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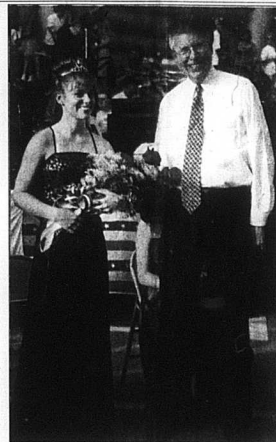
## Hamilton crowned queen

**2000 Blackberry Festival is a success**

The first Blackberry Festival of the new millennium was held last week in Nicholas County. If you missed the celebration, it was one of the largest turn outs in the Festival's history. The 50 some year old festival started last Monday and ended on Saturday. The highlight of this year's carnival attractions was the Fireball. Crowds flocked each night to this ride to add some heat to their lives. Some other attractions to this year's festival was the Bicentennial Committee's booth where jars of jam and special commemorative items were available for sale. You could even stop by one booth and have an old fashioned western style photo taken.

On Thursday the main events were held with the first event starting at 6:00 p.m. The Democrat Women's Club and Chamber of Commerce hosted an invitational dinner at the old jailer's house with local politicians attending such as Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tincher, Magistrates Jeff Randolph,

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Rebecca Hamilton was crowned 2000 Blackberry Queen on Thursday night. In photo was Jody Richardson who announced Rebecca as the winner



Speaker of the House of Representatives Jody Richardson and Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tincher enjoy a nice conversation at Thursday's pre-parade dinner. The dinner was sponsored by the Democrat Women's Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

## Smoot receives National Football award

Weston Smoot, a Nicholas County High School Football player, was given an award by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame on June 22, at the associations 8th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner, held in Lexington at the Fasig-Tipton Dining Room. He was one of fifteen young men chosen from outstanding scholar-athletes from Central, Eastern and Southern Kentucky. In order to be so honored, Smoot had to have a least a 3.0 grade point average, show exceptional leadership and ability on the football field, and be active in a positive way in Carlisle. Smoot was a Running Back/Defensive Back for the Bluejackets under the direction of Coach Greg



Nicholas County High School Graduate Weston Smoot was awarded by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for his outstanding football, academic, and community service.

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## Fiscal Court reviews subdivision regulations

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court tabled the adoption of a subdivision regulation law that would allow the Fiscal Court to protect the interest of local farms and larger land developments in Nicholas County. The county up to this time has had no formal code to subdivision, with more than three home sites. County Clerk Doug Fryman has had several inquiries from out of town and state proprietors who are interested in

developing such properties in Nicholas County. "If the county doesn't adopt something soon, the county will be faced with problems that are financially a burden, while land developers profit from a county with no existing laws," said Jeff Randolph. Magistrates were also concerned with existing right-of-ways, and wanted the existing laws to be forced. "Improper roads on to state

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Nicholas County residents enjoyed this year's Blackberry Festival. The festival had one of it's largest crowds ever. You can tell by this little ones face that it sure was a lot of fun.

## Landfill to lease dumpster

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted to lease a new 20 cubic yard dumpster from Rumpke after an increase of open top garbage at the Recycling Center. Billy Ray Hunter informed the court that the recycling center has already seen almost as much garbage in just the past six months as it had in 1999.

"We have been having to turn people away on Friday's and Saturday's due to the open-top dumpster already being full," said Hunter. The new dumpster will be used as a back up and will allow for the additional weekend collection. Rumpke picks up the present dumpster on Monday or Tuesday, unless it is full by Thursday. The new dumpster will run the county a dollar a day for the lease and additional \$317.00 each pick-up. "We are losing money on the open-top, but if we don't provide it we will see an increase in road side dumping, and will have to pay county workers to clean up the roadways," said Tincher. The county presently owns two large open-top dumpsters that are rotated out at pick-up by Rumpke. These dumpsters run the county around \$834 each week. The Recycling Center will also be accepting old tires for three days starting July 27th, at the KYDOT Highway Garage located at the East End of Walnut Street, in Carlisle. There is no charge for this service. The State will dispose of them. Tires on rims will be accepted. Tires that will not be accepted are foam-filled tires, off-road construction and earthmoving equipment and tires and solid tires with pressed on rims. Eligible participants do not include tire retailers, agriculture tire retailers, and salvage yards. If you have a large number of tires or cannot deliver your tires to the collection site, please call 859-289-3725 to make special arrangements. This Waste Tire Amnesty program will be provided only once.

## Community Services pays off

Crime does not pay, but for the citizens of Nicholas County criminals are paying the court that in the past 18 months since the fiscal court department and doing community service work instead of spending time in jail at the county's expense. Billy Ray Hunter, who serves as the Community Service Supervisor informed the court that in the past 18 months since the fiscal court adopting the program with the legal court system that the

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• Minnie Ashbury Hamilton, 83  
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• Emery Wilson

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