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Tourism Events

Nicholas County Tourism presented two special events this week - the annual pig roast and a luncheon. Tourism is under the direction Gladys Carlisle. See page 8 for

Senior Parents

The Carlisle Mercury annual graduation section will be published June 15. Send a photo and message for \$10 by June 8. Call 249-2464 for more information.

Calendar of Events

The Annual Historical Society Dinner will be held at The Carlisle Depot Friday, June 9. Social hour at 5 with dinner at 7. The Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary annual benefit dinner is June 18 at Blue Licks State Park.

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday - Partly sunny, scattered thunderstorms. High 77, Low 59.
Friday - Partly sunny, scattered thunderstorms. High 76, Low 59.
Saturday - Partly sunny, scattered thunderstorms. High 76, Low 58.

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Nicholas County School Board "repeats" meeting - issues apology

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Teachers salaries of the Nicholas County School Board weren't affected by any action taken at Tuesday night's special called meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education.

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Approximately 40 teachers were in attendance at the meeting held at the Central School Office. A staffing committee of teachers has been looking at ways to reduce district costs. A salary cut was one suggestion, but wasn't mandated by the committee or the board of education.

The teachers and classified personnel received a five percent salary increase one year ago.

Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Eversy said the salary issue may be on the regular June board meeting agenda.

"It'll be a situation of wait and see," commented Athletic Director Ron Baker following the meeting.

EXPLANATION
Board Chairman John Cleaver Jr. explained the confusion about the workshop meeting that became a board meeting.

May 24 "There's some controversy if we had a called meeting. In my mind I thought we had a called meeting scheduled but letters didn't go. We made a mistake. I take the blame. I'm chairman of the board - we did it right this time. It was an honest mistake. I think I speak for all board members," Cleaver stated at the close of Tuesday's brief meeting.

According to high school English instructor Jack Hayes, who was present for both meetings, Tuesday's meeting was basically a repeat of last Wednesday's

meeting. According to Kentucky's statute, teacher salaries must be given 24-hour notice before any meeting.

When contacted by The Mercury about the workshop meeting, Eversy said there was a question of whether the board had an actual meeting.

He said the board would meet Tuesday morning to conduct official business.

PRIMARY RETENTION

Donna Gill Mattox, Nicholas County Elementary School parent Site Based Decision Making Council member told The Mercury she was pleased with the public apology she received from Superintendent Randy Eversy at Tuesday's meeting.

Mattox attended last Wednesday's meeting and said she was told she was wrong about primary grade restructuring in the district. She called a state department of education representative the next day.

Thursday, May 25, she said that the message was correct - that the way the district's been restructured, students in first year primary can't be retained.

Eversy told her during the meeting he didn't think he said she was wrong about the primary retention, but apologized for the misunderstanding.

The first order of business at Tuesday's meeting was a motion made by board member Mona Vice which was seconded by board member Louise Zachary with all in favor to approve the suggestions recommendation of the staffing committee to the board.

"Impose immediate hiring freeze, job openings to be filled by existing personnel, contingent on certification and need. Reduction in personnel assumed through attrition."

"Provide incentives for teachers to increase attendance and reduce the use of substitute

teachers.

Look at applying for more grants.
Establish a book rental program for high school textbooks establishing better accountability for student text-

book care and liability for damages.
Establish the local planning committee's recommendations to the board for possible ways to save money.
Establish and publicize

incentives to increase student attendance.
Establish prioritized list of student needs (new building, more music, classrooms, computers, teachers, etc.)
Impose an immediate pur-

chasing freeze on all purchases, effective immediately - all must have the prior approval of the superintendent or his designee.
POWER OF ATTORNEY
In other action, the board

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Memorial Service remembers sacrifice

Members of American Legion Post 17 and the Lloyd George Veterans of Foreign Wars presented a meaningful and well received Memorial Day program at Carlisle Cemetery Sunday, May 28.

