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Across Nicholas County

Benefit to help patient

A spring benefit dance will be held for Donna Gail Smith. Smith has been diagnosed with cancer and her friends, Angie Mitchell, Melissa Mitchell, and Stephanie Feback are holding a benefit dance for her at the National Guard Armory on May 19, from 8 to 12 p.m.

The dance will feature a live band called Sound Attitude. The charge will be \$5.00 per person. Donations can be sent to Donna Smith, Deposit Bank.

District tournaments set

Nicholas County Boys baseball district tournament is Monday, May 21, at Harrison County High School. Nicholas County will play Paris.

Nicholas County Girls Softball district tournament is Monday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at home. Nicholas will play Harrison County at 5 p.m.

Adult ed. ceremony Fri.

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.

Board 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 rep in Carlisle

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle on the third Wednesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.

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Graders included

Tobacco graders of the federal department of agriculture will be in receiving stations to grade all tobacco delivered to Brown and Williamson Export Leaf.

The official word came recently from Crain Tobacco Warehouse in Maysville.

Farmers had expressed concerns about the lack of independent grading, and this response was in an effort to address fair dealing with farmers.



Kim Hamilton photo

Tobacco planting time

Spring brings many outdoor activities to the Carlisle-Nicholas County farming community. One of the many tasks to be done is planting tobacco. Jamie George of Moorefield was spotted Tuesday at the helm of his tractor and farm workers who rode on the back dropped burley plants into the ground.

Ky. First Lady honored by MSU

By STEPHANIE DAVIS
Managing Editor

A hot, standing-room-only crowd filled the Academic Athletic Center Saturday at Morehead State University conferred degrees on more than 800 candidates.

The university also honored Kentucky's First Lady, Judi Conway Patton, with an

Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

"Your education will provide you with the opportunity to make this state, which we call home, a better place to live," Patton said. "Today is your green light."

Patton said, comparing the occasion to driving a car. "You proceeded with caution, stopped and now you are set to go toward those things for which you have

worked."

She urged graduates to use their minds, education, talent and abilities to make their communities a better place.

Give blood, mentor a child, volunteer to help build a Habitat for Humanity home, support an arts program, she said.

Since moving to Frankfort from her native Pike County,

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'Click it or Ticket' program clarified

Staff Report

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Ishmon Burks announced that his agency will continue to enforce the state's seat belt law as a secondary traffic offense as part of the "Click It or Ticket" safety program.

"Our main purpose of this

program is to make the citizens of Kentucky aware of traffic safety and of our push for them to use seat belts," Burks said.

"We will continue to enforce all traffic laws in Kentucky to the best of our ability and continue to launch aggressive programs, such as the 'Click It or Ticket' campaign," he said.

The program includes traffic

safety checkpoints conducted jointly by state and local law enforcement agencies in every county of the Commonwealth from May 21 through June 3.

The checkpoints will allow law enforcement agencies to monitor motorists' use of safety belts.

"The Kentucky State Police

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Denver Brown photo

Guys cancel several; girls blast past Bourbon

District tournaments next week

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor
and BEVERLY HOWARD
Staff Associate

has had to wipe off several dates from their schedule. In the past week, Fleming and Woodford Counties have six games with the Bat Jackets for fear of going over the allowed limit. A doubleheader with Bishop Bressart was called off over the weekend.

Nicholas County (25-7) did get in a game at Pendleton County Tuesday night - but

With few, if any, rain-outs so far this season, the Nicholas County baseball team

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Cancer survivors to be honored

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

Recognition for those who are recovering from cancer is an important part of recovery.

The Nicholas County Cancer Coalition will hold its annual "Celebration of Life" luncheon and program on Saturday, May 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Carlisle Methodist Church in town.

Nicholas County cancer survivors and their families are encouraged to attend. The event is open to those specific people, but not open to the general public.

The biggest deal about this year's celebration is the fact that former Miss America and the wife of Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, Heather Renee French Henry, is

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State police arrest two for burglary

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

Kentucky State Police in Morehead said Michael J. McGowen, 20, of Sharpsburg and Dashayne L. Jones, 20, of Mt. Sterling, were arrested last week and charged with allegedly burglarizing the Sharpsburg Supermarket and the Sharpsburg Water District office.

The incidents occurred on Main Street in Sharpsburg, a city in Bath County.

Police said the arrests were the result of an

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Kim Hamilton photo

Warm weather pals

Paula Clay and her grandson Jayonte Shields, five months old, were spotted sitting outside in downtown Carlisle Tuesday, during warm spring weather temperatures.

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