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Congratulations Bluejackets! 10th Region Baseball Champs



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Becky Hamilton, Jennifer Earlywine, Crystal Pryor, and Lori Hillander bid farewell at graduation held Sunday night at Nicholas County High School

Seniors say farewell

On Sunday, June 4, the first graduating class of the new millennium said goodbye. The 69 seniors began their journey to receive their diplomas as the Nicholas County High School band played.

Guest speaker Mr. David Dick, author, and retired news correspondent gave a remarkable speech as students reflected on what they had accomplished and what their goals for the future.

Superintendent Greg Reid presented the seniors with their diplomas as Mr. Doug Bechmann read the name. "This class has accomplished many goals and dreams at NCHS and have made an impression on the future of Nicholas County," said Bechmann.

A highlight of the evening was when classmate Ryan Brady Uptegraff received his diploma. Uptegraff was injured just a few weeks ago from a motorcycle accident, and had just gotten home from the hospital in Louisville.

Reese Weston Smooth was honored as Valedictorian. Smooth had been an outstanding student not only in the classroom, but

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Summer reading begins at library

The Nicholas County Public Library will be offering Summer Reading during summer vacation.

Children as young as 3 and as old as the fifth grade can participate in this activity.

For children that are three and four, summer reading will be held on Monday, June 12, until Thursday, June 15 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

For children that are five and six, summer reading will be held on Monday, June 12, until Thursday, June 15 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and noon.

First and Second grade students will be reading between the hours of 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26 thru Thursday, June 29.

Third through fifth grade will follow the first and second graders starting at 11:00 a.m. until noon.

For more information and reservations, please call 289-5595. The Nicholas County library asks that all children be signed up ahead of time in order to have enough supplies for games and crafts.

Hospice of the Bluegrass offers training course

Many people choose to live in small town America to get away from the bustle and bustle of big city life. One of the greatest advantages of living in the Carlisle or Nicholas County's of the world is that old-time tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, and often, strangers helping strangers.

One of the best ways Nicholas Countians can help each other is to volunteer for one of the outstanding service organizations in America today. Hospice of the Bluegrass provides a multi-faceted service to terminally ill patients and their families at no cost.

Hospice of the Bluegrass will be offering a volunteer training course on Tuesday, June 20, and Thursday, June 22, 2000. The training course will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Public Library. The registration deadline is Friday, June 16, 2000.

The course is free and open to the public. It is designed to educate and train people interested in volunteer patient care with Hospice. However, a variety of volunteer opportunities are available.

Attendance does not obligate anyone to volunteer. To register for the training course or for more information, contact Kelly Kendall, (606)234-6462 or 800-577-6006.

The lifeblood of Hospice is the volunteers who give their time, energy, and talents to ease the pain of families by donating their services. Those services could include driving a patient to doctor's appointments, sitting with a patient while family members are away, mowing grass, installing an air conditioner, changing light bulbs, helping with special events, or any of a myriad of other chores or errands that would ease the burden on the patient and family.

The Hospice of the Bluegrass in Cynthiana currently serves 132 patients in Harrison, Scott, Bourbon and Nicholas Counties. In 1999 Hospice of the Bluegrass provided services to approximately 50 patients in Nicholas County alone.

When a doctor refers a patient to Hospice, that patient can expect the best care available to a team approach. That team consists of a Physician, registered nurse, social workers, home health aides, a chaplain, a bereavement counselor, and volunteers.

Nicholas County is fortunate to have a dedicated and caring team to look after those patients and their families who are in need. Teresa Sapp and Lourena Taylor are the registered nurses assigned to Nicholas County. Dora Barnett is the social worker. Bonnie Meyer is the chaplain, and Mary McKinnis is the bereavement counselor. Alison Hendricks is assigned as the nurse who takes care of Hospice patients in the nursing home.

What Nicholas County is desperately in need of are the volunteers who can take care

of the non-medical tasks that tend to build up and make life more stressful. To date, the four county Hospice of the Bluegrass Office in Cynthiana has 43 volunteers who have given of their time, but only one active volunteer. see HOSPICE page 10

New water park offers new jobs and family fun

The Miller family announced today that their Paradise Breeze Water Park and Family Fun Center will open in July. It is located at 3177 AA Highway, Maysville, Kentucky.

The water park and fun center bring these valuable benefits to the area. First, new jobs. Paradise Breeze will employ 24 people during the summer season. Second, the park will create economic growth, bringing not one, but three new businesses to one site, an outdoor recreation park, an Italian restaurant, and a fun center. Each business will serve not just the citizens of Maysville, but also will bring vacationers and travelers to the community. And three, Paradise Breeze will add a clean, safe, family-oriented entertainment center to the community.

The opening of Paradise Breeze represents phase I of a three-phase program. As specific customer needs are identified, new attractions will be added.

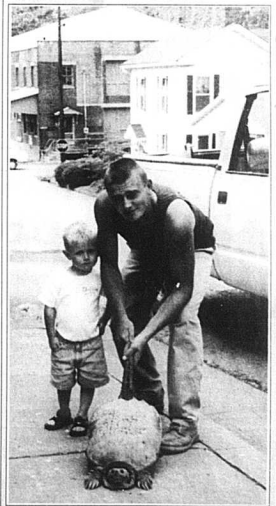
Paradise Breeze will offer a wide variety of exciting attractions: two giant water slides for the adventurous and heated swimming pool with room for up to 1000 people. For children, the shallow end of the pool will feature water toys and sheltered place to play. With customer safety a first priority, qualified lifeguards will be on duty during all pool hours.

A Pacer Go-Kart will provide driving enthusiasts a place for a challenge and a thrill. Both one and two-person cars will be available. For the athletic minded, team fun and exercise can be found at one of the two official-sized volleyball courts located near the pool.

Inside the 16,000 square foot Fun Center, visitors will find more than 30 electronic video and instantly redeemable games that can be played alone or competitively with a friend. The Fun Center is also "The Place To Be" for food, with a Noble Romans Pizza Express on site, featuring a wide assortment of good Italian food. Two party rooms will be available for birthday, business/church meetings and special events.

For information about the park, tickets and jobs will be available in the next 10 to 15 days.

Great Catch...



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Josh Abney, 21 and his three year old son, DeKain caught this 40 pound Snapping Turtle Monday evening at the 4-H lake.

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Partly sunny

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