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Local agencies sponsor 'Share' program network



By RIM HAMILTON
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The Nicholas County Extension Service along with other public agencies is sponsoring a program called Community Share.

Share is people working together to help themselves and others to create a cooperative network which significantly improves the quality of life for individuals in the community.

Share is a private, nonprofit organization that buys food in bulk quantities and offers a nutritious package (approximately \$25 value) to anyone for \$16, plus two hours of volunteer time in the community.

\$16 can be in the form of food stamps, cash, or a check. Volunteering is defined as

"acts of good will that people perform for another individual or the community at large, not the immediate family."

"The program is there to help anyone who would like to save money on their monthly food bills," said Home Economic Agent Kay Carrellen Funk.

"There is no income cutoff and anyone can qualify for the program as long as they will volunteer some time in the community."

Funk added that the whole idea is to build community spirit and participation through teamwork.

In December, the Share Program is offering a regular package, consisting of a whole roasted turkey, turkey, park sausage, green beans or corn, rolls, Christmas stuffing, 2-3 vegetables, 1-2 fruit items and 1-2 staple items.

The December Holiday package includes a four-pound Turkey ham, green beans or corn, rolls, one apple pie and 2-3 other items.

Anyone who signs up for a December package will be registered for a giveaway of three gift baskets.

Registration for December will be held on Dec. 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the extension office, across from Foodland.

Community Share is sponsored by the extension service, FPNFC, Family Resource Center, public library, the City of Carlisle and the Community Action Council.

"It's a great program. Anyone can be involved. We're going to expand it. So far, people have been satisfied with the package they get," Funk said.

For additional information, call 289-2312.

MSU theatre will present play

Meredith State University theatre students will present Vernes Sjöström's "Mill Day, Gentlemen" Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, on campus. Show time for the play, which will be held in Hutton Auditorium, is 8 p.m. Students appearing in the leading roles are, H.J. Sue MacGregor, Nicholasville senior, as Berky; Russell "Tree" Dean, Tutor Kay graduate student, as Heron and standing, Frances Brooke Reed, Louisville sophomore, as Florence Biting. Additional information is available by calling MSU's Theatre Box Office at 783-2170.

How did Thanksgiving Day start?

By SEAN KELLY
Staff Writer

holiday celebrated their deliverance from Spanish rule on that day.

After a year of hardships in the New World, the pilgrims had a successful harvest in October 1621. As a result, Governor Bradford proclaimed a three-day feast to give thanks to God.

All other religious observances like Christmas are set by the church.

The roots of Thanksgiving Day lie deeper than the traditional story of its first observance at Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in November 1621.

Some suggest the setting aside of a day for thanksgiving was inspired by the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles recorded in the Old Testament.

Special ceremonies to offer thanks can be found in other religious beliefs throughout history.

The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth in 1620 were likely influenced by the Oct. 3 thanksgiving observance in Holland, where they lived 10 years, suffering religious persecution in their native England. The Dutch

celebrated the first Thanksgiving in 1618, but not until the last Thursday in November.

Lincoln might have been influenced by Sarah J. Hale, a women's magazine writer who campaigned for years for a national day of Thanksgiving, and wrote Lincoln and his predecessors urging adoption of the holiday.

In its beginning, Thanksgiving was observed with a special church service, after which families celebrated at home with turkey, the main staple and pumpkin pie the dessert.

A "beggar's day" was also observed by children Thanksgiving Day well into this century — most likely inherited by "wandering" among Southern poor on New Year's Day.

In the eastern U.S., children would dress up in old clothes and masks and go house to house asking for food or money — very similar to "trick-or-treating" on Halloween.

A Congressional Joint Resolution, approved by President Franklin Roosevelt on Dec. 26, 1941, officially established Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November for the entire nation.

Forest Service must pay Heartwood for monitoring

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The U.S. Forest Service must provide payment to members of Heartwood who will be monitoring timber salvage sales, according to Executive Director Bob Bauer, of the Kentucky Forest Industries in Frankfort.

