

Community

Farm tractors traveling public highways are a familiar sight in Nicholas County, and will be becoming even more so as spring is around the corner and planting will begin soon.

Page 8

Across

Nicholas County

Conservation board to meet March 7

The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the old Agony in Carlisle.

Site-based council to meet March 7

The Nicholas County Elementary site-based council will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 4 p.m. in the school library.

City Council to hold regular meeting March 12

Carlisle City Council will hold its regular meeting Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Fiscal Court to hold regular meeting March 13

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the courthouse.

School Board to hold regular meeting March 19

The Nicholas County Board of Education will meet Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m., in the school system's central office.

Tech leaders to compete in March

The Nicholas County High School Student Technical Leadership Program participants will compete in state level competition in Louisville March 8-10.

The leadership program is a statewide effort for students to learn practical applications of technology in schools.

The team won the regional title in November.

Seniors on the team include Ryan Hunter, Alex Wilson, Katie Gifford and Andy Walker.

Gifford will receive special recognition at the state level for her contribution and outstanding performance in the technical leadership program.

Other students include Elizabeth McCarty, Charly Barton, Nathan Stull and Tony Rhodes.

Teacher Phyllis Guthrie is in charge of the program.

Ruddles Methodist Men to meet

The Ruddles Association of United Methodist Men will not meet in January. The next meeting will be April 23, 2001. The location will be announced later.

Center accepts coats

The Nicholas County Family Resource and Youth Services Center, in collaboration with the Nicholas County Migrant Program, is accepting winter coats for the Community Coat Closet. Coats may be dropped off at the Resource Center located at 105 School Drive, Carlisle (second to last trailer beside the elementary school.) Coats in good, clean condition of all sizes are needed.

For additional information on the Coat Closet, please call 259-3702.

Clarification...

The Carlisle Mercury last week incorrectly credited "city officials" for cleanup efforts at the East End ball park and playground. County Parks & Recreation officials implemented the cleanup effort.

Viewpoint

Head of the Holler

The Carlisle Mercury

Vol. 156, No. 09

Proud to be serving Nicholas County since 1867

50¢ Thursday, February 28, 2001

Page 4

Page 3

\*\*\*\*\* DIGIT 405  
\*\*\*\*\*  
WWW.NICHOLASCOUNTYKY.COM  
WWW.REPRODUCTIONSLIBRARY.COM  
LEWISTON, KY 40008

Across

Nicholas County

Conservation board to meet March 7

The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the old Agony in Carlisle.

Site-based council to meet March 7

The Nicholas County Elementary site-based council will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 4 p.m. in the school library.

City Council to hold regular meeting March 12

Carlisle City Council will hold its regular meeting Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Fiscal Court to hold regular meeting March 13

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the courthouse.

School Board to hold regular meeting March 19

The Nicholas County Board of Education will meet Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m., in the school system's central office.

Tech leaders to compete in March

The Nicholas County High School Student Technical Leadership Program participants will compete in state level competition in Louisville March 8-10.

The leadership program is a statewide effort for students to learn practical applications of technology in schools.

The team won the regional title in November.

Seniors on the team include Ryan Hunter, Alex Wilson, Katie Gifford and Andy Walker.

Gifford will receive special recognition at the state level for her contribution and outstanding performance in the technical leadership program.

Other students include Elizabeth McCarty, Charly Barton, Nathan Stull and Tony Rhodes.

Teacher Phyllis Guthrie is in charge of the program.

Ruddles Methodist Men to meet

The Ruddles Association of United Methodist Men will not meet in January. The next meeting will be April 23, 2001. The location will be announced later.

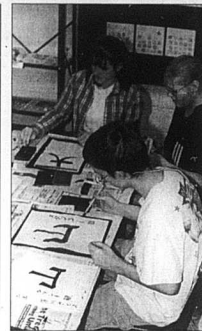
Center accepts coats

The Nicholas County Family Resource and Youth Services Center, in collaboration with the Nicholas County Migrant Program, is accepting winter coats for the Community Coat Closet. Coats may be dropped off at the Resource Center located at 105 School Drive, Carlisle (second to last trailer beside the elementary school.) Coats in good, clean condition of all sizes are needed.

For additional information on the Coat Closet, please call 259-3702.

Clarification...

The Carlisle Mercury last week incorrectly credited "city officials" for cleanup efforts at the East End ball park and playground. County Parks & Recreation officials implemented the cleanup effort.



Kim Hamilton photo  
Noah Pritts, Christian Coker and Heather Treadway worked on Japanese calligraphy in Clint Stone's elementary art class Tuesday.

