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Homeschoolers support group to meet Sept. 14

The Tri-County Homeschoolers support group will be having their 6th annual picnic on Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. The picnic will be held at Little Switzerland, Old Lair Road in Cynthiana, and will be open to the public.

Tri-County Homeschoolers began in 1992 by Anne Lath of Cynthiana. Mrs. Lath saw the need for a support group for persons homeschooling and those who were curious about the subject.

At the first meeting of the group, 12 people were present representing 7 families. The group grew and as of last year more than 75 people were in attendance representing 43 families.

The group officers are expecting about 80 people for this year picnic and meeting. More families are opting to keep their children at home for their education due to many social and religious reasons.

Gena Steele, Tri-County Homeschoolers Support Group president for 1996-97 school year invites anyone who is currently homeschooling, anyone thinking of homeschooling, anyone curious about homeschooling or anyone simply wanting to attend this event on the 14th of September.

The picnic will be potluck, anyone attending is asked to bring two dishes, a two-liter soft drink in a plastic container to offer each person in your family. Anyone needing more information call Gena Steele at 234-0915.

Tri-County Homeschoolers serves Harrison, Nicholas and Bourbon Counties.

Conservation District to meet
The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Armory in Carlisle.

Prescriptions can be filled locally now
Elderly residents of Carlisle and Nicholas County will now have the option to fill their prescriptions right here in their hometown.

Both David Zachary of Hopkins Drug and Rusty Lawrence of the Carlisle Drug Co. made an agreement with Kentucky Health Select to sign a new contract.

The two drug stores had initially stated that their reimbursement contract would not cover the terms of the Kentucky Health Select contract due to the number of Medicaid recipients customers they serve.

Although Zachary does not expect to close his business due to the problems, Lawrence fears that the possibility is strong for loss.

Saltwell News to discontinue
It is with regret that I must discontinue the Saltwell news column every 28 years. I am Mrs. Fred Hollar. But my health will not permit me to continue unless someone else will volunteer to write it.

Jailer's report
Billy Mac Causee-Jailer Miles Traveled—2000. Prisoners incarcerated as of 8/21/98 (12). Inmates transported from jail (50). Discharges—\$72.00. Expenses on Jailer's Car, \$1,000.00. Miscellaneous Expense—None. Work Release money over to Court for July 1998—\$485.



Kenneth "Janet" Brown, left, Rowan Tech Patrick, right, signed an agreement Monday to form a consortium to provide a degree in respiratory therapy in Morehead, Mayville and Ashland.

Governor visits Morehead Colleges become partners for respiratory care degree

By KIM HAMILTON Staff Writer

Governor Paul Patton visited Morehead Monday to sign an official agreement that will connect three area colleges to offer an associate respiratory therapy degree.

The formation of the North-east Kentucky Consortium Respiratory Care will offer the new degree program at Rowan Technical College, Ashland Community College and Mayville Community College.

Patton was the keynote speaker for the ceremony held in Morehead at Rowan's technical college, formerly Rowan Tech. About 80 people were in attendance.

"We want to motivate you people to improve their educational status, and this is one of the programs to convince you Kentuckians that education pays," Patton said.

"This program allows students to earn an associate degree from a college in their area they want to attend. We believe this will show the way for many more students," said Kenneth "Janet" Brown, Director of Rowan Technical College.

"It's a sacrifice to get a post-secondary education," Patton said.

The respiratory care program is a selective admission program, and students can apply after completing their general education requirements.

The first class will be admitted for fall semester 1999. "The significance of this consortium is that it will give students the opportunity to receive a degree which will be required in order to practice," Brown said.

"This is the first consortium approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and we are the only one to be signed with House Bill 15 legislation to better serve students in a providing career option for new students, the program will allow those who completed the technician-level program at Rowan to upgrade their skills to the associate degree level that is expected to become the national standard in three years.

"The ability to increase educational opportunities in the state is one of the main goals cited in the 1993 legislation that established the community and technical college system.

"This consortium is one of the first joint agreements out of the community and technical college system. The respiratory care degree is also one of the first to be granted through the community and technical college system rather than the University of Kentucky.

Tuition-free status for Paris students to change

The Paris school board stated in a meeting Thursday evening, Aug. 20, that an effort to transfer state funding would not be given to students who reside in Paris to go tuition-free in Bourbon County schools.

Donna Giddings argued that because the county schools have more programs, state money should follow students across district lines and allow families to send their children where they wish.

Angela Plummer, school board member, stated, "This school system has been around for over 100 years."

Plummer included, "Not everything is going to be perfect, but you've got to give us a chance."

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Legislator is hired for new MSU position
There was a conflict of interest, Morgan said Thursday. "As a legislator, he votes on allocations of monies" for state universities.

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Church is in need of repairs
Wesley Chapel, C.M.E. Church, Pastors are in need of repairs. We are asking help from the community.

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