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Twelve chosen for Youth Salute

NCHS students recognized for school, community involvement

Twelve students from Nicholas County High School have been chosen as the 1996 Youth Salute winners. To qualify the student had to be a Junior (senior class of 97), have a 3.0 GPA or better and been elected to a position of leadership in a school, religious or community sponsored organization during the past two years. Students were nominated by teachers, guidance counselors and principals for this year's award. Only six of the salutes were shown in this week's edition due to space limitations; the other six salutes will be shown in next week's edition. Among this year's recipients:

Holly Carolyn Becker She is the daughter of Jeff and Georgia Becker of Morefield. She is active in Drama Club, Yearbook Staff, Kentucky Youth Assembly, Future Homemakers of America, Newspaper Staff, and Prom Committee. Becker is also active in her church's Youth Group and is a Church Devotion and Bath County 4-H.

Kayte Sexton She is the daughter of Darrell and Anna Sexton of Carlisle. She is active in the Drama Club, Ecology Club,

FCA, French Club and Pep Club. She was chosen Who's Who Among American High School Students, Snowflake Process Candidate, Freshman Homecoming attendant and Honor Roll maintaining a GPA of 3.8.

Hannah Ballingal Hunt She is the daughter of Dennis and Katie B. Hunt of Carlisle. Hunt is active in the Kentucky Youth Assembly, Yearbook Staff, Pep Club, Drama Club, French Club, Foreign Language Festival and Boys Varsity Cheerleading.

Hunt was chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students, National English Merit Scholar, Co-Captain of Boys Varsity Cheerleading Squad, Freshman and Sophomore Homecoming Attendants, and Bill Author at Kentucky Youth Assembly. Hunt attends Carlisle

Christian Church and is a bible school teacher, she also is an assistant teacher at the Town & Village School of Dance and is on the school's competition team. Hunt plans to attend the University of Kentucky to become an orthodontic assistant.

After high school Metcalfe is undecided on her college plans, but has decided her career plans will be Theatre and a English major.

Jonnie Carole Bents She is the daughter of Lee and Edith Bents of Carlisle. She was chosen Vice President of the Art Club and is active in the student council. Maintaining a 3.75 GPA, she is a member of the marching band holding first chair in also saxophone. She is on the academic team, lettering in academics.

She also received second place in French oral proficiency and third place in French written proficiency in the regional Foreign Language Festival.

Bents is also active in The First Baptist Church choir and the church's youth council, the community's Christmas and Easter Cantata.

Bents is undecided of her plans after high school.



Jennifer Caswell Kayte Sexton
Jonnie Bents Megan Metcalfe
Hannah Hunt Holly Becker



The jailer's new car
This Ford Crown Victoria, similar to vehicle used by the Kentucky State Police, was purchased recently by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court for use by NC Jailer Billy MacCaulee. The car replaces an older model Crown Victoria.

New law affects young drivers

A new law to take effect October 1 may help ease one of parents' worst fears, that their children will be involved in an auto mobile accident. According to Nicholas County Attorney Joseph H. (Doc) Conley, the law, called the graduated driving law, calls for more training for young drivers, drivers education for new drivers, and stricter enforcement of the current DUI law for those under age 21.

Conley said the law includes these provisions:

- New drivers can still obtain their learner's permits at age 16 but will not be eligible to take the driver's exam until after 180 days, rather than 30 days.
- Learners are allowed to drive only with another licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older.
- Drivers with instruction permits under the age of 18 cannot drive between the hours of midnight and six a.m. unless they can prove

good cause, such as emergencies, involvement in school-related activities or work-related activities.

- Drivers under the age of 18 who accumulate more than six points against their licenses may have them suspended.
- New drivers between the age of 16 and 18 must enroll in a driver's education course before they will be issued driver's licenses.
- Driver's under the age 21 cannot drink and drive. The law changes blood-alcohol content for minors to 0.02 percent rather than the 0.10 percent for those 21 and older.
- The lowered blood-alcohol limit is one of the biggest changes, Conley said. "It would take very little to raise a person's blood alcohol content to 0.02. That would be the equivalent of a 100 percent deviation in the future."
- Conley said, though, that a driver under the age of 21 convicted of driving with a blood-alcohol content of 0.10 the person will be subject to the same penalties established for those 21 and older.

"Our lawmakers designed this bill, in part to help curb the financial cost of automobile accidents involving teenagers," said Conley. "But we all agree that the most desirable outcome will be the protection and safety of our youth."

County awards paint contract, car for Jailer
By Laura Fryman Staff Writer

A new paint job for a bridge and a new car for the county jailer took only 10 minutes of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court last week.

Court members approved a \$6,500 contract to paint the historical Blue Licks Bridge on Old U.S. 68.

Raymond H. Panning, owned by Ricky Wilcox, was awarded the bid.

The court also approved the \$9,800 purchase of a car for the county jailer.

A Crown Victoria, with blood-alcohol content bought from Blue Street Motors.

The court also voted to transfer \$9,800 into the car account.

Special camp to be held at 4-H center

Camp ECHO (Encouraging Children's Healing Opportunities) will be held Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, 1996 at North Central 4-H Camp in Nicholas County. The camp is a weekend retreat for children who have experienced the death of a family member.

Children are scheduled to arrive at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11 and depart around 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 13. Approximately 50 children, aged six to 12, will attend the

second grief camp sponsored by Hospice of the Bluegrass, Hospice of Jessamine County and Hospice of Hope.

Trained professionals at Camp ECHO will offer a safe environment for children to share their feelings, to understand that their feelings of grief are normal and to develop skills to cope with their grief.

Children will participate in arts and crafts, games, nature hikes and grief groups; activities which help promote expression of grief.



Open to the public
Rhonda Byrd and Connie Willis speak at an open house held Monday, September 30 at NCHS.