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JMHC auxiliary to hold Christmas Bazaar Nov. 20

The Johnson-Mathers Health Care Auxiliary has been busy preparing for its annual Christmas Bazaar, to be held Friday, Nov. 20 at the hospital lobby and the auxiliary's corner boutique, according to Cassinda Bechanan, volunteer coordinator.

The bazaar is from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the home-baked goods and Christmas merchandise, there will be five local crafters that will be set up in the lobby of the JMHC nursing home.

The bazaar this year will feature numerous ornaments, Kentucky cookbooks, kitchen linens, angels, Christmas pins, mugs, cookie cutters and more.

Especially for the 1998 bazaar, the auxiliary will debut the first in a series of historic Nicholas County ornaments. Quantities are limited.

As always, there will be an assortment of home-baked items, including: sausage biscuits, country ham sandwiches, breads, tarts and others.

For those who can't attend the bazaar, an auxiliary member can drop off a sack lunch to your home or business.

The lunch will include a country ham sandwich, chips and homemade brownie for $3.50.

The auxiliary will be delivering these to residents within the Carlisle city limits.

If your office would like to order ahead, please call Bechanan at 289-7181.

The auxiliary invites everyone to attend the annual bazaar.

All of the proceds from the bazaar will directly benefit the hospital and nursing home patients.

Open House at Senior Citizen Centeris Dec. 5

There will be an Open House at the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center at 124 Main Street, Carlisle, on Dec. 5, starting at 10 a.m.

Baked goods will be sold all day. There will be a chili meal available from 11 a.m. on through the day.

There will also be a craft show and sale during the day. Outside crafters will display homemade gifts and goodies at the center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Folks at the center invite the public to have lunch or supper with them and see the improvements to the center.

For more information, contact Carol Galbraith at 289-2729 or Nancye Lyons at 289-2577.

Information on school delays, cancellations

School superintendent Greg Reid has announced that information about school closings and delays will be available from local television and radio stations.

He asks that parents not tie up the phone lines by calling the office of superintendent or principals.

Radio stations that will air closings in Lexington are: WLAP - 630 AM, WBUL - 98.1 FM; WMXL - 94.5 FM; WAHY - 107.9 FM; WKQQ - 100.1 FM; WVLK - 93 FM; WJMM - 99.3.

In Owingsville, WKCA - 107 FM; Mt. Sterling, WMST - 1150 FM; Maysville, WFTM - 95.9 FM.

Television stations to air closings will be WTVQ - channel 36; WKYT - channel 27; WLEX - channel 18.

Burley sales calendar 1998 crop

Sales begin, Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Holiday, no sales, Nov. 26 and 27
Sales Resume, Nov. 30
Sales continue Monday through Thursday weekly
Christmas Holiday break, after completion of sales, Dec. 17
Sales resume, Jan. 5, 1999
Martin Luther King Jr. observance, no sales, Jan. 18
Market closes, Feb. 26

Kim Hamilton photo

Planning project supplies

Kara Wells, 10, granddaughter of Jane and Buddy Crump of Carlisle, was spotted Tuesday coming out of Hopkins Drug Store after purchasing supplies for a conservation poster project at Nicholas County Elementary School.

School board moves forward with high school renovation

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The Nicholas County School Board is moving forward with plans to renovate and build a new wing at the high school.

On Monday night, Nov. 17, the board voted to approve work performance specifications and air monitoring management for the removal of asbestos containing material at the high school.

An asbestos plan is part of the process plan for tearing down public buildings.

Superintendent Greg Reid said that construction to build a new wing onto the high school will start in January.

Construction to renovate an old section of the high school will be done around June 1, when school is out for the summer.

The total cost for the two projects is estimated at about $3.2 million, according to Reid.

The new wing will hold six standard classrooms and a new entrance to the school so visitors will have easier access to principal's office.

Visitors to any of the schools must check in at the office, but the high school's office is currently located on the side of the building toward the middle of the school.

That makes it difficult for visitors to know where to stop and difficult for administrative personnel to know if there are visitors in the school.

