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In Brief

Outdoor Mass to be held

There will be an outdoor mass at the Shrine of Our Lady on Sunday, July 11, 1996 at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hospital Auxiliary to meet

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, July 9th in the Hospital Conference Center at 10:00 a.m.

Notice to Purple Heart Recipients

All Veterans and Purple Heart Recipients interested in being in the parade Saturday, July 6 need to be at the Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Luminaries to be lit at Cemetery

On Thursday, July 4 and Saturday, July 6, Tourists will display luminaries in the shape of the American Flag, along with a replica of the Statue of Liberty.

Conferees provided

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Road repair planned for Cassidy Creek

According to John Keith, Chief District Engineer, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to replace existing deteriorated pipe on KY 2315 (Cassidy Creek Road) in Nicholas County between mile post 1.0 to 2.0. Work will be done by State Force. It will be necessary to close KY 2315 on July 9 and 10, 1996, for approximately 2 days.



The deteriorating supports of the pipeline located on Cassidy Creek Road are scheduled for repair. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will replace the existing supports on KY 2315 in Nicholas County. Repair work is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 10. Traffic will be detoured from this area.

Nicholas Co. Circuit and Deputy Clerks attend conference in Louisville

Circuit Clerk Sally Watkins and deputy clerks Tonia Darbo, Jamie Duncan and Melissa Fryman, representing Nicholas County, attended the 1996 Circuit and Deputy Clerks' Conference held in Louisville, June 19-21.

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Local students receive high honor at MSU

The Nicholas County students earned their degree with honors from Morehead State University during the 1996 Spring Semester.

They are: Stephanie Ann Duncan, Carlisle, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude.

Kimberly Denise Hardwick, Carlisle, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude.

To earn a degree Magna Cum Laude, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 to 3.59. To earn a degree Cum Laude, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 to 3.59 on a 4.0 scale.

Four students from Nicholas County completed degree requirements during Morehead

State University's graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 26.

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New Officers

On Wednesday, June 26 Nicholas County Lions Club inducted new officers. Pictured from left to right are: Secretary, Calvin Denton; Eldon Pearcefield, Lions Club International, new president; Frankie Hughes, Eddie Carter, Membership chairman, G.C. Myers, Treasurer and Steve Fryman first vice-president.

School Board up in arms

Nicholas County School Board meets in special session to attempt a "quick fix" on serious budget discrepancies.

On Wednesday evening, June 26, school board members met during a called meeting to hopefully straighten out the financial report and salary schedules for fiscal year 1995-96.

The first order of business was approval of the May 1996 financial report. However, there were some questions regarding the school's finances. It appears that beginning and ending balances were inaccurate. Therefore causing board members to question the May report.

The financial report in question was generated by a new accounting system, implemented and required by the state. The Mums system, as it is called, has created much financial confusion for board members because the system is new and board members are not familiar with the way it works.

Board member Donald Elder questioned the figures, after taking time for careful study, saying that from this report, it seemed there was very little money in the general fund, and

in order to pay salaries, money would have to be taken from the escrow account. Elder then questioned disbursements, pointing out that they were not itemized as they normally are. "What did the disbursements go for?" Elder questioned.

Nicholas County School Superintendent Randy Evely said in response to the question posed by Elder, "I don't understand those figures. KDE (the Kentucky Department of Education) did it, no one's really sat down and explained those figures." Adding to that, Evely said, "Everybody I've talked to that's been on Mums has been this way. It takes about six months to get it straightened out."

Elder further questioned the disbursements. "That figure looks awfully high. According to this, we're in the red. We don't have a cent to spend. All of our escrow money and general fund money is gone according to this." "Why didn't the state wait to implement this system?" asked Board Chairman John Cleaver, Jr. "This is a critical time. Why couldn't they have waited until July?"

According to Superintendent

Every, the State was supposed to allow the school system to run on live accounting systems to avoid this type of confusion, rather than doing that, they moved the existing system.

"Do you think this is accurate?" Board Chairman Cleaver asked Superintendent Evely.

"Well, there are some questions I've got that they haven't answered, but it's like pulling teeth to get anybody back. I don't know where they've put all the stuff," said Evely.

Chairman Cleaver asked if the school board had a choice about this new system. Superintendent Evely stated that they had no choice in the matter.

Following much discussion over what was thought to be inaccurate figures, a motion was made to table the approval of the May financial report until a representative from the state could study the receipts and assemble a more accurate statement.

The board then decided to table payment of bills and any other financial matters.

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Jammin'

The 57th Annual Blackberry Festival was officially under way Monday evening as the band, Sound Attitude, played selections of Pop, Rock and Country Music. Band members are Mike Hillcock, Rocky Ross, Billy Holin, Barry Moyers and Jerry Galbraith.



Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call at the Fogelman property on Moorefield Road. Property owners were leveling an old building when the dozer upset into a pile of burning debris. Dozer operator Bentley Applegate received minor burns to his back but sought his own treatment.