Kentucky Heartwood, an environmental group that fights for forest preservation, has been allowed to monitor the forest service's efforts to clear roadsides trees damaged by a severe snowstorm earlier this year in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The group's monitoring is part of an agreement reached last week between the group and the forest service, stemming from a suit to stop the clearing work.

Unfortunately, in addition to modifying the guidelines for determining which trees may be harvested, the forest service has agreed to allow Heartwood to observe the salvage sale.

"Not only will they provide safety training for the Heartwood member but will also pay mileage for them to drive to sites and monitor the sales," Bauer said in a Nov. 13 letter to NFA members.

Obviously as interveners representing the forest industry in the full court case, the forest association is very much against

High School holds site-based meeting

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The Nicholas County High School held its site-based decision making council meeting on Nov. 17.

The following members were present: Doug Beckman, chair; Dennis Hum and Mike Phillips.

The council approved the use of the gym for Little League April on Saturdays and Sundays and the use of the gym for activities.

The council also agreed to be used for the football banquet.

The council also approved to take the tech team to the Techney conference.

Council approved allowing Guthrie and Karla Allison to

The 180 miles of forest roads to be cleared of the damaged trees are in Rowan, Bath, Jackson, Laurel, McCrory and Pulaski counties.

The forest service will carry out the work between Dec. 1 and March 31.

Christian was arrested by Morehead Police at the motel on Oct. 3 at 2:17 a.m. He was lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center under \$20,000 cash bond.

Other cases of underage females meeting with men through the Internet, has surfaced over the last several years across the nation. One such case recently occurred in Grayson.

Adkins said that parents can take precautions, to protect children from possible problems while using the Internet — such as:

Offender met girl on Internet...

Michigan man pleads guilty to statutory rape

By SEAN KELLY
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old Michigan man pleaded guilty to statutory rape of a 15-year-old Rowan County girl on the Internet, pleaded guilty in an agreement with the state on Wednesday.

Christian Lee Hujman, 23, of Okemos, Mich., had originally pleaded not guilty to three counts of third-degree rape, stemming from his meeting with the girl Oct. 3 at a local motel.

In changing his plea before Circuit Judge William Matton on Wednesday, Christian will receive a five-year state prison sentence recommended by Commonwealth Attorney George Moore.

Christian faced up to 10 years if convicted in a jury trial that was scheduled for February. Third-degree rape carries a sentence of 1-5 years on each count.

Christian will be sentenced by Maize in February, after a pre-sentence investigation and a state Department of Corrections officers' evaluation, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Day Adkins said.

Adkins said Christian had communicated with the girl by Internet, telephone and mail for several months, before their arranged meeting at the Days Inn at Pinecrest Plaza early on Oct. 3.

"The parents had confronted him by phone," Adkins said, after their daughter was caught talking with Christian.

The parents warned Christian to stop contacting their daughter. "They told him her age," Adkins added. "It didn't stop him."

Christian drove from Michigan to meet the girl at the motel. The offenses occurred during the early morning hours of Oct. 3, police and court records said.

MSU hires marketing director

Brigitte Combs has been named director of institutional marketing at Morehead State University.

An MSU's first full-time marketing director, Combs is responsible for the development and implementation of an integrated marketing plan for the entire university.

Student of the Week



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Cara Wilson, 17, is Student of the Week at Nicholas County High School.

The senior is the daughter of Elizabeth and Hugh Wilson of Carlisle.

Wilson serves as the Field Commander for the Nicholas County High School marching band, is a member of the County Fair Club, C-Club, Show for the Stars Club and a member of the cheerleading squad.

She enjoys spending time with friends, cooking, helping others and having fun.

Wilson plans to attend Sullivan College in Louisville after high school to pursue a double major in Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts.

She enjoys helping her parents around the house and playing with her pet cat "Poppet."

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