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Deaths, Page 3
• Edward Corns
• Mary Jacobs
• Rev. H. Dallas Sugg

Woodmen of the World Fish Fry
Woodmen of the World Lodges 926 and 937 Fish Fry will be held at Blue Licks State Park on July 3, 5-7:30 p.m., at the 2nd shelter house.

Trash collection
There will be no City trash collection on Monday, July 5. Mondays trash will be picked up on Tuesday with the regular route.

N.C. Conservation District Board of Supervisors to meet
The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Army in Carlisle.

N.C. Water District Special Meeting
The Nicholas County Water District will hold a Special Meeting on July 8, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of signing with a contractor for the construction for the Millersburg extension and the water line relocation of US 68.

KY Senator Ed Miller officer hours
Senator Ed Miller will be available to meet with constituents at 1 p.m. on July 9, at the Nicholas County Courthouse - Fiscal Court Room in Carlisle. Constituents can reach Miller at his Frankfort office by calling toll-free 1-800-373-7181. Ed Miller serves Bourbon, Bracken, Harrison, Nicholas, Scott and Woodford counties.

Carlisle City Council monthly meeting set
The Carlisle City Council meeting for July is set for Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at the City Council Building.

N.C. Fiscal Court meeting set
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting for July is set for Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m., at the Nicholas County Courthouse - Fiscal Court Room.

N.C. Water District to meet
A Public Meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on July 14, at the Nicholas County Courthouse for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding the proposed Phase V Water Line Extension Project.

Nicholas County School Board meeting set
The Nicholas County Board of Education will meet on Monday, July 19, at 7 p.m., at the Nicholas County School Board Office. The public is invited to attend.



Kari Jordan photo with Ambulance Service.

9 students from Nicholas County chosen for Central Kentucky Council of Youth Leadership

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MANAGING EDITOR

Eight Nicholas County High School students have been recognized in this year's Youth Salute. The Nineteenth Annual Awards Ceremony was held in their honor on Sunday, May 16, at Midway College. There were a total of 843 high school seniors from 36 high schools in Central Kentucky.

A top Youth Leader was named for each high school. Weston Smoot, was chosen from Nicholas County.

Smoot has been very active at N.C.H.S. He was served as Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Y-Club Chairman, FFA Vice-President, FFA Assistant Vice-President, Student Council, Governor's Scholar Program, 1st Team All Eastern KY Conference, Who's Who in Sports, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Student of the Week, Counter Journalist, 1st Team Honorable Mention Football, FFA, FFAA, KY United Nations Assembly, KY Youth Assembly, SAGE - Academic Team/Governor's Cup, Shoot for the Stars Program, Varsity-Football, Basketball, Track, Support Group for the Handicap, National FFA Convention Youth Group, Assisted in Little League, Bookkeeper/Referee, Blue Licks Christian Church Youth Group, and Carlisle Presbyterian Church Member. He plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

The other Youth Council salutes from N.C.H.S. are: Davey Anderson, Mandy Atkinson, Josh Earlywine, David Flora, Catherine E. Mathes, Mindy Simons, Cristy Snapp, and Jacqueline Michelle Wilds.

Anderson has served as team captain of the basketball and baseball team, and been a member of the track team, Bourbon

Mitchell and Ring take over ambulance service

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The Nicholas County Ambulance Service is now under the operation of Michelle Mitchell and Stephanie Ring. Mitchell and Ring former employees of Ronald McDonald, the previous ambulance provider, was awarded the ambulance bid earlier this month from the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

The decision of the Fiscal Court was not an easy decision, and it wasn't just about money. Mitchell and Ring won the bid by a vote of 4-2. Judge Executive Larry Tinsler voted no, for he felt that both bids submitted were too high. He has looked into other counties the size of Nicholas County and the other Fiscal Court's provide a lot less financial support than the \$55,000 that was awarded to Mitchell and Ring.