A check-in system is safer for students.

Construction on the old wing, which is the original block structure built in 1952, will include a new structure, floors, lighting, restrooms and walls.

Offices will be changed, heating and air-conditioning units will be upgraded. The old units and the boiler will be taken out and will be replaced with a central air type of unit.

"This will be a positive thing," Reid said. "It will change the whole outlook of high school students. It will be a modern facility that will solve space and the "floating" classroom problems we've seen. There's a lot of excitement about that."

In other action, Travis Sims was hired as eighth grade boys basketball coach; Barry Bretz was hired as seventh grade boys basketball coach and Mary Jane Hatton, Shirley Doughton, Ruth Livingood and Ronald Ruele were employed as substitute teachers.

The board authorized Reid to advertise for bids for Worker's Compensation coverage for 1999.

The board also authorized the standard unused sick leave program for classified employees as recommended by the superintendent.

The board voted to approve the Rotary Club's use of the high school gym for a Christmas gospel concert on Dec. 12.

Advanced art and humanities classes were approved to take a field trip to the Cincinnati Art Museum on Nov. 19.

The board went into closed session to discuss pending litigation, but no action was taken.

The board voted to change the regular meeting scheduled for Dec. 21 to a called meeting to be held Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

Students will go to Frankfort, Louisville for mock legislature

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Twenty-five Nicholas County High School students who are Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) delegates, will travel to Frankfort and Louisville this weekend to participate in mock legislative sessions.

Some will go to the Senate and House of Representatives at the capitol to write bills.

Two other students, David Flora and Weston Smoot, will be supreme court delegates and will argue a court case.

Two other students, Katie Hopkins and Kyle Galbraith, will participate in writing federal legislation on the Wendell Ford Forum.

One student, Allison Grant, will serve as a lobbyist.

Other students participating will be Billy Allison, Stuart Baird, Paul Baker, Jimmy Bentz, Jacob Broderick, Timmy Crump, Sarah Curtsinger;

Monica Espinosa, Jay Grant, Lori Hilander, Dustin Hill, Forest Hunt, Ryan Hunter, Crystal Pryor, Kyle Rector, Richard Reid, Gretchen Roberts;

Allison Sanders, Mindy Simons, Ryan Uptegraft and Brian Wagoner.

The students will participate Sunday, Monday and half of Tuesday.

For community service, the KYA group has adopted pen pals at the nursing home and washed school bus windows.

Sandy Hook man killed in accident

A 50-year-old Sandy Hook was killed in a single-car crash in Elliott County Thursday, Kentucky State Police Post 8 in Morehead said.

Leonard R. Daniel, a passenger in a car driven driven by Kenneth Skaggs, 30, address unknown, was pronounced dead at the scene by Elliott County Coroner Mark Lewis, after the crash at 2 a.m.

Skaggs was driving an eastbound 1987 Pontiac on KY 702, when he failed to negotiate a curve, left the roadway and struck a tree, about seven miles west of Sandy Hook, according to police.

Skaggs was transported to UK Medical Center in Lexington by UK Air Ambulance, with multiple injuries. A second passenger, Kevin Trent, 26, of Sandy Hook, received minor injuries. It is unknown if Trent was treated.

No seat belts were in use. Elliott County Ambulance, Elliott County Fire-Rescue and Elliott County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene. Trooper Tim Gibbs is the investigating officer.

Arrest made in truck stop robbery

A 19-year-old Garrison man was arrested Wednesday, in connection with an armed robbery of a AA Highway truck stop.

Scott Robert Acton, 19, of Garrison, was charged with first-degree robbery. He is lodged in the Lewis County jail, Kentucky State Police Post 8 in Morehead said.

Local man killed when gun goes off

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

A local man died Monday as the result of a gun discharging inside a pickup truck after he and his father had been hunting, according to police.

The Kentucky State Police said Thurman Townsend Jr., 53, of Carlisle, was returning home from a hunting trip with his father and they were driving down a farm road behind their residence when they hit a rut in the roadway, apparently causing a rifle to discharge, striking Townsend.

