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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicholas County Bookmobile schedule

The Nicholas County Public Library will be at Carlisle, Shepherd Hills, Apt. Nursing Home, and Assembly of God Day Care on Tuesday, January 18th.
They will also be at Myers Road, Myers Station, Cassidy Creek Road, and Moorefield on Tuesday, January 25th.
Headquarters Road, Dog Walk Road, Morning Glory, Johnson Road, and Head Start will be served on Thursday, January 27th.
Anyone interested in having the bookmobile stop at your house, please contact the Nicholas County Public Library at 299.8595.

Board of Education meeting set

The Nicholas County Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m. instead of Monday, due to the observance of Monday's Holiday.

Veterans Representative to be at Court House

John Frantz, a Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, will be at the Nicholas County Court House in Carlisle, Kentucky on Wednesday, January 19th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Veterans and their families will be given free counseling in filing claims for state and federal veterans benefits.
This is a service free of charge or fee provided by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel welcome to call us at 824-0940 or 1-800-747-9963 and please leave a message someone will contact you quickly.

NCHS Site Based Council to meet

The Nicholas County High School Site Based Council will have its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the council office.

OBITUARIES

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- Lawrence Couch, 1915-2000
- Charles P. "Pat" Dale, 1913-2000
- David Edwin Darnall, 1924-2000



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CARLISLE MERCURY
PROUD TO BE SERVING NICHOLAS COUNTY SINCE 1867
Thursday, January 13, 2000 - CARLISLE, KY

Community Action helps those in need

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Managing Editor

Community Action Council of Nicholas County presented the Nicholas County fiscal court with a report on how they help those in need in Nicholas County.
The community service programs provided 50 participants with clothing valued at \$1,704.50. 42 families made clothing donations with an estimated value of \$24,822.50.
The 1999 Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program served a total of 191 families with a total of \$16,002 in funding.
The Head Start Program/PK Program currently is serving 49 families with 51 children enrolled. 15 families received toys for Christmas and seven families received food baskets.
A Parent Christmas Pot Luck Dinner was held with several families in attendance. Kim Sumner now serves as a Head Start Policy Council representative from Nicholas County.
The Early Head Start program provides service to seven families and eight children. Six families received toys for Christmas and one family received a food basket.
CATS which provides services for Senior citizens for the month of December provided 10 passengers with transportation for shopping trips, 94 passengers for medical trips, 76 passengers to Comprehensive Care Sites, and 65 Head Start children and 2 Early Head Start children were transported on daily buses.
CATS presently has driving positions open if anyone from Nicholas County is interested.



JIMMY TISCHER/THE CARLISLE MERCURY
I'M OPEN. . . #45 Jay Grant waits for a pass, so he can score two more points. Grant was the leading scorer for the Bluejackets on Friday night and then again on Saturday. Grant scored 19 points, against Augusta to bring a 91-50 victory to the Bluejackets. Despite the 62-52 loss Saturday night against Bourbon County Grant scored 15 more points.

Hughes is named new DES Coordinator

Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tischer appointed Mark Hughes as new Disaster Emergency Service (DES) Coordinator for Nicholas County on Tuesday.
Hughes was appointed after the resignation of Gene Kelly, who had served as coordinator for over 12 years.
Kelly who had served as the City of Carlisle and Nicholas County DES Coordinator resigned to an earlier conflict during the three bomb threats held in December, in the city limits of Carlisle.
Hughes as served as Assistant DES Coordinator and served as Fire Chief of the Nicholas County Fire Department.
Mayor Ronnie Clark with drew the city funds which help fund Kelly's position in December and named his own City DES Coordinator, James "Jim" Biddle, now serves in the city's capacity.

ALS service become a reality in Nicholas County

Karina Jordan
Managing Editor

Nicholas County Ambulance Service providers Stephanie Ring and Michelle Mitchell gave their monthly report to the Nicholas County Fiscal Court on Tuesday evening.
In the report the two gave a report on the ALS service that they must provide to comply with the demands of those in Nicholas County and with their contract that was awarded to them last summer based on their proposal. The two had won the bid over Ronald and Joyce McDonald.
The report stated that in October all medical protocols were compiled and approved by the Directors of Ambulance Service and Medical Director Dr. Anna Rimalini.
Frankfort received the credentials and protocols for the ALS service and in than Frankfort will have to come and inspect the Ambulance. Carlisle Ring is checking on obtaining the medications through their Pharmacy, so that prescriptions can be gotten in a shorter amount of time.
Some other concerns of the Fiscal Court were also the proposed bid of having a quarterly drug screening. In the past no drug screening was mentioned, but Mitchell and Ring are working on having the screening done to comply with the contract.
Mitchell and Ring stated that the ALS service should be up and running no later than February, as long as Frankfort does not take their time.
As of this time the ALS service is waiting on drugs that need to be on hand for the ALS services.



