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Carlisle High School Alumni Annual Banquet

The Carlisle Annual High School Alumni Association will have its annual banquet Saturday, August 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

Carlisle City Council monthly meeting set

The Carlisle City Council will have its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 9, at 7 p.m. in the City Building.

Special called N.C. School Board meeting

A special called Nicholas County Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the district's central office.

N.C. Fiscal Court monthly meeting set

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10, at 10 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Veterans Affairs officer to assist with claims

Veterans and their families will be provided information, assistance, and counseling in filing claims for state and federal benefits by an American Legion Service Officer and a Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer on Wednesday, August 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the American Post 22, Home on Winchester Road, Mt. Sterling. Please bring Service Discharge Certificate, DD214, and any other documents necessary to substantiate claims.

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children host concert

The gospel groups Redemption, The King's Strings, Solid Ground, New Found Four, New Revival and Dawn Arnold will share in a concert on August 14, to benefit Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Harrison County Fairgrounds on Cynthia on U.S. Hwy. 27 South. A love offering will be taken.

Congressman Fletcher to host town meeting

Congressman Ernie Fletcher will be having a town hall meeting at Carlisle, on August 19, at the National Guard Armory, located on Concrete Road from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Children of all ages enjoyed the numerous activities including an egg toss which was held Friday evening at the Nicholas County Fair. For more photos look on page 5 and 7 of this week's Carlisle Mercury.

Patton travels to Washington, D.C. to request help for farmers, due to drought

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Governor Paul Patton traveled to Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, July 28, to lobby top federal agriculture officials for help for Kentucky's farmers. Patton, Chief of Staff Skipper Martin, Office of Agriculture Policy Director John Mack and other members of the governor's staff met with August Schumacher, U.S. Undersecretary of USDA for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service, and other top USDA officials to discuss the National Tobacco Growers' Settlement Trust and the severe drought conditions faced by many farmers across the Commonwealth.

"Our farmers are being hit hard right now, and we want to make every possible effort to get them the assistance they need so desperately, both in terms of settlement money for tobacco and emergency loans for those hurt by the drought," said Patton.

Patton discussed Kentucky's role in the Phase II portion of the national Tobacco Settlement with the USDA leaders. Phase II establishes a \$1.15 billion trust fund to help farmers offset income losses. The governor said, "Kentucky needs the USDA's support and cooperation in the administration of the trust fund so that farm-

ers hit hard by recent quota cuts and weather conditions could get some financial relief."

Kentucky's share of the trust fund is expected to total approximately \$1.54 billion over 12 years, and the state board overseeing the distribution of this money has approved a plan for 1999. About \$12 million will be distributed through the trust to tobacco quota holders, land owners, and tenant farmers.

The governor addressed the need for relief from the extended drought conditions in 34 Kentucky counties. The 34 counties in Kentucky are Bell, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Clark, Clay, Elliott, Garrard, Grant, Harlan, Harrison, Jessamine, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Powell, Scott, Rowan, Rockcastle, Owsley, Carter, Bath, Nicholas, Rowan, Magoffin, Mason, Fleming, Morgan, Bracken and Robertson.

The county judge-executives, in conjunction with their local Farm Service Agency offices, initiate the requests for emergency loan assistance. The judge-executives notified the governor in writing of problems caused by the drought.

"We will continue to send out requests for help as long as Kentucky's farmers have a need," said Patton.

The governor also stressed the importance of renewing the

livestock Assistance and Livestock Feed programs, and renewed funding for the Emergency Loan program. Patton suggested that the USDA consider an Administrative Order that would change the Livestock Feed Program to get around the current prohibition on distributing federally held grain supplies to foreign countries, but they cannot provide livestock feed to U.S. farmers who are enduring extended drought conditions, like those in Kentucky.

The governor told the officials that he would support renewal of the Livestock Assistance program. He explained to Undersecretary Schumacher that many producers throughout Kentucky would likely be eligible for emergency loan assistance and pressed that funding for this program be renewed as soon as possible. Schumacher indicated that the agriculture appropriations bills pending before congress may not be acted on until after

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Watch out for each other during hot weather spells

We all need to take it easy and watch out for each other during this spell of hot weather.

Children, the elderly and sick people are especially vulnerable to the heat and need special attention. "But, under the right conditions, anyone, even an athlete in good condition, can suffer a heat stroke or heat exhaustion," said Kentucky Department for Public Health Commissioner Rice C. Leach, M.D.

