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Holiday Closings

CARLISLE MERCURY
The Carlisle Mercury office will be closed on Friday, December 24, so that our employees may enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

BLUE LICK'S STATE PARK
Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park will be closed for the Christmas holiday. They will be closing after lunch on December 22, and reopening for lunch on December 29.

NICHOLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
The Nicholas County Courthouse will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 23rd, 24th, and 25th. It will reopen on Monday, December 27th, at 8:00 p.m.

Nicholas County Bookmobile Schedule

The Nicholas County Public Library Bookmobile will be at the following locations on:

Tuesday, December 28th: Myers Station Cassidy Creek Road, and Moorefield.

Thursday, December 30th: Headquarters Road, Dog Walk Road, Morning Glory, Johnson Road, and Head Start.

Anyone interested in having the bookmobile stop at your house, please call the Nicholas County Public Library at 606-289-5595.

Deaths, Page 3

- Elva Clarence Davis
- James Lee Fletcher
- Donald "Donnie" Hadley 1944-1999



Senior Guard Dave Anderson #10, goes one on one with Rowan County during the first quarter of the game. Anderson went on to score 8 pts for the Bluejackets. Nicholas County won 52 to 43.

Senior Citizens Center helps prepares residents for Y2K

Informing the elderly to gather and keep in a safe place vital records such as a balanced checkbook, bank statements (leading up to and following the date change), list of emergency phone numbers such as 911, police, fire, hospital, doctor and family members is recommended to help prepare senior citizens for Y2K, and other winter storms.

The Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center also recommends that a copy of all medical records and prescriptions, and plenty of medicines be kept on hand.

Anyone on oxygen needs a portable tank at all times, small amounts of cash, nonperishable foods, water (1 gallon per day), adequate clothing and be sure to keep your automobile full of gas.

The Senior Citizens Center will have emergency meals, blankets, flashlights, and batteries, nonelectric can openers, first aid kits and water to offer to the elderly.

For questions or assistance, call 289-3729, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. After hours contact Carol Calbraith, Director at 289-7487.

And as always, beware of 'scams'! With the holiday season upon us and the Y2K bug going around, scam artists are ever more prevalent.

Bluejackets remain undefeated with wins against Rowan Co. and Deming

The Nicholas County Bluejackets simply overpowered their opponents last week as they defeated Rowan County 52 to 43 in sports action last Tuesday, and then went on to defeat Deming 60-54 on Friday.

NICHOLAS CO. VS. ROWAN CO.
During the first quarter of the Bluejackets vs. Rowan Co. both teams battled it head to head with a total of eight points each. Junior Guard Forrest Hunt started the scoring drive for the Bluejackets with the first five points of the game and finished the night as the leading scorer with 18 points.

As both teams headed to the locker room at the half Blue Nicholas County had come back with a 26 to 13 lead over Rowan County due to much action by the Bluejackets senior forwards, Josh Earlywine with five points, and Junior Forward Timmy Crump with two points.

The Bluejackets continued to out score Rowan County in the third quarter, with much success to the Juniors' Forrest Hunt, Jay Grant, and BJ Tinscher.

The Vikings team however was determined to put in a good fight out scoring the Bluejackets 13-18 in the final quarter. However it just wasn't enough. The Bluejackets walked away with the victory and a record of 5-0.

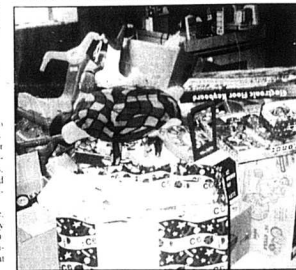
Scoring for the night was Junior Guard Forrest Hunt - 18 pts., Senior Forward Bradley Hicks and Senior Guard Davey Anderson with 8 pts. each, Junior Guard Jay Grant - 7 pts., Senior Forward Timmy Crump - 6 pts., Senior Forward Josh Earlywine - 5 pts., and Junior Forward BJ Tinscher with two points.

NICHOLAS CO. VS. DEMING
Nicholas County's head coach Hobby Stone along with Assistant Coach Greg Letcher have had a remarkable start this year. With help from five seniors, six juniors, and four sophomores, the Bluejackets are one their way to great success this year.

With victories over powerhouses like Hath, Mason, Harrison, Herea and Rowan Counties earlier in the year, the Bluejackets went on the court Friday evening to continue their winning streak against Deming.

The Bluejackets was faced with some tough competition early in the first quarter as Deming was able to hold their own with the Bluejackets leading by just one point. However the Bluejackets showed that all players on the Bluejackets team can score when six of the members scored Nicholas County's 12 points.

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Party Switching Deadline is December 31

Registered voters who wish to switch their political party affiliation and vote in their new party's primary election next spring have until close of business on Friday, December 31, to make the switch.

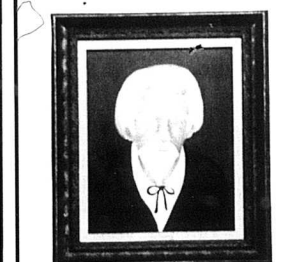
You can switch political party affiliation after that date," said John Y. Brown III, Kentucky's chief election official, "but that's the deadline to be able to vote in your new party's primary election in May."

Monday, April 24, 2000 is the deadline for citizens who wish to register to vote in the primary election next year.

The Gift of Giving...

The residents of Carlisle and Nicholas County have donated generously to the Nicholas County Fire Department's annual toy drive. The toy drive helps bring a smile to children's faces on Christmas morning.

Dr. Mathers honored during Bicentennial Celebration



Charles W. Mathers, MD
1856-1937

"You come into this world, naked and bare. You go out of this world where you know not where. If you are a thoroughbred here, you are a thoroughbred there!"
- Motto of the late Dr. Mathers.

This sketch of Dr. Mathers hangs on the wall of the Nicholas County Local Court room located at the Nicholas County Courthouse, along with a plaque for his service and dedication to Nicholas County.

On Saturday morning a nice crowd of Nicholas Countians gathered at the Bicentennial celebration held at the Nicholas County Courthouse to honor the works of Dr. Charles W. Mathers.

Dr. Mathers who was a native of Nicholas County, became one of the most famous men in Nicholas County. All though to some he was just considered a humble doctor, farmer and banker. After his death in 1937 a trust fund was set up to help with the educational needs of children in Nicholas County and to provide way for a county hospital. Today children are still being served through the Dr. Mathers' Educational Fund, and the Nicholas County Hospital proudly boast part of his name Johnson-Mathers Health Care.

He began his generosity by giving tuition grants to many orphans that were at the Kentucky Female Orphan School at his death a \$50,000 Trust Fund was set up at the school to help the future young ladies have the opportunity to continue their education. The KYFOS today is now named Finway College.

At the time of his death Dr. Mathers also set aside \$100,000 to help educate the children of Nicholas County through scholarships for future college education and also to help those less fortunate have the opportunity to return to school in "normal" looking clothing, and much needed school supplies. This fund was especially important during the depression era. Today almost 12,400 children have been served through the Dr. Mathers Education fund. 214 children were served this year totaling \$48,150. No one has had such a force as Dr. Mathers.

Ruth Hollar who has served as secretary for the Mathers Educational Fund for almost 42 years has seen almost 10,000 applications during her time. "Dr. Mathers is the ROCK that started the mountain," said Hollar during the ceremony. His support has helped

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