first woman re-elected to the Fiscal Court.

"Don't ever let anyone tell you it's not hard," she said during lunch with The Mercury at Carlisle restaurant Monday.

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Grant application rejected

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - A grant application request to provide day care to children of teenage mothers at Nicholas County High School has been denied.

Charles Canupp, director of the Family Resource Youth Services Center, said Monday afternoon that he'd received a letter from Department of

Technical Education, Frankfort, that the \$28,176.00 grant was rejected.

"No reason was given. We would have been able to serve 12 to 15. There are 12 to 15 mothers who've not graduated and others we may not be aware of," Canupp stated.

Canupp said school districts in the surrounding area had day care. Continued on Page 6

Mark Rogers named 1st National vice president

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - First National Bank of Carlisle has named D. Marques "Mark" Rogers vice president.

Rogers, 33, comes to Carlisle with eight years of experience at Farm Credit Services Regional Office, Flemingsburg. Prior to that, he'd been at Commercial Bank of Grayson four years.

At Farm Credit, Rogers served the farming needs of a 47-county area and was often concerned with helping clients get loans for farm land and equipment.

"Mark will be a fine asset to the bank when you consider Nicholas County's industry is mainly farming, both tobacco and cattle," commented First

National Bank of Carlisle President Larry Hutchison.

Rogers has been with the bank since July 1. He is a resident of Elizaville in Fleming County and is originally from Grayson.

As vice president at First National, Rogers will generate new loans in all areas including farming, home and automobile.

"We feel Mark's work experience and banking background at Farm Credit will be an asset with the bank and dealing with the agricultural clientele in an area he will be an expert in," Hutchison said.

Rogers was graduated in 1984 from the University of Kentucky School of Banking. In 1981 he earned a degree in business management from Morehead State University. He was graduated in 1978 from East

Carter High School in Grayson.

Rogers said, "Everybody's treated me wonderfully since I've been here. I've worked with several people from Carlisle and Nicholas County in the past and that has made this transition easier."

"We've got several customers from the Flemingsburg area," Hutchison commented.

When at the bank, Rogers is an avid outdoorsman and member of several local and national sportsman societies.



Mark Rogers is the new vice president of First National Bank of Carlisle. Rogers looks forward to serving the banking needs of area residents. He comes to Carlisle from Fleming County's Farm Credit Services.

IN BRIEF

Foster family meeting in Paris

Persons interested in being foster and adoptive parents are invited to a meeting sponsored by the Cabinet for Human Resources to be held on Monday, Aug. 15 in Suite 200 of the Paris Municipal Center, 525 High St., Paris. Preparation of families will begin at the same location on Monday, Aug. 22. For information, call Marie Halpin, Recruitment & Certification, Bourbon/Harrison/Nicholas counties at 987-4655.