JIMMY TISCHER/THE CARLISLE MERCURY
WE STAND SO YOUNG. . . Katie Hunt holds her grandson Jacob Yazell as he watches his uncle Forrest Hunt in action against Bourbon County.

A Bicentennial Feature: A Focus On Black History in Nicholas County

for the factories, mills, and businesses in Carlisle and Nicholas County. Most of the wealth accumulated by the European immigrants and this county during the first decades of existence was undoubtedly generated by hard-working and often mistreated slaves.
Although slavery was nearly absent in this county as in surrounding counties, many of our white ancestors soon realized the inhumanity of the practice and abolitionism became just as prevalent. Nicholas County also had a much larger population of free blacks than surrounding areas.
In the years preceding the Civil War, slavery was declining in this area as many blacks were being sent to the cane and cotton fields of the deep south, as well as traveling to the promise of the free north. Not a lot of blacks in Nicholas County during the war, for no battles or any significant aspects of the war occurred here. There were, however, plenty of Nicholas County men who fought both the Union and Confederate sides, as this area of Kentucky was one of the most divided in the country.
After Emancipation, much of the county's black population, mostly freed slaves, relocated northward and to the west. There remained, though, several small black communities throughout Nicholas County. Headquarters, Permann Ridge, Ellsville, Moorefield, Buzzard Root, and of course, Henriville, were just a few of those areas. During this time and up until just a generation or two ago, African-Americans also relocated here from farming communities in Bath, Montgomery, Woodford, Scott, and Bourbon Counties and elsewhere.
Henriville soon became the main location of Nicholas County's black population, due to the fact that most black farmers of the area were in the town long ago and moved to town to find better jobs.
Mrs. Lottie O'Bannon says that "not much has changed" since the war occurred here. There were, however, plenty of Nicholas County men who fought both the Union and Confederate sides, as this area of Kentucky was one of the most divided in the country. These places, as well as the church in Henriville, were important to blacks when it seemed there were no other places they were welcome. During these times, Henriville was like a separate town in itself. Its citizens took care of all their affairs themselves, from home, school, church, to even establishing and building their own fire protection system. Mr. O'Bannon talked about some of the people who stood out in her mind through the history of Carlisle's black community. Her grandparents, who were freed slaves when they first came to Nicholas County, lived at the end of Pickner Street and were among the first black citizens in Henriville. Their names were Dan and Lottie Jones. Dan Jones had a unique occupation, in that he broke rock around Nicholas County for construction projects and such things before there was heavy equipment to do the job. This may have been quite a strenuous task. Also, there were several black community during segregation.

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For the year 2000: I
Didn't get the usual tax filing package from the IRS? If you got an IRS TeleFile booklet, you can probably file your state and federal returns by phone—it's the fastest and easiest way to file. Or you may be one of the 303,000 Kentuckians who got a postcard with an e-File Customer Number (ECN). If you e-file from your computer, the ECN can take the place of a tax return so no paper has to be sent to the IRS.
Taxpayers who e-file or computer return IRS error notices and get faster refunds. Plus, they get a refund receipt, you know your money is on its way.
For the year 2000, it's easier to get a refund and easier to get it before the filing deadline. According to Gable Moore, Director for Kentucky

The flu bug is making its mark on Kentuckians

The Kentucky Department for Public Health has confirmed 19 cases of the flu occurring since early October. Although there are many more than 19 cases of the flu in the state, these confirmations help health officials monitor and track the illness. The flu is occurring on a regional basis in the state.
Kentucky is experiencing a typical flu season, according to Dr. Glyn Caldwell, the state epidemiologist. Flu cases are not required to be reported to state but the department checks with several physicians, health departments and labs across the state to monitor the illness.
One or more cases of the flu have been confirmed in the following 12 counties: Adair, Boyd, Boyle, Calloway, Clark, Papeete, Harrison, Jessamine, Madison, Marion, Mason and Rowan.
Some Kentuckians suffer from flu-like symptoms such as a cold, headache, fever, but may not have the flu.
Here are some prevention tips for the flu and other ailments:
*Coughing and sneezing one way the flu is spread around others.
*Regular hand washing is a good way to avoid the flu.
*Flu shots are recommended for elderly people with chronic illnesses, about three weeks to take effect, which they are usually given fall before flu season. If you have the flu, like illness, you should plenty of rest and check with your health provider.

web watch
If you have to
Watch for these useful sites:
Shape Up America! www.shapeupamerica.com
Diff. Labs www.difflabs.com
www.ecstang.com/user_services_overview.html
www.epport.com
Wetzel and Luxenberg, www.wetzel.com
www.usda.fema.gov
The Coalition on Donation: www.shareyourlife.org

Transplant Patient Partnering Program: www.tppp.net
www.westerntrans.org/colorsetal.htm
Figure This: www.figurethis.org
Coaches vs. Cancer: www.canccare.com
Elsas Inc.: www.elsas.com
www.proctorprep.phd.html
www.flanagan.org
The Macintosh Products Guide at www.apple.com
www.nationwide.com
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