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Annual Blackberry Festival set June 30-July 5



MANDY STORM RACHEL NEWBY ANGELA SEXTON TAMARA TIPTON CHANDRA EVANS MEGAN METCALFE

Blackberry Festival Queen candidates announced; ceremony Thursday after parade

The 1997 Blackberry Festival is scheduled Monday, June 30 through Saturday, July 5, this year at downtown Carlisle. The annual highlight, Student Carnival, promises to be fun for all ages while street dancing all night and of course, Thursday night's crowning of the 1997 Blackberry Queen begins after the parade, which is set for 7 p.m.

Queen candidates include six Nicholas County girls: Mandy Storm, Rachel Newby, Angela Sexton, Tamara Tipton, Chandra Evans and Megan Metcalfe.

Friday night's fireworks, will fulfill a patriotic tradition. The 2 p.m. Saturday get-together is a new highlight and Dorsey Watkins, member of sponsor American Legion Post 17, The Kentucky State Fair Bears will make a repeat visit as they were a big hit last year. John Ecton is the Post 17 commander.

Schedule of Events
Monday, June 30
Street Dancing 8 p.m. to midnight
Carnival
Bingo 7:30

Tuesday, July 1
Street Dancing 8 p.m. to midnight
Carnival
Bingo 7:30

Wednesday, July 2
Street Dancing 8 p.m. to midnight
Carnival
Bingo 7:30

Thursday, July 3
Street Dancing 8 p.m. to midnight
Carnival
Bingo 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 4
Street Dancing 8 p.m. to midnight
Carnival
Bingo 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 5
Pet Show 2 p.m.
Street Dancing 8 p.m. to midnight
Carnival
Bingo 7:30 p.m.

For more information about events, call Watkins at 239-2384. Blackberry Festival Queen candidates include:
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Ishmael Chapel Bridge may open Friday

Ishmael Chapel Bridge located off Ky. 36 in Nicholas County at Myers is being replaced and newly constructed by Dillon Construction of Flemingsburg. The bridge is above the railroad by about 21 feet and is 68 feet long and 16 feet wide. From left are Chris Hunter, Billy Ray Hunter, Dillon Construction estimator Robert Reeder, Kari Beth Stacy, Magistrate Gary Stacy and Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith. The bridge should be open Friday. Smith said the Miller Station Bridge is awaiting right-of-way.



Jennifer Livingood

Student of the Week

Jennifer Livingood is this week's student of the week. She is the daughter of Rick and Linda Livingood of Carlisle and will be a junior at Nicholas County High School this fall. She likes science, is the FFA treasurer, and enjoys being on the basketball and softball teams the past four years. She was nominated by Coach Mike Kenney. "Jennifer's a good student, very responsible, cooperative and a hard worker and is active in both academics and athletics."

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.

State education head may question charges

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

Preliminary charges against Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Leavely are reportedly being questioned by the Kentucky Department of Education's legal department. Attorney John Reising, legal counsel for Kentucky Department of Education, said Tuesday afternoon Commissioner Wilmer Cody had evidently received the list of preliminary charges. But she couldn't give details of the list. "I think he's going to issue something but I can't comment on this situation. Reising said adding Cody's action could be soon. My best advice is to point out the statute 160.3 it says charges will be spread on the minutes. Those are the keys. I don't know if this preliminary charges has ever been done before."

KRS 160.350 (3) as stated in the 1992 edition of Kentucky School Law states: A superintendent's action may be removed for cause by vote of four-fifths of the membership of board of education and upon approval by the chief state school officer (Cody).

However, if the dismissal of the superintendent has been recommended by a Kentucky distinguished educator permanent to KRS 158.6455 and the action is approved by the chief state school officer, the board shall terminate the superintendent's contract.

Written notice setting out the charges for removal shall be spread on the minutes of the board and given to the superintendent. The board shall seek approval by the chief state school officer for removing the superintendent.

The chief state school officer shall investigate the accuracy of the charges made, evaluate the superintendent's overall performance during his appointment, and consider the educational performance of the students in the district. Within 30 days of notification, he shall either approve or reject the board's request.

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