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Meetings

Legion Post 22 to meet

Montgomery Post 22 of The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Thursday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the Post Home on Winchester Road, Mt. Sterling. All veterans, and their spouses, from Bath, Clark, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas and Powell counties are invited to attend.

NCES PTA meeting set

The Nicholas County Elementary School PTA will hold its monthly meeting at the Nicholas County Library on Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.

We invite all parents, teachers, and others who care about the education of Nicholas County students to attend.

Hospice of Bluegrass Memorial Service

Hospice of the Bluegrass extends an invitation to a Memorial Service for families of patients who have received hospice services in 1999. The service will be held at Nicholas County Elementary School, Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. To RSVP, contact Kelly Kendall at 1-800-756-6005.

Fair Board to meet

The Nicholas County Fair Board will have a meeting on Monday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., at the Nicholas County Extension Offices.

Wildcat Way to Wellness

The Nicholas County Public Library will sponsor a free Wildcat Way to Wellness class, given by the Nicholas County Extension Service, Tuesday, Marcy 28, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Conservation District meeting set

The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the old Army in Carlisle.

Obits

Deaths, Page 3

- Geneva Cray Jolly Foster, age 72
- Hurschel Howard, age 90
- Blanche Shaw, age 96

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Members of the STLP program are (in no particular order): Leah Berry, Julie Bourne, Jennifer Brewer, Katie Gifford, Ryan Hunter, Elizabeth McCarty, Mindy Simons, Jarrett Stull, and Alex Wilson. STLP Coordinator is Phyllis Guthrie.

STLP presents "Going for the Gold"

Students showcase achievements of students, teachers, and community

On Monday evening at the Nicholas County Board meeting, students of the Nicholas County High School Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) presented a video on the accomplishments of this year's group.

During the video presentation members were able to see the projects that STLP students do based on the STLP Mission and Goals.

Students are encouraged to collaborate with one another, teachers, business, organizations, and the community. These partnerships encourage the students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

The STLP community outreach program includes computer courses and basic computer skills classes. The challenge of providing both teacher and community classes has given us direction and unlimited opportunities. As the students teach the citizens and teachers of Nicholas County, they learn about different levels of technological skills and



Phyllis Guthrie and Ryan Hunter look over a video of their accomplishments during Monday nights school board meeting.

School donates stair climber Renovation continues

The Nicholas County School Board has donated two stair climbers that were used at Nicholas County High School. The stair climbers were replaced with elevators when the new construction of the school.

The stair climbers have been donated to the Sr. Citizens Center and the Nicholas County Courthouse. During Monday nights meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education Debra Shuckley, of Ross, Terrett, and Associates updated members of the renovations still being done at the high school. Bids will be opened on the new bleachers for the gymnasium and student lockers.

Plans on the bleachers are still waiting approval from Frankfort. The gym presently sits over 1,000 people, and new bleachers would bring the total number down by almost 125. If Frankfort goes with the six foot limit to the court, then the seating could go to just 650.

"Going to 650 seats seems impossible, where will all the fans sit," said Superintendent Greg Reid. "We may have to figure about the bleachers if Frankfort won't allow the eight row bleachers that are requested."

A minor change in the bus loop is being changed, but everything is heading in the right direction.

The board approved payment of \$30,983.65 to D.W. Wilburn as partial payment for the renovations. In other school board business members approved the following: employments of Denise Bussell as substitute bus driver, Nikki Smoot as middle school track coach and Ben Pumphrey as middle school track co-coach.

A motion by Sherry Utecraft and second by Josh Shepherd to acknowledge the first reading of contracts that students residing in Nicholas County but attending school in Bourbon and Harrison Counties be allowed to continue attending with a one-to-one match and under the following conditions:

1. Any student who have continuously attended either of the above systems since 1992 or before should be allowed to continue to attend in their present school on a one-to-one basis.
2. Any students who have continuously attended either of the above systems since 1992 in excess of the one-to-one count, should be allowed to continue in their present school.

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Garden store opens in Carlisle

Tomorrow Carlisle will welcome a new Landscaping and Garden Center. Owners Liz Tunney and Karen Martin, along with Beverly Johnson are looking to provide Carlisle and Nicholas residents with a wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, trees, and shrubs for your home or office.

A Nature Center is also set up that features food, houses, and baths that you need to attract birds, squirrels and other nature loving animals.

Tunney who has been in the landscaping business for over 11 years is looking forward to bringing her expertise to your yard. Besides landscaping service the center also offers free delivery.

The Center is open Monday through Saturday, and is located at the corner of Main and Walnut, next to Foodland.

BICENTENNIAL MOMENT

The Making of "The Greatest Generation"



Frank F. Mathias

Mathias believes that such boyhoods were the essential threads that bound the fabric of his entire generation. When he joined the army in 1943, he discovered that his comrades, though they hailed from different parts of the country, shared most of the same beliefs, educational background, taste in music, humor, hopes, and fears. Many of the girls could identify with Mathias' stories of afternoons spent fishing with his father or of the school superintendent who seemed to have eyes in the back of his head and could instantly locate a group of boys smoking anywhere in the building.

The GI Generation is a memoir about the wondrous variety of daily living, even during the Depression years, that shaped the lives of young women of the era. Recreation involved playing games of Cowboys and Indians, studying maps of the stars when it was too hot for families to sleep indoors during summer heat waves, ransing down snow-covered hills on a toboggan or Phloxie Flyer sled, watching Chautauqua performances in a large tent behind the courthouse, or observing the town's last blacksmith as he fixed horseshoes and farm implements.

The author recounts the weekly broadcast of Your Lucky Strike Hit Parade. By the time he was in high school, he landed a spot with a promotional dance band, whose ranks had been depleted by the war effort. Mathias remembers "Stu" had shed my Carlisle cocoon as "Little Frank" and in my eyes emerged stably as the new tenor man with the Kavaliers."

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