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In Brief- Meet the Candidates scheduled for May

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Meet the Local Candidates" event on Thursday, May 7, 6:30 P.M. in the Nicholas County Elementary School cafeteria. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special meeting and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with your local community leaders and representatives.

The event will be open session, allowing you the chance to ask questions and state opinions concerning your community.

All candidates, both Republican and Democratic, have been invited to take part in this special forum. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and admission is free.

Yearbooks are here!

The 1997 Yearbooks have arrived at Nicholas County High School and can be picked up Friday after 12:00 P.M.

Conservation meeting scheduled for May

The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday May 6, at 7:30 P.M. at the Old Armory in Carlisle.

Club seeking new Democratic members

The Nicholas County Democratic Women's Club is requesting new members.

The Club is open to all registered Democratic women and meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Several Democratic candidates and representatives have attended Club meetings and events in the past, including Democratic Congressional candidate Teresa Heaz and Alice Buehler, wife of Scott Heaz.

The Club invites every Democratic woman that wants to take an active interest in her community to join and help make a difference.

For more information, call Joan Morris at 283-7085.

Carlisle Garden Club seeks new members

The Carlisle Garden Club is seeking new members of all ages. To allow this opportunity to anyone who may be working, the possibility of meeting on Saturdays will be considered.

For more information please contact Judy Neils at 283-6783 or Naomi Dale at 283-2876.

Two injured in plane crash

Two men were injured Friday in Mt. Sterling after their plane crashed during an apparent landing, according to Kentucky State Police.

Police said that pilot John Hill, 55, of Mt. Lake Park, Md., and Mike Burnside, 46, of Georgetown, a passenger, were landing their twin engine plane at the Montgomery County Airport when the accident occurred at about 4:30 p.m. Both were transported to Mary Chiles Hospital and later to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center.

They are currently listed in stable condition.

The accident remains under investigation by Trooper the Yeaman, the FAA and the NTSB.



The Nicholas County Lady Jackets Varsity team poses after receiving awards at the annual banquet held on Friday, April 24.

Locals meet with Frankfort representatives to discuss Kentucky Health Select Program

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark held a special meeting at City Hall Tuesday morning, April 28, to meet with officials of Frankfort, Kentucky Health Select representatives and locals concerned with the Kentucky Health Select Program that now governs Medicaid recipients and their prescription needs.

David Zachary of Hopkins Drug Company, and Rusty Lawrence, of Carlisle Drug Company, were on hand to discuss the problems they face and the difficulties affecting the community, especially the elderly, in relation to the Program.

The two pharmacists were given the opportunity to speak their minds on the issue, relating incidents with recent customers who were forced to purchase medications with their own limited amount of strictly budgeted money because mail-order prescriptions had yet to be delivered.

Local Gullinath of the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center, said that many of the people who visit the Center have been faced

with situations that have left the elderly of the community without their much needed medication for, in some cases, days at a time.

The general consensus of community representatives was that prescription availability needs to be in Carlisle, like it was for so many years.

Lawrence stated that in such a small community, drug companies like his, and Zachary's could not afford to stock the amounts of medication required by the Program and that they simply "could not make a living" under the plan.

Both Zachary and Lawrence said the entire community of Nicholas County could suffer from the loss of Medicaid recipients to other counties.

The two pharmacists stated that approximately 85-90% of their total business was in prescription medication and with the Program, they would lose a number of valued customers.

With the loss of so many patients and customers, the pharmacies could eventually close and to their business altogether.

Most citizens of Nicholas County rely on local shops and businesses for their daily needs and would suffer a loss if

the drug stores were to stop serving the community.

After listening to the statements made by representatives of the community, Dennis Boyd, Commissioner for the Department of Medicaid Services in Frankfort, and John Morris, Secretary for the Cabinet of Health Services, discussed the various benefits of the Program and talked with both Zachary and Lawrence about ways to make it work in Carlisle.

Mary Evelyn Curtis, with Kentucky Health Select, gave a description of the process and how other counties had used it to their advantage for their local needs.

Curtis stated that Mark Hughes has been contracted to pick up and deliver medications to those who have an immediate emergency for the drug, but are unable to travel out of the county to get it themselves.

She also said that many people had been traveling to Paris to have their prescriptions filled even before the Program was enacted.

Both Zachary and Lawrence agreed that if some changes were made to the Program concerning cost and volume, they would be willing to become a part of the act and help the community.

Lady Jackets attend annual banquet

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

An annual banquet was held at the Nicholas County High School Friday, April 24, in honor of the Nicholas County Lady Jackets.

The team was awarded for their commitment to the game and their school, as well as for their academic excellence.

Amy Hatfield, a senior and graduating student on the team, delivered an address of thanks before enjoying a dinner of chicken, ham and homemade dishes and desserts.

The Junior Varsity team was recognized for their participation in this annual at Friday's banquet, as well.

Coach Barbara Kewey presented on three team All-Stars: Kahlia, Amy Hatfield and Nicholas County's Lady Jackets high sweatshirt and a trophy to use once they leave college.

Mamie Johnson Day was recognized in special memorial service Tuesday

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

A special memorial service for Mamie Johnson was held Tuesday afternoon, April 28, on the grounds of the Nicholas County Elementary School.

In honor of her memory, Child Abuse Prevention Month, a cause which Day was certainly devoted to, nine Nicholas County Elementary School students created posters for which they were rewarded.

Also at the memorial were many officials and representatives of Carlisle and Nicholas County.

Greg Reid, Nicholas County High School Principal, and Ron Baker, Assistant Principal at the high school, made brief speeches about the commitment and hard work always displayed by Day.

Day's family pastor spoke to the group of friends that gathered to remember her love and caring in the special ceremony.

Her brother, Freddy Johnson, also spoke about the love and dedication of the social worker.

Watson read a special poem that said "In Pre", which certainly stated the emotions and compassion of this dedicated woman, who is missed by so many.



The family of Mamie J. Day attended a special ceremony held in her honor on Tuesday, April 28, in Nicholas County. Pictured left to right are Kathy Reed, Freddy Johnson, Marguerite Shauter, James Johnson III, James Johnson, Jr., James Jacob, Sr., Georgia Childers, William Gullinath, Carrie Stachurs and Mary Hawkins, a friend of the family.