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Five in race for crown

Five young women are seeking the title of Blackberry Queen this year. Ivie Ritchie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ritchie. Her activities

during high school include FHA, Band, Spanish Club, FFA, and Ecology Club. Ivie enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She plans to attend beauty school.

Melissa Adams is the daughter of Rebecca Adams of Carlisle. She was a member of the Child Development

Program, as well as the Choir at NCHS. Melissa enjoys working with children, and her spare time enjoys spending time with family and friends.

She plans to attend Mayville Community College. Melissa Smith is the daughter of Gary and Deborah Smith.

Melissa has been a member of FHA, FFA, Pop Club, JET Club, and was girls varsity cheerleader.

She plans to attend the University of Kentucky and major in communications.

Husti Lynn Johnson is the daughter of Russell and Jimmie Johnson.

Ruth has been involved in track, softball, TLE, PCA, Pop Club, Ecology Club, yearbook, and was assistant for the Lady Jackets. She also served as editor-in-chief for the school newspaper.

She has been awarded the National English Merit Award, United States Achievement Award, and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Ruth plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and major in journalism.

Kristy Ring is the daughter of Chuck and Judy Ring. Kristy was a varsity cheerleader and was involved in Pop Club, Ecology Club, Drama Club, yearbook, FFA, and she is a member of the Health Occupation Students of America.

Kristy is presently attending night classes to become an emergency medical technician, and plans to graduate in the July. Her future plans include becoming an aero-paramedic.

Summer camps open to scouts

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - The Tri-State Area Council Boy Scouts of America will conduct summer camp programs at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, W.Va., for boys 11-18 who are registered scouts.

Eligible boys may choose either the June 30-July 6 or July 7-13 session.

Scouts may participate in a variety of activities including BMX bike racing, rappelling, archery and shotgun shooting. Traditional scout crafts will be offered along with swimming, canoeing, fishing and conservation projects.

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held July 15-19. The camp theme for this year will be "The Olympic Spirit" with boys enjoying swimming, boating and other physical activities.

Older Cubs and Webelos may attend the Cub Overnighter on July 16-19. Overnight camp provides opportunities for boys to work on sport belt loops and earn scout activity pins.

Discounts may be available for early registration. Camp scholarships are offered to qualifying scouts. Call the Scout Service Center at 1-800-523-2400 for a list of fees or to provide a scholarship for a needy boy.

Blue mold growth slowing Sunny weather slows growth, but threat still strong in state

LEXINGTON - The spread of blue mold, a tobacco disease probably present in most Kentucky counties east of Interstate 63, has slowed recently, largely due to sunny weather, which interrupts its life cycle.

The fungus, nonetheless, has a strong hold in the state. The disease has been confirmed in one-fourth of Kentucky's 120 counties including Nicholas, Fleming, Mason, Bracken, Robertson, Montgomery, Clark, Bourbon, Harrison, Scott, Rowan, Morgan, Franklin, Henry, Owen, Boone, Fayette, Woodford, Garrard, Madison, Anderson, Washington, Boyle, Casey, Wayne, Cumberland, Letcher, Hart, Grayson, Harlan and Meade counties.

"Weather has been the big player in slowing the spread of the fungus recently," William Nemuth, Extension plant pathologist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, said.

The disease has spread considerably, however, during the past four weeks and is becoming established in all counties east of 63. As a result, growers will need to maintain fungicidal controls in place until long periods of sunny weather permit.

Nemuth noted that the strain of the fungus prevalent this year, while extremely virulent, tends to move more slowly than strains that have invaded Kentucky in the past.

"This strain tends to cling tightly to the leaf, creating a dense, forklife mass," he said. "This characteristic makes it less likely for spores to become airborne and confound the spread of the disease to other plants."

Farmers who've used a new fungicide, Acrobat MZ, to help prevent blue mold in their fields, have experienced phenomenal

success, he said. Greg Tompkins, Extension agricultural agent in Cumberland County, observed that Acrobat MZ worked fast and efficiently in a field of recently set tobacco that began to show early symptoms of blue mold infection.

Tompkins noted, however, the farmer applied the fungicide according to label directions and made sure all plants were covered with the fungicide, even on the underside of leaves.

Nemuth said that sunlight is lethal to the fungus in a matter of seconds and may be a big help in slowing its spread. "As long as we have abundant sunlight, we can expect blue mold's spread to slow," he said. He urged farmers in counties with active blue mold to adopt the current regimen of fungicides to help keep the disease out of their fields and transplant systems. Transplant production systems statewide should be sprayed weekly.

Blackberry Festival activities announced

This year marks the 50 year celebration of the Blackberry Festival here in Carlisle. Members of Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism, and the American Legion have worked to make this year's celebration a memorable one.

The festival is slated to begin on Monday, July 1 and will run through Saturday, July 6. The local American Legion post will sponsor street dancing which will begin at 8:00 p.m. each evening and at midnight. Music will be provided by Sound and Parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6.

On the evening of Thursday, July 4, and Saturday, July 6, the Blackberry Queen will be crowned. A fireworks display will begin shortly after dark in recognition along with a replica of the Statue of Liberty. According to Gladys Strout, with the Carlisle/Nicholas County Fair Bears, known as the lambs, will be on display, only if weather permits.

There will be carnival rides on the courthouse lawn each night of the festival and many other activities traveled more than 10,000 enjoy.

In Brief

Tourism seeking acts for show

Nicholas County Tourism is seeking talented people to perform a variety show. For more information contact Cindy Strout at 289-3174 or Michelle Knapp at 289-4523.

Ruddles Mill School Reunion scheduled

Ruddles Mill School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 29, 1996 at the Ruddles Mill Christian Church. It will be a pot luck meal with utensils and drinks furnished. Will start at 6:30 P.M. Anyone who ever attended or worked at the school and guests are welcome.

Ellisville School holding reunion

Sunday, June 30, 1996 at the Old Jailers Home on Main Street in Carlisle at 12:30 to 5:00 o'clock with pot-luck at 1:00 P.M. For information call Ann Fryman at 289-2012 or June Wilson at 289-2518.

Purple Heart recipients wanted

The Nicholas County Tourism is still searching for Purple Heart Recipients all years. Anyone interested in being honored at the ceremony contact Gladys Strout at 289-5174.

Nicholas County Fish and Game Club to meet

The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will meet on Friday, June 28th at 7:30 P.M. at the Clubhouse. The meal will be pot-luck.

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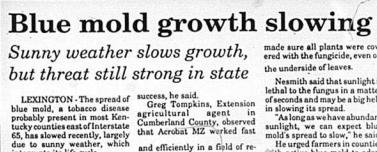


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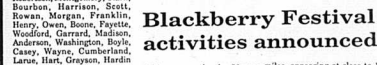


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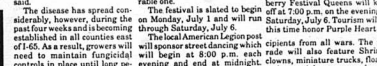
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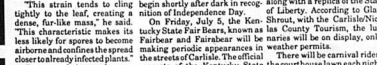
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