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### Nicholas County

#### Nicholas youth injured in tractor mishap

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

A 14-year-old Nicholas County boy was injured in an accident involving a tractor on Friday afternoon, June 29, on Moorefield Road.

EMS personnel said that Tyler Tolliver had been mowing grass at his grandparents' house, where he also lives, when a nearby tractor which had been parked at a store apparently jumped out of gear, traveled down a hill and its wheels ran over him.

The boy suffered a possible fractured pelvis, EMS said.

Witnesses said that no one was occupying the tractor. Emergency crews transported Tolliver to the hospital in Carlisle and he was soon flown out by helicopter to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

## Announcements

### Federal tax rebates not state taxable

In response to numerous inquiries, the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet announced that federal individual income tax rebate checks to be mailed to Kentucky residents under the Federal Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001, are not taxable for Kentucky state income tax purposes.

"This is because federal income tax is not deductible on the state income tax return," said revenue Secretary Mike Hayden.

According to the IRS, 1.2 million checks are expected to be mailed to Kentucky residents beginning in July.

### Special site-based meeting to be held

There will be a special called site-based council meeting on July 5, at 6 p.m., at the faculty workroom at Nicholas County High School.

### State property tax rate set at 13.6 cents

Kentucky Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton today announced that the 2001 state real property tax rate is 13.6 cents per each \$100 of assessed value.

The rate is reviewed by the revenue cabinet and adjusted each year to ensure that, as assessments go up, the rate comes down to a level that limits any revenue increase to no more than four percent.

The estimated total real property assessment for the 2001 tax year is approximately \$144 billion, up from \$133 billion in 2000.

The major categories include an estimate of \$90.4 billion for residential property assessments, \$36.6 billion for commercial property assessments and \$12.9 billion for farm assessments.

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Above, park patrons flock to the cool of the pool at Blue Licks State Park.



Above, park patrons tour the park to look at historic markers of the battlefield at Blue Licks State Park.

## KSP eradicates marijuana

By KIM HAMILTON  
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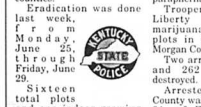
Kentucky State Police from the Morehead post along with local officers have eradicated marijuana plants in Wolfe and Morgan counties.

Eradication was done last week, from Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29.

Sixteen total plots and one indoor growing operation were uncovered, with over 800 plants being discovered by state troopers and sheriff's departments in the two counties.

Two arrests were made in Wolfe County. Orville Sparks, 43, of Rogers was charged with possession of marijuana.

In mid-June, police at the Dry Ridge Post arrested in Morgan County was John F. Fugett, 31, of Ezel, who was charged with cultivating marijuana, five plants or more and possession of marijuana. William R. Peyton, 57, of West Liberty, was charged with cultivating marijuana.



Two arrests were made and 262 plants were destroyed.

A state police helicopter was used to assist in locating the plants.

Anyone with information about marijuana growers should contact the state police at 800-222-5555 or 806-784-1127 with information.

Callers can remain anonymous.

## Child drowns in Powell County pond

By KIM HAMILTON  
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A three-year old child drowned in a pond in Powell County on Saturday, June 30, according to police.

Kentucky State Police said James Ada Taubee of Lawrenceburg was pronounced dead by University of Kentucky Medical Center emergency room staff at 1:37 p.m.

He was flown from the scene to the hospital after he was found in about three and a half feet of water in a pond on Paint Creek, near the home of Gary and Becky Abney.

The youth was with his mother, Carla, and his brother and sister, as they were visiting the Abneys.

He was reported missing at approximately 9:45 a.m. to the Powell County Sheriff and KSP. At 9:53 a.m., rescue personnel began searching the area. Taubee was found by a neighbor at 10:05 a.m.

No charges have been filed. Trooper Anthony V. Rucker with the Morehead KSP post is investigating.

## Blue Lick offers history, & recreation bonanza

### Area State Park open year 'round

By DENVER BROWN  
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Just up the road from Carlisle, there's a huge piece of Kentucky history - not to mention fabulous food, top-of-the-line lodging and a cool pool.

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park on the Nicholas and Robertson County lines on Hwy. 68 offers something for everybody. The historian, bird watcher or just the local kids looking for a refreshing dip will all find what they are looking for at the gem of Daniel Boone Country.

"We have a lot of local people who grew up with this park and can remember swimming down in the river," park manager Doug Price said. "Now we have children of those folks that grew up with the park coming here and using the pool and just enjoying the park - it's really a family park."

For years folks have been stomping around the same ground that prehistoric mastodons found irresistible for its salt springs. Foot-long teeth from these dinosaur-age beast are on hand in the park's Pioneer Museum and Shop.

At video presentation of the area's history, mastodon bones, Native American and Kentucky pioneer artifacts highlights the trip to the museum.

Blue Licks is where Boone, himself, was captured by the Shawnee Indians during a salt making expedition. Boone escaped in time to warn Fort

Boonesborough of the Shawnee's further plans. But the most famous early Kentuckian and the tribe faced off several more times - most notably on August 19, 1782. On a hill overlooking the Licking River, the Kentucky Militia, under the command of Boone, John Todd and Stephen Trigg, was ambushed by an army of British and Indian troops. This clash was known as the Battle of Blue Lick and is was the final Revolutionary War battle in the Bluegrass State. The early Kentucky settlers suffered heavy casualties in the battle, Boone survived but his son, Israel, died. A monument at the park's entrance honors those fallen Kentuckians. Boone's quote is etched onto the memorial stone. "Enough honor cannot be paid."

Many well-to-do Southerners flocked to the grounds' mineral springs as a popular health spa in the 19th-century. The springs were said to have had "medicinal qualities" and its bottled water thought to have curative powers.

Today, visitors can learn about the past at Blue Licks while enjoying the convenience of modern facilities. A 32-room guest lodge was constructed in two years ago. The lodge offers private rooms with a balcony or patio and also provides Native American and conference rooms and a full-service, 140-seat dining room.

"We just found out about the park on our drive through this part of Kentucky on our way back home," Carl Schert of Michigan told The Carlisle

## Nearly half of fireworks injuries involve children

Those who attempt to capture the excitement of a fireworks show at home need to beware: fireworks can often result in serious injury - particularly to children.

In 1999, approximately 5,700 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). During this time, 45 percent of the fireworks-related injuries were to children under 15.

In 2000, seven children were treated at Kosair Children's Hospital for fireworks-related injuries July 1-11.

"All fireworks injuries can be avoided," said Sharon Rengers, R.N., Children's Hospital Foundation Office of Child Advocacy of Kosair Children's Hospital. "Just don't use them."

"Fireworks can cause devastating injuries involving the hands, eyes and head. And those injuries can result in amputation, blindness and even death. However, the

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## Crime ring busted

By RON MIDDLETON  
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In a cooperative effort, the Morehead State University Police and Morehead Police Department ended an organized crime spree with the arrest of a Morehead resident, police said.

Police have recovered over \$57,000 in stolen merchandise, including computers and computer parts.

About 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 24, MSU Police officers Rafael Abner and Weyson Cooper responded to a door alarm in the Lloyd Cassity Building. Two individuals were found inside and were taken into custody at the scene, police said.

According to police, Morehead Patrolman Tim Smedley apprehended a third suspect after a description of the suspect was relayed by MSU Police.

Police are investigating officers from both departments

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