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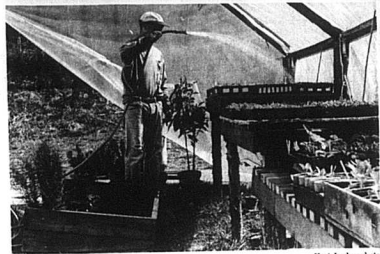
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David Wagner taking time out from plowing to water the plants in The Three Springs Farm greenhouse.

## Enterprising venture on Crooked Creek... Carlisle couple to produce from Three Springs Farm

By KARI JORDAN  
Staff Writer

The new wave of gardening has arrived at Nicholas County. David Wagner and wife, Arwen Donahue, co-owners of Three Springs Farm on Crooked Creek Road have been working the fields to bring organic grown produce to the surrounding area.

Three Springs Farm is 100 acres of hills and hollows, mostly cleared, with two to three woods, a hilltop "hay" pond and two creeks. The bottom land is odd widths and lengths, adding up to two acres of fertile tillable ground.

The neighborhood surrounding the farm is characterized by cattle grazing, small tobacco patches, and woods in various stages of succession, where they sell turkeys, chickens, and hangers from many of the members are part time farmers; nearly all have jobs in some nearby town out of economic necessity.

David Wagner, owner of Three Springs Farm is also a part-time farmer. His passion is for farming, but he has to work full-time as a Landscape Designer to supplement his income.

Wagner purchased the land from a cousin who wanted to move to Aberdeen, Ohio to be closer to his children's school.

Wagner along with his wife has been busy during the fall and early winter of last year. The creek bottom was moved, and on much of it manure was spread to build the soil. Plowing and cultivating is to be done this year in time for spring planting.

McFarland graduates Sullivan

Sabrina McFarland, a Nicholas County Alumna, graduated with an Associate Degree in Accounting from Sullivan College.

Sullivan College boasts a consistent 97% placement rate of its alumni. Using concentrated, short-term degree programs, plus free lifetime courses review and placement privileges, it's not surprising that our students succeed.

Director of Student Services, states Michelle Crane-Phillips, Director of College Services, Sullivan College accredited by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, offers Associate, Bachelor, and Masters Degrees.

Additional areas will be prepared for harvest, in future years, of asparagus, strawberries, raspberries, and mushrooms. Wagner said.

Wagners desire to provide families with the highest produce is why he chose the organic growing system. All crops are grown with the use of chemical sprays or fertilizers.

The farm is in the process of being certified by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The tractor for working the land is furnished by a two wheel walk-behind tractor, and Baluga draft horse owned and driven by a generous and knowledgeable neighbor.

Other farming practices were used to help restore and conserve the land. They included composting, fertilizing with animal manure, rotating crops to prevent insect and disease infestations, and mulching beds to conserve moisture while adding organic matter to the soil.

The fields at Three Springs Farm will provide a variety of vegetables equal to a brown grocery bag full, plus herbs and cut flowers as available.

The cost per membership for the 32 week harvest year is \$425, which comes to \$13.30 per a week. This will allow us to bring the harvest to you at such an affordable cost, it is necessary that we receive payment at the start of the year. The easiest way to subscribe is by sending a check. If, however, making one single payment is not possible, please call us to make other arrangements. Make checks payable to David E. Wagner, 2452 Crooked Creek Road, Community Supported Agricultural, Carlisle, KY 40311.

Jolly Transfers to 8th District Lieutenant

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 20, 1999 - Wildlife and Boating Enforcement in Northern Kentucky.

Illinois transfer within the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Jolly has transferred from Training Lieutenant to Lieutenant of the Eighth District. He will serve as lieutenant to Captain Mike Gillman and help supervise the agency's fish, wildlife, and boating enforcement in Northern Kentucky.

Counties in the Eighth Law Enforcement District include: Bourbon, Bath, Boyd, Boyle, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Rowan and Wolfe.

