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**Blood mobile to be at Fall Gospel Festival**

The Central Kentucky Blood Mobile will accept donations Saturday, September 18, Noon to 6:00 p.m., at Nicholas County Elementary School, as participation in the Nicholas County Cancer Coalition Festival.

**Board of Education to meet**

The Nicholas County Board of Education will have its regular monthly meeting Monday, September 20, at the Nicholas County Board of Education Offices at 7:00 p.m.

**Little Rock Vol. Fire Department Yard Sale**

The Little Rock Volunteer Fire Department will be having a yard sale Saturday, September 25, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Cane Ride and Little Rock Road, across from the Little Rock Christian Church.

**Little Rock Vol. Fire Department Pig Roast**

The Little Rock Volunteer Fire Department will be having a Pig Roast on Saturday, September 25, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Little Rock Christian Church located on Cane Ride and Little Rock Road.

Everyone is Welcome. Paul Lyons will be the chef for the evening and dinner cost \$5.



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**Entire state of Kentucky eligible for USDA emergency farm loans**  
On August 19, 1999, the Secretary of Agriculture declared a major disaster in the State of Kentucky due to losses caused by drought that occurred from June 1, 1997, and continuing.  
It has been determined that all 120 Kentucky counties have sustained sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretary disaster designation. Therefore, the entire State of Kentucky has been designated a primary disaster area.  
Since the Kentucky counties of Lawrence, Madison and Pike were named as contiguous counties for the same disaster on August 2, 1999, under Secretarial designation for the State of West Virginia, the termination date for receiving EM loan applications will remain as April 10, 2000.  
FSA will make production loss loans ONLY, up to \$500,000 per borrower at a statutory 3.75% interest rate, subject to a fee for credit.  
Applications will be received at the local FSA office through April 19, 2000.

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Due to lack of rain the tobacco and corn crops have declared a state of emergency all across Nicholas County and the state of Kentucky.

## Governor Patton issues water emergency declaration for 53 Kentucky counties

Governor Paul E. Patton today declared a water emergency for all or part of 53 counties in Kentucky because of the current water shortage and the lack of relief anticipated in the near future.  
In signing the declaration Patton said conditions "endanger the public health and safety and threaten the public welfare" and "these threats require the balancing of the water rights and the availability of water among users."  
The emergency declaration gives the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet the ability to restrict or stop water usage in the affected areas in an effort to ensure water supplies for safety and health needs. The declaration was issued in the wake of precipitation levels that have been below normal since late 1998 and stream flows often less than 5 percent of normal in some places.  
The 53 counties affected in the declaration include: Anderson, Bath, Bell, Boone, Boyle, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carroll, Clark, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Harlan, Harrison, Henry, Jackson, Jessamine, Kenton, Knott, Knox, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owen, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Woodford, and Wolfe.  
Many water systems in these counties have water shortage advisories or alerts in effect, and one system (Owingsville) has declared water emergency. A total of 602,741 people are served by public water systems in these counties, and 503,466 are affected by water.

Some of the actions the cabinet may take to stop non-essential water uses and to restrict essential usage include:  
• Encouraging or mandating local officials and water system managers to implement the appropriate stage of their water shortage response plans, including urging them to draft local ordinances to restrict water usage.  
• Directing the modification or removal of permitted impoundments blocking flow downstream.  
• Encouraging or mandating the hauling of potable water for livestock watering cattle. While many people who rely on cisterns or wells for drinking water must not depend on hauled water, supplying livestock with treated water on areas experiencing water shortages is unacceptable. The Dept. of Agriculture will work with the cabinet to assist farmers in finding alternate water sources for their livestock.  
Some of the actions the cabinet can take to conserve available water resources, order conservation and allocate water resources include:  
• Reducing or modifying amounts within water withdrawal permits for certain uses.  
• Restricting normally unregulated withdrawals.  
• Initiating discussions with the Corps of Engineers (COE) on appropriate use of COE reservoirs during the drought.  
• Actions to restrict currently permitted uses would be taken only in instances in which local agencies or water systems cannot or do not act appropriately.

