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## Nicholas still under water shortage watch

The Kentucky Division of Water is issuing a water shortage watch for 37 counties in addition to 23 that have remained under a watch since the end of June 1999. All 60 counties now included in the watch are in the Kentucky, Salt, Licking and Upper Cumberland watersheds.

A Water Shortage Watch indicates that conditions are right for water shortages to occur. The first watch of the 1999-2000 drought was issued on June 23, 1999.

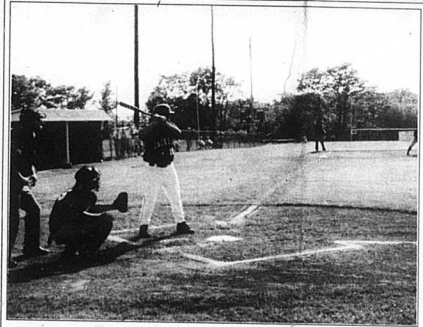
The counties being added are Anderson, Bell, Boyle, Bullitt, Clark, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Grant, Hardin, Henry, Jessamine, Knox, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, McCreary, Mercer, Monroe, Nelson, Owen, Pendleton, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Washington, Wayne, Woodford, and Whitley.

Those counties that were already under the watch are Bath, Bourbon, Breathitt, Clay, Fleming, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe.

The entire state is now in a moderate drought, according to Palmer Drought Severity Index. Streamflows are very low, with 92 of 41 measured streams at levels below those of the same date in 1999. Ninety percent of streams are below 25 percent of their average flow for this date, and nearly a third are below 10 percent of their average.

Long term weather predictions forecast below average rainfall. The division urges everyone to consider water conservation now so that there may be enough water later when conditions may be even drier. All weather systems should be planning for meeting water demands in the months of August-October if supplies that are normally low at that time of year are worsened by continued drought.

Drought conditions in Kentucky are updated at least weekly on the World Wide Web at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/wsp/WSP10.htm>.



Senior Josh Fryman, takes his last stand at the plate in hopes of winning the District Title against Harrison County. Nicholas County lost 19-1.

## Bluejackets still alive after Regions victory

... Harrison beat Nicholas 19-1, but is out in first round

The Nicholas County Bluejackets Varsity Baseball team is still alive in the 10th Region Baseball Tournament being held this week at Campbell County High School.

The Bluejackets who won the birth at regions after placing second at the District Tournament last week in Nicholas County. Harrison County defeated Nicholas 19-1 after Nicholas was unable to use pitcher Shane Smith.

Smith who had won its tenth consecutive pitching game for the bluejackets, gave Nicholas the shot at the title when they defeated Bourbon County 6-5 in 10 innings. With Smith back in the ball game the Bluejackets brought home their first victory in the Regions against Pendleton County on Tuesday night. Harrison County lost their shot to win the Regions when George Rogers Clark defeated them on Monday night 5-6.

As we went to press the Bluejackets were facing Estill County who defeated St. Patrick earlier in the tournament 1-0. Nicholas has defeated both Estill and St. Patrick earlier this year and have a good shot at beating Estill.

If the hard work and dedication of the players bring them another victory they will be playing on Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. against George Rogers Clark or the winner of Mason and Campbell County.

## Graduation 2000 ... 62 to become alumni

The first graduating class of the new millennium will have their night on glory this Sunday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Sixty-two students will walk across the Nicholas County Football field to receive their diplomas from Nicholas County High School. Principal Doug Buchanan.

For some this will be a time of sadness for other it will be a great relief. Students will be heading off for a new future that no one know for sure what will happen.

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Valedictorians for this year's class had not yet been decided.

Following graduation a Project Graduation night will be held till 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning. Project Graduation has been held for several years know and continues to grow and be a bigger success year after year.

Project Graduation provides a free, non alcohol atmosphere for the students, that is well intended for their safety.

## Last days...



Jennifer Earlywine and Sky Ismael are enjoying what days that have left. Graduation will be held on Sunday, at 7:00 p.m., at NCHS.

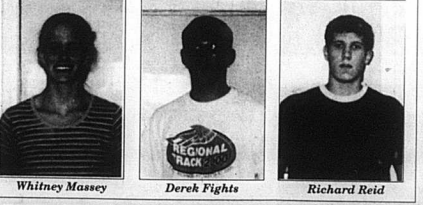
## NCHS track members advance to state

... Track team makes it's mark at 2000 Regional Track meet

Last week Nicholas County Track team traveled to Eastern Kentucky University for the 2000 Regional track meet.

Despite competition from larger school from Central Kentucky, Nicholas County showed them that a small, rural community could make it's mark.

The results in the boys competition was as follows: 110M High Hurdles, Adam Hunter 4th and Ryne Bretz 5th, 100M Dash, Derek Fights 6th, 800M Relay, Ryan Hunter, Adam Hunter, Forrest Hunt, and Eric Hutchinson 5th; 100M Run, Nathan Hicks 3rd, 400M Relay, Ryan Hunter, Eric Hutchinson, Forrest Hunt, Derek Fights 5th, 400M Dash, Derek Fights 2nd, 300M Hurdles, Adam Hunter 5th and Ryne Bretz 6th, 3200M Run, Nathan Hicks 6th; 800M Run, Nathan Hicks 5th; 200M Dash, Derek Fights 4th; 1600M Relay, Sam Reid, Ryne Bretz, Travis Woosley, and Chris Shumway 5th; Pole Vault, Richard Reid 2nd; Long Jump, Forrest Hunt 5th; and Discus, Ryan Hunter 3rd.



Whitney Massey, Derek Fights, Richard Reid

## Sen. Miller is coming to town

Sen. Ed Miller, D-D-cynthiana, will hold another of his regular town meetings in Nicholas County on Friday, June 16. All citizens are invited to the meeting, which starts at 1:00 p.m. in the county judge's office at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle.

The meeting will give Miller an opportunity to discuss his work in the legislative session, which ended on April 14, as well as the issues lawmakers will likely deal with in the future.

"There's really no set agenda for this meeting, other than to talk about what's on people's minds," said Miller. "Anyone with a comment, question, or an interest in the well being of Kentucky is encouraged to attend."

Miller represents Kentucky's 30th Senate District in Bourbon, Bracken, Harrison, Nicholas, Scott and Woodford counties.

He can be reached at 606-234-5751 (home) or 602-564-8100 ext.710 (Frankfort Office).

## Local students graduate from MCC

A total of 109 students were Associates in Arts, received associate degrees. Louisiana Kay Hollar and Lori from Mayaville Community College during commencement exercises held on Friday, May 5, 2000 in the Field's auditorium of the Cabnet Center.

Those students receiving degrees from Nicholas County were Associates in Arts, Science, Thomas York Gabriel and Patrick Lee Sparks, Associate in Applied Science, Cynthia C. Glass and Cynthia Jo Malone.

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• Bryan Garret  
• Thelma Gertrude Green  
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• Jack G. "Jack" Thomas  
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