## Reality 'bites' students during school program

Robbey Trussell had just gotten the news. He wondered how he could make it on three part-time jobs, and as a single parent, how to take care of his only child.

John Gifford was a bit better off. She had graduated college and became a chemical engineer, earning a salary of \$4,000 a year, and the mother of two kids.

These two sophomores at Nicholas County High School above are not really in these situations, but took on the roles for about an hour during school Thursday as part of the Reality Show.

The goals of Realityville are to give students a glimpse of their future in a fun and exciting way, to help all students become aware of basic skills in financial planning, goal setting, decision making and career planning to clarify the need for young women and men to examine their attitudes about their futures and their career expectations and to motivate students to stay in school, stay away from drugs and avoid teenage pregnancy.

"I can't believe all the expenses, and how they add up," said Ryan Hunter who had a job as a tree cutter.

Robbey Trussell, the student with the three jobs, stated the reality of the whole project, "I'm not dropping out of high school."

At Realityville, students were given an occupation based on their educational plans after high school.

This may be not furthering their education after high school, dropping out of high school or entering either a technical school or college.

They were given an amount of play money equivalent to the average monthly salary for that occupation.

The students then went into Realityville where they needed to spend their salary on necessities and luxuries they considered as part of the adult lifestyle.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the crystal ball to pull out a "chance" card. "Chance" cards are those ones

predicted items that affect their lives daily.

If for some reason a student found himself in real financial trouble, they would find help at the SOS table, where they could take a second job to boost their financial status.

Representatives from the housing industry, utilities, grocery stores, department stores, financial institution, auto dealerships, medical providers, child care centers, travel and entertainment, insurance, and etc. were present in Realityville to help students determine how much of their income will need to be spent in each category in order to provide them with their desired lifestyle.

The goal of this exercise was to help students learn whether their occupation will provide the type of lifestyle they want.

The fate of life are that for every three students that enter college, only one will graduate within 8 years.

Fewer than 70 percent of all first graders graduate from high school in Kentucky, 20 percent of Kentucky's graduates receive the workforce directly after high school, and six months later 10 percent are unemployed, according to school statistics.

Nicholas County High School's Realityville was a project of the Nicholas County School Board, which committee Melinda Jolly, coordinator, in cooperation with the Nicholas County Elementary School faculty, Jennifer Ledford, Nicholas County Extension 4-H Extension Specialist, and the Nicholas County Family Resources/Youth Services Center.

The Realityville Project is funded by a School-To-Work grant from local Labor Market Area #12.

Volunteers included Jessi Shephard, Deanna Maxwell, Donald Brumager, Jack Conley, Susan Fryman, Diane Phillips, Trisha Stone, Kathy Brunker, Clifton McGuffey, Eric Echlin, Cassandra Beckham, Lisa Doyle, Don VonGroningen, Cliff Vico, Rose Brady, Peggy Howard, John Lally, Judy Kelly, Paty Hunter, Trooper Curtis Finley, Hazel Oakley, and Randall Dabb.

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to be held in San Diego, Calif. on May 12 - 16. Salvage also received full paid tuition to the University of Louisville.

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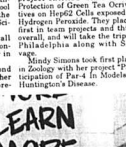
John Gifford



Melinda Jolly



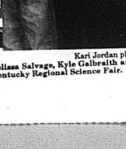
Jennifer Ledford



Diane Phillips



Trisha Stone



Kathy Brunker



Clifton McGuffey

## Five NCHS Students place in science fair

By KARI JORDAN  
Staff Writer

Melissa Salvage, a Nicholas County High School senior, took first place overall at the recent Louisville Science and Humanities Symposium.

Salvage's project "Determination of Liquid Permeability in Mitochondrial Membranes" was presented at the symposium.

Typical of Alzheimer's Disease, she won her award at the National competition

to be held in San Diego, Calif. on May 12 - 16. Salvage also received full paid tuition to the University of Louisville.

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