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Johnson Mathers to host community reception

Frank McKemie, M.D. and Steve Besson, M.D. will be the guest at a community reception in their honor at the Old Jail on Sunday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.

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.

JMHC auxiliary to meet

The Johnson Mathers Health Care Hospital auxiliary will meet Tuesday morning July 13, at the Nicholas County Library at 10 a.m.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting set

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting for July is set for Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Nicholas County Courthouse - Fiscal Court room.

Veterans Assistance

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, July 14, from 10 a.m. - 1 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.

Nicholas County 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 Offices. The public is invited to attend.



"Here She Is"
Melissa Selvage was crowned Miss Blackberry 1999 following the parade held last Thursday evening.

Clinton promotes Appalachian Kentucky

President Bill Clinton told the world that people who live in Appalachian Kentucky can do the same kind of jobs anyone who doesn't live in a distressed region can perform, and Governor Paul Patton drove home that message with the announcement today of hundreds of new jobs for eastern Kentucky.

Patton joined the president and several corporate chiefs at stops in Jackson and Perry Counties, with the goal of stimulating economic development in the region. Clinton kicked off the campaign for his New Markets Initiative, aimed at bringing new business into underserved markets, like eastern Kentucky, which hasn't participated fully in America's current economic prosperity.

The president announced that Bell South, in partnership with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, will develop a program of work readiness and job skills training in electronics and communications for targeted youth in Appalachian Kentucky. It's part of the U.S. Department of Labor's "Youth Opportunity

Weekend Art Celebration

A weekend of music and art will kick off on Friday, July 9, at 7 p.m. with Nickel Creek, a bluegrass band from Hendersonville, Tenn. Nickel Creek combines originality, jaw-dropping musicianship and soul. Nickel Creek's repertoire of original music presses the boundaries of tradition, crisscrossing string and genres and blending tones and textures to create a unique and recognizable style of their own.

The band formed in 1990 and won band contests all over Southern California. Since then, they've performed at folk and bluegrass festivals across the United States, toured Japan, and have performed on television as well, including on the popular Saturday Brothers Show on TBN.

On Saturday, July 10, beginning at 7 p.m., plan to rock with hands like Kerouac, a local Masson County High School rock band. Shawn Silvers, Mike Puccini, Nick Deetham, and Brad Morgan make up this unique ensemble of talent. Their music is full of originality and an awesome sound. On Sunday, July 11, at 7 p.m.

Selvage crowned Miss Blackberry 1999

By KARI JORDAN
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The streets of Carlisle in front of the Nicholas County Courthouse were crowded last Thursday evening, as citizens awaited the arrival of the 1999 Blackberry Festival parade.

Highlights of the evening was when Melissa Selvage, 18, daughter of Donnie and Martha Selvage was crowned Miss Blackberry 1999.

Selvage is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Teen Leadership Council, Pep Club and Ecology.

She is also the president of the Honor Society, a PSI Teen Leader, 2nd place winner at the International Science and Engineering Fair, 1st place winner at the Louisville Science and Humanities Symposium recipient of the D.A.R.E. Good Citizen Award, and a member of the yearbook staff and the Girls Varsity Softball Team.

Melissa will be attending the University of Louisville and majoring in the medical field. The parade was full of excitement as resident got a look at the past with collection of antique cars owned by local citizens.

It got a little noisy when the Nicholas County ATV club arrived with lots of motorcycles and ATVs. Their were people

of all ages showing their passion for ATV's from age 3 on up. One of the funniest times had to be when an avid John Deere Tractor Driver performed a little dance for the crowd dressed in drag.



"Out on the campaign"
Gatewood Galbraith received a warm welcome as he came up the parade route. Galbraith is running for Governor of Kentucky on the reform ticket.

Galbraith puts name on ballot for governor

By KARI JORDAN
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Gatewood Galbraith officially put his name on the ballot for governor last Thursday, as he announced to the crowd of Carlisle.

Galbraith, a Lexington lawyer, hemp advocate and political character will run for governor under the banner of the Reform Party, the same party as Minnesota Gov. Jesse "The Body" Ventura.

Galbraith along with running mate Kathy Lyons of Murry announced the nomination of the Reform Party at the Capitol Rotunda. Galbraith said his choice of Lyons, a community activist and archaeological field assistant at Murry State University, makes his ticket well-balanced.

Galbraith is no stranger to Kentucky political races. A former Democrat, he lost gubernatorial primaries in 1998 and in 1994.

Galbraith said he had read the party's platform on major issues, such as reforming government and opening the political system, and found a happy marriage.

Galbraith didn't go into many specific issues. He wanted to stick to a more general point of giving voters an alternative to the two-party system.

Galbraith might be best known for his public advocacy of the legalization of marijuana. In filing for the ballot, Galbraith and Lyons also said they will forego public financing in the race. Galbraith said country music star Willie Nelson will hold a concert in Lexington in September to boost the campaign.

Nicholas County to host Little League Tournament

Nicholas County Little League will be hosting a little league tournament starting Friday, July 9.

The tournament is broken into two age groups, 9 & 10 year olds and 11&12 year olds. Teams from Lexington, Bourbon, Fleming, Masson, Nicholas, Bracken and Harrison County will be competing for the title.

The public is invited to come and watch these kids have a great time.

KU customers to see bill reduction

Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) customers will begin enjoying a reduction in their electric bills. Thanks to an agreement made earlier this year with the Kentucky Attorney General, and implemented by the Public Service Commission, the first of a potential wave of reductions will save the average KU residential customer about \$10 per year.

But their energy bill savings don't stop there. As of today, KU now operates under a new rate setting method called "performance-based ratemaking," or PBR. PBR encourages KU to find new and innovative ways to operate, by seeking efficiencies and improving customer service. If

the utility is successful, it shares the financial rewards with its customers.

"In Kentucky, we've long enjoyed some of the lowest prices for electricity in the nation. Thanks to PBR, our customers will start seeing even lower electric bills beginning in July," said Bob Bennett, president.

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"Attention"
Members of the Nicholas County ROTC await the arrival of the Blackberry Festival Queen candidates.