Cultural Artwork...

Students learn Japanese culture through art project

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

Having lived in Japan for a time, Nicholas County Elementary Art Teacher Clint Stone inspired his students to learn some oriental art forms recently.

Eighth graders were found Tuesday working on Japanese calligraphy, fish printing and Oragami.

Calligraphy is a special form of writing entire thoughts through artistic symbols.

Fish printing is an ancient way of documenting species from rivers and creating trophy works from them.

Oragami is a Japanese art form of folding paper and creating art objects such as hats and flowers.

"I like Japanese stuff," said Tyler Williams. "I'm really into dragons and stuff like that - it's really colorful, not hectic like Americans look at things."

"I'm more into Chinese," said Joey Mitchell. "My dad went to China last year and set up student exchanges. One main thing I like is

wondering how they built the great wall in China.

"Japanese and Chinese cultures use a lot of the same characters in art, but their meanings are usually different," Mitchell continued.

Stone said he thought it could be culturally enlightening for the students to learn about the far eastern cultures through art.

See ARTWORK on page 2



Kim Hamilton photo

Task force to battle latest drug abuse



Oxycotin tablets

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

It is being labeled "Kentucky's newest drug of choice."

In an effort to attack the illegal abuse of the pain killer Oxycotin, Governor Paul Patton announced the formation of an advisory task force last week to investigate how it gets into the wrong hands.

"Now more popular than marijuana and cocaine, the illegal use of Oxycotin, particularly in eastern Kentucky, has reached

nearly epidemic proportions," Patton said.

In eastern Kentucky alone, more than 30 people have died in the last year. In addition to the physical danger of the drug, its cost, popularity and addictive nature have caused a drastic increase in property crime, home invasion, assault and robberies by addicts attempting to supply their habit," Patton continued.

Oxycotin, a powerful pain killer, is prescribed for people in severe pain, many

See TASK FORCE on pg 3

State trying to deal with Medicaid shortfall

By Jacinta Feldman  
KPA News Bureau

Kentucky's Medicaid shortfall is \$21.4 million larger than originally estimated, and bringing the total of additional money needed to run the program this year to \$82.2 million, said State Budget Director Jim Ramsey.

The state has met with many groups, including Medicaid providers, to try to come up with a solutions to deal with the soaring costs, Ramsey said.

He presented the Senate Health and Welfare Committee with several possibilities the state is looking at to cut

See MEDICAID on pg 3

Spring forest fire season begins

Seasonal restrictions on outdoor burning are back in effect. The Kentucky Division of Forestry announces the start of the Spring Forest Fire Hazard Season, which runs through April 30.

During the hazard season, KRS 149.400 prohibits burning in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Uncontrolled debris burning (trash, leaves, yard waste, etc.) and arson cause the majority of the forest fires in Kentucky. While burning is allowed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., no one should conduct outdoor burning unless the air is calm and there is adequate

See FIRE on pg 3

Students of the Week

NCHS Student of the Week

Lindsay Ockerman is Student of the Week at Nicholas County High School.

A senior, she is the daughter of Tom and Patty Ockerman of Stony Creek Road.

Her school activities and interests include being a boys varsity cheerleader for three years, pep club, FCA, PSI, principal's club, vice president of the senior class and a member of the high school marching band for five years.

Ockerman is a member of the Blue Licks Christian Church Youth Group.

She said she enjoys shopping, spending time with family and friends and going to the movies. One of the highlights of her day is working at her job at Abnee's Blue Licks Grocery Store after school in the evenings.

Ockerman said that after graduating high school, she plans on attending Morehead State University and major in child psychology.

Paula Hunter, who nominated Ockerman, said she is a hard worker, dependable, a role model and "most awesome."



Kim Hamilton photo

NCHS Student of the Week

Dakota Tedder is Nicholas County Elementary School Student of the Week.

The second grader is the son of Jim and Carol Tedder of Carlisle.

He said math is his favorite subject and he likes to play baseball and play with friends.

Teacher Livingood, who nominated Tedder, said "Dakota works very hard in all subjects and is very respectful."



Kim Hamilton photo

Newspaper Holdings, Inc.

Weather

Partly Cloudy

HI 48 LOW 28

Obits

\*No Obituaries this week

Page 3



Inside

8 Pages  
Classifieds.....6  
Records.....7

How to reach us

Phone 259-259-2464  
Fax 259-259-7800  
Mail PO Box 232, Carlisle, KY 40311  
Location: Corner of Main and Locust,  
(below the Deposit Bank)

© 2001 All rights reserved