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**Graduation Day just around the corner**  
Seniors Jennifer Liverpool, Cara Wilson and Rebecca Hester wait for John Decker of Graduate Services to give them their cap and gown orders.

## Give your mother peace on mind this Mother's Day

Let your mother know you care this Mother's Day by encouraging her to get a mammogram. A major health concern for women in this country is breast cancer. While we don't know how to prevent the disease, we do have a safe and effective way to help find breast cancer at the earliest possible stage, when it is most treatable. A mammogram is a low-dose x-ray of the breast that can find breast cancer very early, even before it can be felt. You can help by telling your mother the importance of regular mammograms for women age 40 and over. The bottom line is mammography saves lives. Knowing you are not threatened by breast cancer or knowing you find it early can be the best peace of mind a woman experiences.

## Grants for farmer's markets available

For the second year in a row, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will offer grants of up to \$400 for community farmer's markets across Kentucky. Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith announced today.

Eligible farmer's markets can be reimbursed for advertising, promotions, and facility improvements to their markets. A minimum out-of-pocket of 20 percent of the project must come from local funds. A total of \$20,000 is available for eligible farmer's markets. Last year, 44 community farmer's markets took advantage of the grant program, Commissioner Smith said. "We are pleased to be able to help the farmer's markets, which in turn help Kentucky growers generate more income."

## Trigger effect from Columbine Shooting... Bomb threat at Nicholas County Schools

By KARI JORDAN Staff Writer

The shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., has left the country in a state of shock, but even worse it has caused a trigger effect of false threats across the nation, including Nicholas County. Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Elementary School was evacuated early Thursday morning following a bomb threat. The bomb threat was reported to Superintendent Greg Reed by Has Marathon Manager Gary Bowles. Students were released early Thursday and classes were cancelled for Friday.

"The Carlisle Police Department, Nicholas County Sheriff's Department, responded in a matter of minutes of the notifying them. The State Police acted diligently to remove the situation and apprehend anyone connected," said Reed.

"Any student or adult who thinks a prank like this will be tolerated in Nicholas County will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This is a serious matter," Reed stated. "If Alley II, pleaded guilty to two counts of terroristic threatening and one count of falsely reporting an incident in Nicholas County District Court Monday, May 3. Donald Fletcher, a community service organization.

Founded in 1976, Hampden-Sydney College emphasizes the study of the classical liberal arts, a strong honor system, and leadership in the public interest.

## Hopkins elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Stephen Green Hopkins, a senior at Hampden-Sydney College, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one of the 10 oldest and most prestigious organizations in the United States. Phi Beta Kappa membership recognizes the highest academic achievement, moral character, responsible citizenship, and broad intellectual curiosity.

Hopkins is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Hopkins of Carlisle. He is a Verbal Scholar majoring in political science, and is a member of Good Man Good Citizen, a community service organization.

## NCHS students place at KAEA Art Competition

Two seniors at Nicholas County High School participated in the annual Kentucky Art Education Association All-State Art Competition. Joseph Riggs took third place in the category of graphic arts with the acrylic work "Self Portrait" and Jill McKee placed third in the category of drawing with the colored pencil work "Cemetery Gate". Both students received a \$50 cash award and a certificate for participation in the exhibit. The juried show was held at the Ohio Valley Art Guild and the Mason County High School Chapter 125 of the National Art Honor Society of the Duke of York building in Washington, near Mayville.

## National Health Care week to be celebrated at JMHC

Johnson-Mathers Health Care will be celebrating National Health Care week May 11-15 at the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center. "Live Longer and Like It" is a group of seniors who travel across the country performing for other senior citizens will perform at the Main Lobby on Tuesday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 12, a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Main Lobby for all friends who have gone on to the next world.

A ballroom sit-out will be held at 1:30 p.m. outside the Health Care Center. In the past ballroom have been received from people in other states like West Virginia.

## Out with the old, in with the new... County landfill looking for closure

By KARI JORDAN Staff Writer  
Officials to discuss the final closure of the county landfill on Concrete Road. Although the county is looking to close the landfill, the recycling center and its convenience trash center will still remain open," according to Tinsler in an earlier statement. "This has caused some confusion on the part of Tinsler said. The county no longer maintains the landfill and hasn't accepted trash there since December 1990. The county has a contract with Runkele located on M-30 Street to dispose of its waste. There are dumpster bins at the recycling center and Runkele keeps there to allow residents to drop off their trash for a small fee. "Most county landfills have been in the process of closing for several years. Trash has gone to a regional level instead of a county level. There is so much that goes into protecting the environment that the cost of a county to build and maintain a individual dump in a huge demand financially," according to an Environmental Protection Cabinet official.

Tinsler was hoping that Wednesday's meeting would be the final stage, but this was not the case. Judge Tinsler was informed that the county must pass four consecutive EPA tests, and then they will go into a two year closure plan.

He stated that they have passed the last quarter of 1998 test, and 1999's first quarter test results are not in yet, but he is 100 percent sure. "So if every thing goes as planned we are looking at our two year closure starting around the first millennium," said Tinsler.

The recycling center is open Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Two Runkele trash bins located at the Nicholas County Recycling Center.



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Recycling Center is located next to the old landfill. The landfill has been closed since December 1990, when the county contracted with Runkele and switched to a Recycling Center.

The recycling center does not accept wire, auto parts and tires, grease, or motor oil. Recycle in the future of our planet. If you do not recycle, stop the recycling center and see Phillip or John Rogers and they will talk to you about starting your own recycling project in your household or neighborhood.

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