## Kentucky crop production lower due to lack of rain

Kentucky crop production prospects decline with soybeans being the hardest hit crop according to the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service. The summer's hot, dry conditions continue to stress the State's farms as an early harvest season begins. Production of soybeans will ultimately be the hardest hit as late planted beans continue to struggle with little moisture. Approximately one-third of the State's soybeans are double crop beans which will produce little to no beans without rain.  
The 5-year average. The September 1 yield was estimated at 98 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from 1998 crop. Corn harvest was 36 percent complete as of September 5, well ahead of the 1 percent normal pace. Some corn is being chopped instead of harvested for grain due to dry conditions, lack of cattle forage, and expected low prices. U.S. corn production was forecast at 9.38 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and down 4 percent from 1998. Yields are expected to average 132.2 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from last month and 2.2 bushels from a year ago.

Production of Kentucky burley tobacco as of September 1 was forecast at 376.3 million pounds, down 8 percent from the August 1 forecast. The 1999 crop would be 99 percent of the 421.0 million pound effective quota. Yield at 1,750 pounds (down 150 pounds from August 1) was down 185 pounds from last year. Average forage harvest was estimated at 213,000 acres, the same as last year. Crop development is well ahead of last year and the average. Drought is the leading problem facing tobacco followed by black shank and scorching. Blue mold was a problem but dry weather halted its spread. As of September 5, about 69 percent of the burley crop had been cut, well ahead of the 60 percent last year and the 50 percent average. The 8-State Burley Belt production was forecast at 536.1 million pounds compared with 582.1 million pound in 1998. Production was down 7 percent from August 1.  
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## Nicholas County Fall Gospel Festival to support Cancer Coalition projects

The Nicholas County Cancer Coalition and Whitaker Bank of Carlisle, will be hosting the annual Nicholas County Fall Gospel Festival on Saturday, September 18, at the Nicholas County Elementary School.  
The activities will begin around noon and will continue until 6:00 p.m.

The concert will feature six different performances, all with a wide variety of music. Those scheduled to perform include: The Acappella Group of the The Greater Liberty Baptist Church, The New Found 4, Blood Hound, King's Strings, Doc's Ology, and Billy & Donna Dixon and Family.  
There is no admission to the festival. Door Prizes will be awarded and a variety of food booths for your enjoyment.  
Bring the whole family and enjoy a great afternoon full of music, food, and health information.

## N.C.E.S. participates in My Favorite Book Program

Many of our local first graders will have a new favorite book very soon. My Favorite Book, a beautifully illustrated volume expressive of positive citizenship values, is being made available to Nicholas County Elementary School by local business leaders who are concerned about the future of our children.  
With each distribution extra copies of the book are given to the school along with a professionally narrated audio cassette of the book. A copy of the volume goes home with the child to become his or her very own. Along with the book, a Parent Guide is sent to every parent explaining the positive character traits covered in the book.  
Ambassador Company spokesperson Joel Carrigan, said that reading is a very fundamental part of education, and without the ability to read, growth of a community is doomed. This program provides families an opportunity to sit down and enjoy reading while learning valuable life lessons.

Without the support of local community leaders this program would not have been possible.  
The Nicholas County sponsors are: Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tomcher, Carlisle Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, Mama Joe's Pizzeria, and Depon Bank of Carlisle.

## Strong winds cause outage for Harrison RECC

An outage that affected 2,000 Harrison Electric Cooperative members two miles east of Cynthia Sept. 8 was caused by damage to the transmission system owned and maintained by East Kentucky Power Cooperative.  
Harrison EC officials said strong winds snapped two transmission poles near Highways 32 and 36, causing the service interruption.  
The Harrison EC distribution system was not affected, and EKPC crews were responsible for power restoration.  
East Kentucky Power Cooperative, based in Winchester, is Harrison EC's wholesale electricity supplier.

**October 1 is the nomination deadline for 5th annual Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service**  
Friday, October 1, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. is the nomination deadline for the 1999 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service sponsored by The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS). The Awards recognize outstanding youth, adult, organizations, and businesses demonstrating exemplary service to their communities. A statewide committee of independent judges will select ten award recipients to be recognized in a normal ceremony that will be