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Smoot gets certificate

Reese Weston Smoot received the American Sailing Association Keelboat Certification at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

This is the first certification in a process needed for persons to be able to charter their own boats.

Smoot, a freshman history major, is the son of Reese and Janet Smoot of Carlisle and is a 2000 graduate of Nicholas County High School.

Mont. woman to display art

The Montgomery County Council for the Arts will sponsor a gallery opening of an exhibit of paintings by Angela Patrickk, a Mt. Sterling attorney.

The opening will be Friday, June 1, from 6:00 to 7 p.m. at the gallery.

The reception is free and open to the public. The gallery is located at 44 East Main in Mt. Sterling. For information, call 859-498-6264.

Summer II starts June 18

Morhead State University will hold its second summer session from June 18 through July 13. A post summer session begins July 16 and runs through Aug. 3.

Full payment of tuition and fees is due on the first day of each session to avoid late charges. The cost is \$105 per credit hour for resident undergraduates and \$278 for out-of-state students; for graduate students, the cost is \$151 and \$405 for resident and non-resident students, respectively.

For additional information, call the registrar's office at 606-753-2908.

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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Kim Hamilton photo

Playground action

Kelsey Yazzell, a second grader at Nicholas County Elementary School, was among several classmates who took to the playground recently, as warm spring temperatures promoted outdoor exercise.

Nicholas Co. sees \$177,000 increase in tourism dollars

By KIM HAMILTON News Editor

Nicholas County witnessed a \$177,000 increase in tourism dollars coming into the area in 2000, according to the state tourism cabinet, in a report issued recently.

The overall impact from tourist spending in 2000 was \$498,009, an increase from 1999's spending of \$320,202. Nicholas now ranks 114 in the state as a tourist destination.

The economic impact of Kentucky's tourism industry hit \$8.8 billion in 2000, the largest percentage increase in seven years, according to the tourism figures.

Expenditures were up \$624 million over 1999, an increase of 7.6 percent. Tourism-related employment also increased significantly, by almost 15,000 jobs, the governor said, and state and local tax revenues were up.

"Over 163,000 Kentuckians are now employed in tourism-related jobs," Patton said, "and the industry contributed nearly \$917 million in state and local taxes. It's obvious that the innovative programs we've introduced to obtain more tourism development are taking effect, and that more people are taking advantage of what the Commonwealth has to offer."

"We realized early in this

administration that growth in our tourism economy was contingent on offering travelers new and better attractions and facilities," Patton said. "Programs we put in place like the Tourism Development Act are helping to make that possible. Increased investment in public facilities, such as the convention center's expansion, state park improvements and funding to bring in powerful programs like the Horse Park's China exhibit, is the other factor to improving our competitive position in relation to other states."

Ann Latta, secretary of the state tourism cabinet, said she was pleased with the numbers.

"Kentucky was on the verge of becoming a 'pass-through' state," she said, "because the traveling public felt there was nothing to see or do."

She added that a new program to encourage private tourism development is now underway. A small business loan fund for tourism business was established by the 2000 legislature with a \$1.5 million appropriation.

"Hopefully, this program will encourage small entrepreneurs to develop businesses and attractions that will add to our tourism infrastructure and encourage travelers to stay in Kentucky longer," Latta said.

Fatality, injuries result in three separate car crashes

By KIM HAMILTON News Editor

Three separate automobile accidents involving Nicholas County persons resulted in one fatality and several injuries since Thursday of last week, according to police.

Kentucky State Police at the Dry Ridge Post said Opal Beatty, 37, of Carlisle, died on Tuesday, May 29,



Carlisle on KY 1285.

Police said Anna Mason, 60, of Sharpshurg, was driving a 1987 Chevy Van west on East Union,

when she came out of a curve, ran off the road, overcorrected, crossed the road and struck Beatty's 1995 Toyota pickup in the driver's side door.

Both were transported to Nicholas County Hospital and Beatty was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Hospital with head injuries.

Both were wearing safety belts.

On Sunday, May 27, around 6 p.m., on KY 32-36 on Cynthiana Road, a two-vehicle accident injured five people from Carlisle, police said.

Kentucky State Police said Larry Flora, 52, was driving a 1992 Chevy Cavalier and was stopped at the intersection waiting to make a left

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Denver Brown photo The Nicholas County pitching staff Shane Smith, center, and Josh Fryman, right, threw the Bat Jackets to the 37th District Championship last week in Cynthiana.

District Champs!

Bat Jackets get past Paris, Harrison take crown

By DENVER BROWN Sports Editor

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Kentucky farm numbers decrease for year 2000

By LELAND E. BROWN Special to The Nicholas County News

Kentucky's number of farms for 2000 totaled 90,000, according to the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 1,000 farms from the number in 1999.

The decrease in number of farms was due to the continuation of small farms going out of business.

A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year." Government payments are included in sales.

Institutional farms,

experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with their entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, set aside, or other government programs are considered operating farms.

Nationally, Kentucky ranks fourth in the number of farms. Ranking ahead of Kentucky was Texas with 226,000, Missouri with 109,000 and Iowa with 95,000.

Of the 90,000 Kentucky farms, 51,000 had sales of \$1,000-\$9,999, 33,000 had sales of \$10,000-\$99,999 and 6,000 had sales of \$100,000 and over.

Land in farms was

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estimated at 13.6 million acres, unchanged from 1999. Farmland in Kentucky accounted for 54 percent of the approximate 25.4 million total acres in the State. The average farm size in Kentucky for 2000 was 151 acres, up from last year's 149 acres.

The number of farms in the United States in 2000 was estimated at 2.17 million, down 0.9 percent from 1999.

The decline in farms and ranches occurred primarily in agricultural operations with less than \$10,000 in sales. This was the largest decline in farms and ranches since 1991.

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Nicholas girls play last season game

By BEVERLY HOWARD Staff Associate

The Nicholas County Ladyjackets softball team played its last game Wednesday night against Harrison County.

The seniors who played

their last game were Amber Gudgeal, Daniell Dryden, and Jenny Dryden.

Kellie McCarty and Megan Johnson started the team off in the second inning by scoring a run each. But Harrison County came to bat and scored six runs.

The Ladyjackets did not score the rest of the game. Harrison County's T. Johnson scored a home run in the 5th inning giving the ending score 7-2. Harrison County wins.

The Ladyjackets ended the year with a 10-9 record.

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