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In Brief

Congressional
mobile office to
be here March 11

The Sixth Congressional District Mobile Office staff will be setting up at the Nicholas County courthouse courtroom from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to discuss any concerns or listen to citizens' opinions.

Congressman Scotty Bassler will not be present.

Hospital auxiliary
plans meeting at
Nicholas library

The Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the Nicholas County Public Library March 12.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Turkey seminar
is scheduled
for March 9

The National Wild Turkey Federation turkey seminar will be held March 9, beginning at 9 a.m.

There is a \$2 admission fee and several door prizes will be given away, including a 12 gauge turkey shotgun. For details, contact Mark Hughes at 289-7200 or 289-2369. Breakfast and dinner will be available.

Storm Week is
declared for state

Officials have designated March 3-9 as Severe Storm Preparation Week for the state of Kentucky.

Tourism dinner is
to be April 20 at
Old Jail's Home

The annual Nicholas County tourism dinner will be held April 20 at the Old Jail's Home.

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

UK lab offers water testing

The University of Kentucky soil test lab offers water and nutrient solution testing.

The service is being offered to assist tobacco transplant producers and greenhouse or nursery operators in determining if a water source is suitable for their applications, said Bob Pearce, Extension agronomist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

The test will help determine if a water source is suitable for use in greenhouse applications. The primary purpose of this water testing service is for those who use water from private wells in their greenhouse or

outside beds," Pearce said. "Water provided by most municipal water systems will be acceptable for use in irrigation or float water, so not everyone needs to have their water tested."

Pearce said samples should be sent in bottles obtained from UK's soil testing lab along with submission forms. Sample bottles and instructions can be obtained from the county Extension office or UK's soil testing lab. Samples in other containers will only be accepted through special arrangement with the lab.

All samples sent to the lab must come through the county Extension office, and results will be returned to the office from which the samples originate. A copy of the results will also be forwarded to an extension specialist for recommendations to the county office shortly after receiving the raw results.

The specialist will send recommendations to the county office shortly after receiving the raw results. Pearce said the lab will test samples for pH, conductivity, alkalinity, nitrate-N, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, zinc, copper, iron and manganese.

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Three injured in US 68 wreck

Saturday, March 3, 2 miles East of Carlisle on U.S. 68, Carol

Copper, 47, of Lexington was the driver of a 1992 Hyundai. She

lost control of her vehicle. State police in Dry Ridge stated that the driver had picked up on the floor of her car and as she was raising up lost control of her vehicle. The driver and 2 passengers flipped over

into the ditch where the car rested on its top. Ms. Cooper suffered leg injuries and her 2 passengers traveling back home to Mayeville, Poalete Gill and James Gill also suffered chest

and rib injuries. All three were treated and released from the Nicholas County Hospital, shortly after. However, the 1992 Hyundai was a total loss.

Kentucky State Police troopers investigate the scene of a wreck on US 68 that left three people injured this weekend.



The chimney atop the Depot Bank of Carlisle began to sway this week with high winds that swept through the area Tuesday afternoon. The mortar also began crumbling and the bricks began falling.

Courthouse roof repairs County gives contractor \$10,000 more

By Kristie Harrod
Of The Carlisle Mercury

CARLISLE — A special meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court was called to order on Thursday, Feb. 29.

The agenda included a discussion of the courthouse roof project, currently under way. Present at the meeting were Melvin Whitaker, supervisor for Orlentange Restoration and Jim Piper, an architect for Lyle and Associates.

Whitaker addressed the court concerning retreating wood in the lookouts which support the metal gutters around the roof. Whitaker found nearly 60 percent of the lookouts needed to be replaced. "Of the first 60 feet worked around the roof, we found about 28 feet to be okay, but we had to replace nearly all of the lookouts within the other 30 feet," he said.

These extra repairs were not anticipated and were not included in the bid submitted to Orlentange Restoration. There are additional funds available to complete the project.

This was met with much rebuttal from some Nicholas County magistrates. Darrell Stacy proposed that with the age of the roof taken into consideration, some of these so-called extra costs should have been foreseen and therefore included in the bid and finally the contract. "I was under the understanding once we accepted that bid, that was what it was going to cost," Stacy went on to say that it seemed to him that the company with the experience of Orlentange should have included this in the bid.

"Every job has unseen problems and if you figure it out and try to guess what there you'll never get the job because your

company's bid will be higher. It would be hard to come up with a percentage of how much wood is bad without actually seeing it," said Whitaker.

Jim Piper, of Lyle and Associates maintained that there is no possible way that a company can estimate how much or how little rotten wood is hidden until the old roofing material is removed.

Whitaker also stated that Tom Snyder, President of Orlentange, would be willing to work with the Fiscal Court and try to be fair.

Progress on the roof put the estimate for the extra cost of repair at \$10,000 which should cover the remainder of the roof and any other lookouts in need of repair.

County Attorney Jack Conley studied the contract and said the contract says don't seem to cover this, and the architect has confirmed that it is not covered," Conley added. "I think you need to work something out, the best you can."

Conley also said, "They said they (Orlentange Restoration) were willing to work with you. I would hope that could be done. I don't see why the county should have to take the full bath. To me, this kind of thing, it's not anticipated, it should have been, at least to some degree." Conley added that any amount over \$10,000 would require a new bid.

After a brief discussion of the matter the Fiscal Court reluctantly approved the additional cost. Conley said that this would be the end of the issue.

The regular meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court will be held Tuesday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m.



Nichella Hopkins

NCHS grad is named KIAC MVP

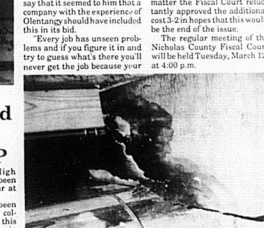
A Nicholas County High School 1994 graduate has been doing well at her first year at Midway College.

Nichella Hopkins has been playing basketball for the college, and has been named this year's Most Valuable Player in the women's KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) Division II.

Hopkins was also honored as a member of the 1996 KIAC Division II All-Conference Team.

"NCHS has had 10 graduates go on to play collegiate sports. The other graduates are Daniel and John Brown, playing basketball at Berea College, Nikki Smart (basketball) and Travis Sims and Jarred With (baseball) at Georgetown College.

Ron Newby (football) at Sue Bennett College, Tracy Early (baseball) at Union College and Kim Dickinson (baseball) at the University of Kentucky.



This is an example of the damage to the roof of the Nicholas County courthouse. Above is a photo of the supports under the rafters, with decayed wood visible.

Grass fire burns building, 2 acres

Nicholas County Fire Chief, Mark Hughes reported a grass fire in Blue Lake. The fire started when residents were burning trash. Hughes stated that at times are very strong.

These winds could cause a small fire to grow into a very large one. Make sure to take the correct precautions when burning trash or other objects outdoors.

Hughes emphasized that in the month of March and as you are well aware, March brings drier weather and winds that at times are very strong.

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