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Ky. Transportation Cabinet
provides a toll-free number to
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number and name.

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-In Brief-

Tourism dinner scheduled for April 20
The Nicholas County Tourism Board will hold its annual dinner on April 20 at the Old Jail's Home.

The dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Nicholas County 4-H and Youth Development
Nicholas County 4-H announces 22 Rifle Club Offering instruction and practice in 22 rifle. The club is open to all youth ages 9 to 19.

Participation in club requires active involvement of at least one adult per family represented at each meeting.

To sign up, call the Nicholas County Extension Office at 286-2312.

Rose Hill United Methodist to hold spring revival
The Rose Hill United Methodist Church will hold their spring revival April 15th-21st. Rev. Gaylord Gillispie will be the speaker. There will be special singing each night. Rev. Robert Allen is pastor of the church and everyone is welcome.

College Pre-registration at NCHS
Students currently enrolled at Mayeville Community College may pre-register at Nicholas County High School from 5:00-6:00 p.m. April 18.

Community Action Council to distribute garden seed
Community Action Council is now distributing garden seed for eligible, elderly, Nicholas County residents. To apply for garden seed, please bring proof of income and social security cards for every household member. Garden seed may be picked up at Community Action Council, 149 Scrub Grass Road. For further information, call 289-7172.

Despite the tremendous need



Automobile fire is a mystery. The Nicholas County Fire Dept. responded to an automobile fire on Scrubgrass Road Saturday morning. The car, which was a 1985 Chrysler New Yorker belonging to Ronnie Joly, was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene. No one was home at the time of the blaze and the cause remains a mystery.

Week of April 20 designated Adopt-A-Highway Week
Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith has proclaimed the week of April 20 through April 27 as Adopt-A-Highway Week for the entire county.

Thousands of Adopt-A-Highway participants will be participating in highway cleanup efforts throughout the state during this eighth annual spring cleanup.

Here in Nicholas County, several groups participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program will be out cleaning up their stretches of roadway.

According to a release from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the program's spring clean-up mounts a united effort to raise environmental awareness in every community. The program currently maintains approximately 2,000 participating groups ranging from boy and girl scout troops to civic clubs, businesses, student organizations, church groups and veterans.

The program also sponsors a contest among volunteer groups. The participant finding the most unusual item while cleaning up the roadway will win a certificate donated by the Department of Parks for an overnight stay and meals (dinner and breakfast) at the state park of their choice.

Participants will be provided White Pine seedlings on a first-come-first-serve basis as they visit the state maintenance garages prior to their clean-up.

JMHC to sponsor blood drive
The Johnson Mathers Health Care Facility will sponsor a blood drive on Monday, April 22 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the bloodmobile which will be located at the facility. All donors will receive a free T-shirt.

Despite the tremendous need for blood in Central Kentucky, only about five percent of those eligible to donate give blood. Donating is quick, easy and safe, and the entire process from registration to refreshments takes about 45 minutes. Please call Sally Baker at 1-800-775-2522 for information about the blood drive.

Bentz chosen as NCHS Student of the Week
By Kristie Harrod
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Jonnie Bentz, a 17 year old Nicholas County High School junior, has been chosen as Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Lee and Edith Bentz. She is a member of the academic team, the NCHS Band, the art club and the drama club.

Miss Bentz was recently chosen as a Governor's Scholar and will participate in a five-week program this summer. NCHS teacher, Eric Harle stated that Miss Bentz is a hard worker and a good citizen of the school community.

Kentucky Utilities to give away tree seedlings

Kentucky Utilities Company will observe Earth Day by giving away free tree seedlings across its service territory on Monday, April 22. In the fifth year of the program, KU will give away a mixture of redbud and sycamore seedlings for the occasion.

Last year in Nicholas County, KU gave away approximately 285 trees. That number is expected to increase this year.

Gray Blake, KU vice president of retail marketing, said, "Customer response to this program continues to grow. The KU communities really understand the value trees can provide and appreciate their environmental impact. We think this is a great way to save energy and add value to the homes of KU customers."

Customers may pick up the seedlings, planting instructions and energy tips, free of charge, at a first-come basis at the Nicholas County KU office. Tree

seedlings will be available during normal business hours on April 22 while supplies last. The program is maintaining its theme of "Tree Smart... From the Start." In distributing these seedlings, KU hopes to heighten public awareness of the benefits of planting trees and the safest ways to plant them.

Blake said, "Planting the right tree in the right place is important because the right location will help conserve energy and keep the limbs away from electric lines as the trees mature. One of the major causes of power outages is limbs falling on lines because large trees were planted too close to the power lines. Providing these seedlings to our customers gives KU an opportunity to say thank you for letting us serve you and educate them about the energy-saving benefits of a tree."

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Nicholas Co. Retired Teachers Meet
The Nicholas County Retired Teachers met at the Library Monday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m. Eight members attended.

The Devotional was given by Annabel Burden, concerning music. The title was "Auntie's old sound" whose good music she read 100th Psalm.

The President, Lucille Fetack presided. The minutes of the meeting will be at the Old Jail on June 10 (7) Little O'Bannon will give the Devotional.

National Infant Immunization Week set

CARLISLE: National Infant Immunization Week is April 21st through April 27th. The Nicholas County Health Center would like to remind parents that children need at least 12 shots before their second birthday in order to be protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.

According to figures released by National Infant Immunization, only 75 percent of children nationwide are fully protected with the 12 shot series. The study also indicates that percentages on some of the more recently introduced vaccines, such as the Hepatitis B vaccine, are even lower.

The study relates an outbreak of measles that occurred in 1989 and continued through 1991 to low immunization rates. Approximately 55,000 cases of

measles were reported in the United States, of those, 120 resulted in death, half of those were infants.

The Nicholas County Health Center stresses the importance of childhood immunization to make children less susceptible to debilitating diseases.

All vaccines are available at your family physician's office or at The Nicholas County Health Center.

Nicholas County Health Center nurse, Lee Konatzar with Rebekah Jones and son Michael Andrew Adkins as the nurse prepares to immunize Michael against many preventable childhood diseases.



Jonnie Bentz