Those most at risk during weather extremes are elderly people who live alone and cannot cool their homes, people with heat or lung problems and those who work or otherwise exert themselves outside.

Everyone needs to be careful. Take it easy outside, particu-

larly during the hottest part of the day, and listen to your body," Leach said.

He advised people who are elderly or have chronic heart or lung problems to stay inside an air-conditioned building. Those who cannot cool their homes can go to senior citizen centers, shopping malls, local heat respire centers or other air-conditioned places.

During hot spells, neighbors and family members should check on people who may be susceptible to heat-related problems. Those who cool their homes with electric fans should need an additional warning. If temperatures reach the 100 degree mark, use

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Eastern Kentucky under water shortage warning

A water shortage warning has been issued by the Kentucky Division of Water for most counties east of the Kentucky River Basin. They include Bath, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Kenton, Knott, Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson, Rowan and Pike counties.

A water shortage warning means that water shortages are occurring in the listed area. A water shortage watch continues for the Central Region and the remainder of the Bluegrass and Eastern regions. A water shortage watch means that conditions are right for water shortages to occur.

The Palmer Drought Index for the state has dropped to a level that indicates that conditions are right for water shortages to occur. This is because of increased soil moisture provided by recent scattered thunderstorms, but most of the moisture was immediately taken up by plants. Very little rain made its way to water supplies, therefore, conditions continue to be critical for water systems, particularly in the Bluegrass and

Eastern regions of the state. All water systems in the watch and warning areas should be evaluating their water supplies daily. Systems using reservoirs should know the days of supply remaining, and systems with river intakes should calculate the percentage of flow being taken up at their water withdrawal points.

These values trigger the various stages of local response needed to conserve the water supply as long as possible. It is absolutely critical that systems in the warning area make these calculations. Local officials must be prepared to act with ordinances in place, when levels reach the designated trigger points.

There are now 20 water systems in nine counties in the alert phase of water shortage response in which all non-essential uses of water are banned. These non-essential uses include using fountains, watering lawns and golf courses, and washing sidewalks and buildings.

Water systems in the Nicholas County and surrounding area are Bath County Water District, Owensville Water Works

Unemployment rates increased in 71 Kentucky counties during June

Unemployment rates rose in 71 Kentucky counties between May and June, fell in 36 and stayed the same in 13, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development Agency.

From June 1998 to June 1999, jobless rates fell 75 went up 44, and stayed the same in Wolfe County. In June 1999, 12 counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent. Twelve counties recorded double-digit rates in May and 13 in June 1998.

Jessamine County's 14 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the Commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Woodford and Scott counties at 18.9 percent each. Bourbon and Oldham counties held a unemployment rate of 2 percent each while Fayette and Franklin counties maintained a 2 percent rate.

Martin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 15.2 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County at 14.5 percent. Elliott and Taylor counties had a 14 percent unemployment rate followed by Carter and Monticello counties at 14.1 percent each. In Nicholas County, the civilian labor force is 3,129. The employed force is 3,133 and the unemployed force is 107. The unemployment rate for June 1999 was 3.4 percent. That is 1.1 percent less than in June 1998, which was 4.4 percent and 0.2 percent higher than May 1999's 3.1 percent.

Kanatarz retires after 27 years of service

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Lee Kanatarz enjoys a retirement party held in her honor Friday at the Nicholas County Health Department. She and children for services. A replacement for Kanatarz has not been announced by WELDCO, who oversees the years at the Health Department in Nicholas County, but the office is open and providing the same services as always.

Last Friday a familiar face with the Nicholas County Health Department retired after 27 years of service.

Lee Kanatarz, who has served as a Registered Nurse and Center Coordinator was honored with a public retirement party Friday, afternoon at the Nicholas County Health Department.

Kanatarz, the daughter of the late Bill and Elizabeth Layman graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1957, then went on to graduate from The Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, in which she graduated from in 1960.

She is married to Bill Kanatarz, a retired Mechanical Engineer with IBM, and is the mother of Chris and Tim Rose, and the step mom to Jill and Kris Kanatarz.

"The Nicholas County Health Department has added many great programs throughout my years here. One of my favorites is the Well Child Program. It benefits so many people," Kanatarz said.

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