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### FHA Star Event participants

Three Nicholas County High School students with Future Homebuilders of America, participated in Star Events recently. From left: Kim Trussell, participant, Jeriah Stacy, winner, and Shavon Bookler. Stacy will advance to regionals March 12 at the University of Kentucky. State competition is April 7-8 and 9.

### Board of education adopts employee sick leave bank

The Nicholas County Board of Education adopted a policy for a sick leave bank for classified employees during its special meeting Monday.

On a motion from board vice chair Dennis Gill Matten and seconded by member Don Elder, the board approved the policy.

The policy passed 4-0, with board members Sherry Uptegrah and their Mona Vies voting yes. Board member Ricky Hicks was absent.

Elementary School Principal Marvin Moore and School Nurse Vicki Fleming, along with three parents, discussed the head lice problem at the school.

The board also heard presentations from Tim Lemaster, a financial analyst, in regard to the position of a board finance officer.

He listed three areas of expertise regarding the position. They were internal control and financial management.

Matten and Uptegrah to develop a job description for the position. No action was taken.

Marvin Sue Taylor gave a report on her trip to Washington D.C. and a report on Kentucky food service directors legislative

action efforts in regard to the reauthorization of the national school lunch program. No action was taken.

Mr. Hammons, director of Buildings and Grounds, gave a report on necessary repairs for the central office roof, gutters, windows and doors reported on the condition of a boiler at the high school, underpinning needed for new mobile home units and the need for an architect and engineer to perform track planning and development. No action was taken.

The board voted 4-0 to authorize Hammons to advertise bids for repairs to make repairs to the central office.

The board voted 4-0 to acknowledge the receipt of school allocations for the 1998-99 school year and direct principals to review and meet with the board on Monday, March 2.

The board voted 4-0 to enter executive (closed) session to discuss proposed litigation. The board returned to open session before adjourning.

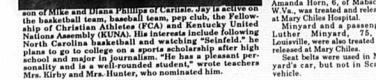
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### Head lice is problem at Nicholas schools

Nurse says parents not doing enough

By KIM HAMILTON Staff Writer

A head lice problem at Nicholas County Schools has parents upset, teachers on their guard and students missing school.

Unnecessarily warm weather, lice resistance to shampoos and students' heads cleared up has caused the problem to worsen since the beginning of school in fall, according to Vicky Fleming, school nurse.

"We had a parent meeting, but only four parents showed up. That's bad," Fleming said. "We had a lot of parents complain, so we had to get more information out to them about how to prevent the lice, but I'm more than that many showed up. I wonder if they're really concerned or they just want to wipe their noses."

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Most of the problem is occurring with students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Fleming said the school system has been hit with more lice this year, but there are no more students affected here than other school systems close by.

"A lot of times it's the same students who are bringing lice back into school. We think parents aren't doing enough to clean up the environment around their homes," Fleming said.

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### Tobacco sales extended

Markets will re-open April 8

By KIM HAMILTON Staff Writer

Tobacco sales have been extended to the second week of April to help farmers who still have quantities of uncrured burley that need to be sold.

The last sale date was going to be Feb. 26, but because much of the tobacco crop hadn't cured yet, the sale date had to be extended to March 2.

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In January officials said the uncrured tobacco from growers' Federal law prohibits the pool from buying tobacco without the

leaf being put up for auction first. The pool is also prohibited from buying uncrured, damaged or frozen burley because it would have no value under the federal price support system.

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