He was transported to by Emergency Medical Services workers to Johnson-Mathers hospital, where he was pronounced dead by the attending physician, according to police.

The incident occurred on Crooked Creek Road at about 1:50 p.m.

No foul play is suspected in the incident and the case is still under investigation by Detective Steve Auvenshine and Trooper Brett Kirkland of the KSP Post 6 in Dry Ridge.

Fiscal court votes to raise county workers' salaries

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted to raise county employees' salaries during its Nov. 10 meeting at the courthouse, following a closed session to discuss the matter.

Those approved for hourly raises were:

Billy A. Watkins, from $12.50 to $13.00 per hour;

Bryon Thornsbury, $6.75 to $7.25 per hour;

Mike Watkins, $9 to $9.50 per hour;

Danny Grimes, $6 to $6.50 per hour;

Lloyd Duncan, $6 to $6.50 per hour;

Donald Jolly, $^ to $6.75 per hour;

Clarence Workman, $6 to $6.50 per hour;

Buddy Zornes, $7.75 to $8 per hour;

Reva Fuller, Dana Price and Sandy Iahmael received 50 cent raises per hour;

Bobby Anderson, $7.75 to $8 per hour;

Danny Hawkins, $7 to $7.50 per hour.

In other action, magistrates voted to give Judge-executive Charles "Chuck" Smith permission to bid out door-to-door trash pickup beginning Jan. 1.

In other action, the court approved the transfer of $8,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and $3,000 from the general fund to the landfill fund.

The county court accepted a $603,062 increase in budget receipts for the general fund, due to unexpected receipts from a state grant, sale of equipment, sale of land, excess CRA and renovation reimbursement.

Receipts were:

Administrative Office of the Courts reimbursement - $45581.71;

Land sale - $8,000;

State grants - $400,000

Equipment sale - $4,000;

State reimbursement $83306;

Excess CRA - $12,175.

Expenditures were:

Courthouse maintenance and repair - $45,581.71;

Reserve for Transfer - $17,614.06;

Health Department building - $400,000;

Machinery and equipment - $16,175;

Asphalt - $83,306.

In other action, fiscal court authorized the judge to execute easements with the city for the sewer project;

Authorized the judge to pursue improvements to the courthouse with the AOC.

County Clerk Doug Fryman submitted his annual claim for preparing tax bills to fiscal court.

The clerk prepared 4,107 tax bills at 30 cents each.

The total came to $1,232, but the county only pays half, which is $617.55. The state pays the other half.

Man arrested for car stereo thefts

A 22-year-old Mt. Sterling man was arrested Thursday, charged by Kentucky State Post with stealing a stereo from a vehicle in a parking lot.

Alonzo Quintana allegedly took the stereo from a vehicle belonging to William Smith, no address given, KSP Post 8 said.

Two other car stereos were recovered, that had been taken from the vehicles parked at the Hoffman plant in Mt. Sterling, and a handgun stolen from Ohio.

The arrest resulted from a joint investigation of KSP Post 8, Montgmery County Sheriff's Office and Mt. Sterling Police Department Trooper Joe Veenyman is the investigating officer.

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Student of the Week

Katie Hopkins, 17, a senior at Nicholas County High School, is Student of the Week.

She is the daughter of Billy and Barbara Hopkins of Carlisle.

Hopkins is the captain of the cheerleading squad, a member of the Pep Club, Co-Ed-Y Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of the yearbook staff and a team leader with the Postponing Sexual Involvement group.

Her interests include spending time with friends, participating in student government activities and travel.

Hopkins plans to attend college after high school, to pursue a degree in either accounting or biology.

Her favorite subject is mathematics.

She lives in the country with her parents and enjoys helping her mother cook. She also likes to spend time with her pet cats, dogs, birds and horse.

"Her sense of leadership and outgoing personality are a boon to our student population," said Principal Doug Bechanan, who nominated Hopkins.