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- Briefs - JMHC Ladies Auxiliary to host golf tour- nament

The Johnson Mathers Health Care Ladies Auxiliary will be having a golf tournament on Saturday, July 17 at Carnico Golf Club in Carlisle. The charge is \$40 which includes green fees, cart, and breakfast and lunch. For details call Cassinda Bechman at 289-7181.

Nicholas County School Board meeting

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

Veterans Affairs Office

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs KDVA will be at the Nicholas County Court House in Carlisle from 1 - 3 p.m. on the Wednesday, July 21.

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a service provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. There is no charge or fee of any kind. If you have questions regarding Veterans Benefits please contact the Williamstown Regional Office at 1-800-747-9963.

Nicholas County Farm Bureau Annual Fish Fry and meeting

The Nicholas County Farm Bureau Annual meeting and fish fry will be held at the new National Guard Armory, Thursday, July 22.

The fish fry will begin at 6:30 and the business meeting will begin at 8 p.m. There will be a three dollar charge per person, with pre-school children free.

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Fleming County Tournament Champs

The 1999 Nicholas County Minor League Blue All Star team competed July 10 and 11 at the Fleming County Tournament held in Flemingsburg. Front Row, left: Zachary Lemons, Cade Gilliland, Tyler Hunt, Eric McFarland, Donald R. Purvis, Todd Byrd and Caleb Sadler. Middle Row, left: Jonathan Perry, Jordan Mynear, Steven Tolson, Daniel Broderick, Brandon Price, Shane Sweet and Jeff Gilliland. Back Row, left: Coaches, Jimmy Sadler, Jeff Gilliland, William Lemons, Ricky Broderick and Jimmy Price. ... FOR MORE SPORTS ACTION SEE PAGE 4.

Urban Business Training expands to Nicholas County

Beginning July 15, struggling entrepreneurs in twelve rural Kentucky counties, including Nicholas will have access to business training, technical assistance, and loans thanks to a \$900,000 award from the U.S. Small Business Administration to Lexington based non-profit Community Ventures Corporation (CVC). Loans are designed to assist existing businesses who are unable to get loans from a bank but have strong business plans and potential for growth.

\$200,000 will be used to continue business training and lending assistance to non-bank-able business owners in Anderson, Bourbon, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Harrison, Jessamine, Nicholas, Madison, Powell, Scott, and Woodford counties.

\$350,000 is targeted for CVC's first satellite office opened last year in Danville, serving Boyle, Garrard, Lincoln, and Mercer counties.

An additional \$350,000 is slated for a new office scheduled to open in Campbellsville this month. "We are happy to be moving into the Campbellsville area," said Kevin Smith, CVC's President and CEO. "The area has lost a lot of industry, and although revitalization efforts have begun, there's still a great need for economic development, and a lot of opportunity for small business owners in the region." The Campbellsville office will serve Adair, Casey Green, Hart, Laurie, marion, Taylor and Washington counties.

Since CVC began the program \$1.2 million in loans have been made to business owners in Central Kentucky, with most of that being done in Fayette County. 21 new businesses have been started and 156 existing businesses have been able to remain open or expand, resulting in 193 new jobs and 214 retained

Council awards blackout bid to Hinkle

By KARI JORDAN
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At its regular monthly meeting Carlisle City Council approved Hinkle Contracting with the blackout bid. Streets that are set for blacktopping include 220' of Firehouse at Elm Street, 741' of South Spring Street, 912' of Catherine Street, 312' of Alley (Sycamore to Bank), 12' of Washington Street, 100' of Oriole Street, and 412' of Alley (Main to Truman). Other streets considered are Locust and Sycamore Street.

\$30,818.21 from the Municipal Road Monies and LGGA (Coal and Mineral Tax will be used for blacktopping and patching of all city streets.

A petition was presented to the council with around 40 residents who have concern about the one way street coming off Locust onto Broadway. There have almost been several due to

the blind spot on Broadway at the top of the hill at Locust, cars are still entering even with a "DO NOT ENTER" sign.

The Council is looking into the matter, and will review the situation at the next meeting.

City Attorney is sending a letter to a residence on Liberty Street, where some

Lack of rain causes problems for tobacco

Rain and then the extreme heat has caused some problems with the tobacco black shank is the leading problematic disease throughout the State, although scalding was a problem in several area.

Other various problems reported included, worms, root rot, and wilting. Little to no blue mold was reported.

concern over dogs, odor, language and abuse have been reported to the council members.

A reading on annexation of the Nicholas County School Board System and Clark's Liquor Store to be included in the City of Carlisle was also reviewed.

The tobacco height was 34 percent under 12 inches, 43 percent between 12-24 inches and 23 percent over 24 inches. Condition of the crop as of July 2 was rated two percent very poor, seven percent poor, 29 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.



Reaching the People

Senator Ed Miller was in town last week talking with Nicholas County residents like Dorsey Watkins and Betty Faye. Miller holds constituents meetings every month at all six counties he serves, which are Bourbon, Bracken, Harrison, Nicholas, Scott, and Woodford Counties.

Conserve water

Residents and Business in Carlisle, Nicholas County and surrounding counties are urged to conserve water according to local Water Districts.

The lack of rainfall in the area has attributed to this advisory.

Paris Pike gets face-lift, bridge to open soon

Hinkle Contracting plans on having the second bridge over Houston Creek completed by October or November as long as weather permits. Relocation of waterlines have caused some hold up on the project.

Hinkle will be able to start on paving, lighting and landscaping when water lines are done.

The landscaping will serve as a "grand entrance" into Paris. Lots of planning has gone into this project which includes protection of trees, wetlands and endangered species.

Design plans on the final segment of Paris Pike, which is approximately 10 miles long is on its way.

The Paris-Lexington Road Advisory Task Force will be holding discussions with property owners along that segment for this winter, followed by right of way acquisition, then construction.



Portions of Paris Pike are closed due to construction. When completed Paris Pike will be a grand entrance into Paris.