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Bird watching workshop set

On Saturday, May 12, a bird watching workshop will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Boat Gannel Branch Picnic Area on KY 801 at Cave Run Lake to welcome the arrival of the migratory birds.

Comfortable shoes, quiet clothing, drinking water and a snack will be needed. Hats, sunscreen, bird field guide and binoculars recommended, but not required.

Walks will end at noon. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the lake area. For those diehards that can't see too many birds, at 1 p.m. walk will start at the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery. Registration is required and can be done by calling 764-6142.

Adult Ed ceremony set

The Nicholas County Adult Education Graduation Ceremony will be held Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m., at Nicholas County High School's cafeteria at School Drive in Carlisle.

The public is invited to attend.

City council to meet May 14

Carlisle City Council will hold its regular meeting on Monday, May 14, at 7 p.m., at City Hall.

Council to meet May 16

The Nicholas County-High School site-based decision making council will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m., in the council office and faculty lounge.

Board of ed. to meet May 21

The Nicholas County Board of Education meeting is set for Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m., at the central office on Main Street.

Veterans to get assistance

Veterans and their families may receive counseling and assistance in applying for state or federal veterans benefits.

This is a free service, provided by the state department of veterans affairs. Bring appropriate documents at visit.

For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-0308.

JMHC holds bake sale

Johnson-Mathers Family Council will hold a bake and craft sale on Thursday, May 3, from 6:30 a.m. until all goods are sold. All proceeds benefit residents of the nursing home.

Jailer's report

Nicholas County Jailer Billy Mac Gaunce reported statistics from the month of March.

There were 27 prisoners transported to jail; 16 inmates transported from jail to court; five prisoners were incarcerated as of April 1.

Vehicle expenses included 1,791 miles traveled; 887 in gasoline was used and five quarts of oil, totaling \$11.25 was used.

Money was turned over to fiscal court. There were no offenders this period on work release programs.

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Kim Hamilton photo

Playground activity

Matthew Perry and Dakota Tedder used the exercise bars on the playground at Nicholas County Elementary School recently. Teachers took the second graders outside for fresh air during a free period.

Carlisle man starting new Nicholas County Kiwanis Club

By KIM HAMILTON News Editor

Roy E. Johnson has been working for weeks to get a new Nicholas County Kiwanis Club off the ground.

He is the past president of the Paris Kiwanis Club and has worked at building a new club in Nicholas County.

"I take great pride in working with the members of this organization to provide needed services to

the Nicholas County community, including youth, senior citizens and the needy," Johnson said. "Anyone wanting to help improve the community is welcome to join this very worthwhile organization by contacting any Kiwanis member."

An organizational meeting and election of officers was held at the Carlisle Christian Church on Thursday, May 3. The formation of the new club was completed after

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Beverly Howard photo

Sports, academic award

Heather Howard, a senior at Nicholas County High School, made the 10th Region All-Tournament team and received an All-Academic award recently.

Grand Jury indicts five

By KIM HAMILTON News Editor

The Nicholas County Grand Jury indicted five persons during its May 2 session.

An indictment represents a formal charge levied by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, representing one side of the case and does not establish guilt.

Adam Lee Baker, 18, was indicted on several counts.

The grand jury charged that on or about the first day of February in Nicholas County, that he allegedly committed the crime of knowingly receiving stolen property having a value of \$300 or more.

The grand jury also

charged in count two that Baker allegedly possessed and retained recently stolen property, to wit: a fire arm.

Count three charges that on the same date, he allegedly committed the crime of trafficking in a controlled substance in the second degree, to wit: Lorazepam (a prescription narcotic pain killer).

Count four charges that he allegedly committed the crime of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school.

County five charges that he allegedly committed the crime of possession of a drug paraphernalia.

Baker's bail was set at \$5,500 and his

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At left is Roy E. Johnson, founder of the new Nicholas County Kiwanis Club. At right is Ben Buckler, recruiter and president of the new club.

Carlisle attorneys honored for free legal work for poor

By KIM HAMILTON News Editor

Carlisle attorneys Joseph "Jack" Conley, Billy Hopkins and Dawn Letcher were honored by Kentucky Northeast Legal Services last week for performing free or low cost legal work for those who could not otherwise afford representation.

Lawyers in a 12-county area were recognized at a recognition ceremony, held at Ramada Inn in Morehead Thursday, May 3.

"The work that each of you do is instrumental in supporting the promise of equal justice," said Circuit Judge William Mans, in his speech to the attending attorneys. Mans spent 17 years of his work in legal services, a firm that helps low-income individuals with litigation.

The Morehead law office of Roberts and Queenberry was recognized as the Outstanding Firm of the Year.

Accepting the award were law partners William Roberts and Diana Queenberry, both of Morehead. Circuit Judge Beth Maze presented them

with the award.

Another Morehead attorney, Don Blair II, received the distinguished new volunteer award for pro bono work. Blair's uncle, Morehead attorney Paul Blair, presented him the award.

"We value the law, even though lawyers are not always held in the highest esteem," Mans said. "That's why pro bono work is so important. Pro bono work is critical, but at best it is a finish line here. We must support to legal services.

Some say that the legal culture has been created by lawyers and they should be responsible for helping stop that culture. The important thing is to realize the need of the impoverished."

A local physician, Mary Jane Humkey, was honored with a special service award for her work with low-income persons. The Elliott County Medical Clinic doctor could not attend Thursday's meeting and co-worker Molly Carew accepted the award for Humkey.

"There are people who need low cost or free legal services," Mans said. "What about the elderly nursing home resident who needs

legal assistance, an impoverished mother facing a utility shutoff, an immigrant family improperly evicted or a disabled person facing social security cutoff?"

"Sometimes they just need someone to talk to - a friend - he said. "If the system is truly going to be what it says it is, everyone who needs it should have access," Mans continued. "There is no finish line here. We must work for equal justice."

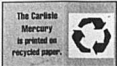
Mr. Sterling attorney William Lane was awarded for distinguished public service. Carter County attorney Robert Cauffman presented him the award.

Attorneys James E. Clarkson and Philip D. McKenzie received the Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year award.

Other area attorneys made the legal services honor roll: Delores Woods Baker, Dana Cox Berliner, Paul W. Blair, Raymond S. Bogucki, Michael R. Campbell,

Grover Carrington, Robert Cauffman, John Estill, Jolene Frederick, See LEGAL on 2

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