Mitchell and Ring will be providing the Nicholas County Fiscal Court a monthly report that will include the number of emergency runs and medical transfers that have been made, all income that has come in from insurance companies, Medicaid, etc., and all expenses that have been endured. In the past no type of financial records were presented to the court. They just paid the McDonalds what ever their bid was for Mitchell and Rings bid was lower than what the court awarded the McDonalds last year by almost \$7,000.00.

In an interview earlier this week with Mitchell and Ring several issues that have been concerns of others were discussed. Mitchell and Ring want to assure all citizens that the main issue, which is quality of service, will only improve. All employees who have worked for

the McDonalds are staying on with Mitchell and Ring, with the exception of the McDonalds and one other employee.

"The only thing that is really changing is the management," said Mitchell. Ring had been employed with the McDonalds for the past seven years until being fired in April. Ring is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) who is working towards her Paramedic license. Mitchell had been employed with the McDonalds for the past year as an EMT and has handled most of the office paperwork. She was fired from the McDonalds when the court bids were opened in May. "The same people who have provided the citizens of Nicholas County with service, are still here to do their job," said Mitchell.

Some of the plans of Mitchell and Ring are to work closely with Medical Director Dr. Ana Hinaldini, and Paramedic and EMT Instructor Miles Hughes. Hinaldini and Hughes will help coordinate EMT training and help keep the ambulance service employees updated on new technology and medical updates.

"There has been little upgrade in the past, and we hope to bring to Nicholas County not only an ALS (Advance Life Support) Service, but the best Health Care in the area," said Mitchell.

Mitchell and Ring told the Carlisle Mercury that they are open to any question and concerns that the citizens of Nicholas County might have. "Health Care isn't about money, it is about providing people with the best service, and if you enjoy what you do, you aren't worried about how big of a profit you are going to make," said Mitchell.

Cassidy Creek Road to be closed for construction

According to Jim Runnagge, Chief District Engineer of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Department has announced that a contract has been let to replace a culvert on the Cassidy Creek Road located on Kentucky Route 3315 in Nicholas County. This project includes the placement of a new culvert and concrete headwalls.

Starting the week of July 5, 1999 and lasting approximately one week the road will be closed to all traffic. The morning public traveling this route will be detoured around the culvert site using the following:

Detour for traffic to get to the northern portion of KY 3315 will be from KY 3315 south on KY 57 at Moorefield then west on KY 36 to KY 32 to the north end of KY 3315 at Myers.

Detour for traffic to get to the south end portion of KY 3315 will be from KY 315 west on KY 32 to KY 36 at Carlisle then east on KY 57 at Moorefield then north on KY 57 to the south end of KY 3315 at Sprout.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regrets to inconvenience the people in the area; however, it is anticipated that the repair work on this culvert will be great benefit for many years to everyone who finds it necessary to travel in this area.

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Newspaper office closed on July 5

Offices of The Carlisle Mercury will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday so that employees may spend time with their families and friends.

We invite everyone to our open house to be held on Friday, July 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Our new office is located underneath the Deposit Bank downtown.



Kari Jordan photo

Kentucky unemployment rate has slight increase for May

Kentucky's unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for May was a slight increase from April's 4.1 percent, while total employment rose by more than 20,000 jobs.

Kentucky's May 1999 jobless rate was below May 1998's 4.6 percent rate, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. The U.S. jobless rate in May decreased to 4 percent from 4.1 percent in April.

"May continued the trend of low unemployment and growth in the number of jobs in the commonwealth. Even though the rate rose in May, it was the lowest May unemployment rate for Kentucky since 1977 when the rate was 3.5 percent," said Carlos Garcia, the department's chief labor market analyst.

Seven of the nine major job sectors had employment increases in May, while one dropped, and the other one stayed the same, Garcia said.

Job growth in May was led by the agriculture sector, which added 6,500 jobs. The increase was typical during the planting season.

Employment and unemployment statistics are based on estimates. They are compiled to indicate employment trends rather than actually to count numbers of people who are or are not working.

School's Out

Although school is out Jackie Lee Blake, 2, on left, enjoying the Blackberry Festival along with Dallas Anderson, 4. The Blackberry Festival will end on July 3. Come out and have some fun.