Hospital auxiliary donates Life-Pak 9 to emergency room

CARLISLE - Thanks to funds raised by the Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary's gift shop, a valuable piece of lifesaving equipment has been bought to protect the lives of critically ill people.

The Life-Pak 9, purchased from the Johnson Mathers Health Care Emergency Room, is a state-of-the-art portable emergency care unit designed to monitor the condition of patients suffering from heart attacks, strokes, or other types of life-threatening conditions.

According to many health care professionals, the Life-Pak 9 is considered among the "ultimate" in emergency life-saving devices.

It monitors heart rate, has paddles for resuscitation,

maintains a continuous log of heart rhythms, and has alarms to register heart rates that are either too low or too high. But

This important gift from the Auxiliary, which potentially benefits every person treated through the JMHC emergency

room, normally lists for \$10,000. Funds raised by the Auxiliary have quite literally saved people's lives because of what that money has been able to buy. Well over \$60,000 worth of equipment has been purchased by the Auxiliary since 1975.

But those funds also come from people in this community who support the good works of the Nicholas County Auxiliary.

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the most important features of the Life-Pak 9 are that it can be carried easily and it runs off batteries.

The Life-Pak 9 and a trained emergency nurse from JMHC can accompany a critically ill patient when being transported by ambulance to another hospital. Vital information about the patient's condition can be monitored enroute.

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Carlisle "as it used to be" came back for a visit Thursday, May 25, when the Tea Committee of Tourism Inc. hosted a luncheon at The Old Jail, Main Street. From left are Carol Sparks with Naomi Dale and Helen Hopkins. Sparks and Hopkins are co-chairpersons of the committee. A menu of chicken pot pie, glorious desserts and fresh strawberries supplied by Dorsey and Sally Watkins are enjoyed by approximately 25 people during lunch. See page 8 for more photos.

No problems yet

Blue mold could travel here, agent says

By Leigh Stone
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - No problems with blue mold have been reported yet, but tobacco producers should be on the look-out, reported Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips.

"Producers are urged to be advised about this. We've had no local reports of problems."

According to a University of Kentucky College of Agriculture news release, rainy weather during the past week has caused significant problems for Kentucky tobacco producers this year. Several diseases related to weather conditions are threatening this year's crop.

"Producers are urged to be advised about this. We've had no local reports of problems (with blue mold). We have had some diseases that we've handled - some target, angular leaf spot, due to the overcast, wet weather," Phillips said last Friday.

Bill NeSmith, Extension plant pathologist with the UK College of Agriculture, said that blue mold is a fungal disease that can devastate an unprotected crop quickly and efficiently. It has been found in greenhouse nurseries to produce tobacco transplants in Kentucky.

It is quite active in some sections of the southeast, from Florida to North Carolina, and could serve as a reservoir for spores that could be blown to Kentucky fields with the wind. It could also be found on transplants from those infested areas.

Phillips agreed with NeSmith's conclusion that weeds could cause the blue mold to travel - even if a single infected transplant never gets to Nicholas County.

However, Phillips reported that producers in the selected area are stating they gave the problem under control - that they are using various products to cure the mold. "Only time will tell about that," Phillips commented.

Phillips said there's no sure for the resistant strain of blue mold found in the southeast. "Target spot is more likely to occur locally," Phillips said. Wet weather causes the plant to have inadequate ventilation causing rot. Phillips said farmers should spray with mildom on the soil instead of the plant, but that the preventive measure of greenhouse nurseries to produce tobacco transplants in Kentucky would help keep target spot at bay.

IN BRIEF

Hospice horse show in CYNTHIANA JUNE 7

The Hospice Horse Show will be held 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at the C & W Western Horse Show Arena located at the corner of Park Lane and Pounder Pike just outside Cynthiana. Admission is \$2 per person for children 12 years of age and younger; admission is free. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of the Bluegrass.

The above features many contest classes including pole bending, barrel racing, flag racing and speed racing, and several fun classes. For information call 606-234-6666.