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Across Nicholas County

Vehicle enforcement to increase inspections of hazardous materials

Beginning Sept. 27, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's division of vehicle enforcement began increasing the hazardous material inspections and observations at weigh stations and along roads in the state.

The cabinet is working closely with the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration to ensure a safe atmosphere on Kentucky interstates and highways.

More emphasis has been placed on hazardous materials carriers to make certain all records are correct. Last year, vehicle enforcement conducted 75,000 safety inspections.

For more information, contact David Longo with the federal carriers administration, 202-366-0456.

Veterans rep to be 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.

Free higher ed guide for seniors

The 2001-2002 edition of "Getting In," a free guide to postsecondary education in Kentucky, is now being sent to guidance counselors for distribution to all high school seniors.

The booklet is published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and is available online at www.kheas.com, as well. It offers information on financial aid.

For more information, call 1-800-928-8926.

Assistance for adults returning to school online

Adults interested in returning to school have an online guide to help them plan and pay for college or technical training; the 2001-2002 edition of Adults Returning to School can be accessed at www.kheas.com, the website of Kentucky's Higher Education Assistance Authority.

It is the state agency that administers grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, federal family education loans and related information for Kentucky students.

For more information about programs and services, write to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4323 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

VETERANS DAY 2001

Nicholas Co. gets dose of patriotism on Veterans' Day

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

Veterans' Day has a much larger meaning this year.

After the horrific attack against the United States of America on September 11, the land of the free and the home of the brave agonizingly realized what efforts had led them to liberty and freedom.

The students of Nicholas County High School will honor and celebrate the country's armed services tomorrow (Friday) morning with a program at the school starting at 9:30 a.m.

Prior to the terrorist attack that targeted New York City and Washington, D.C., many local students admitted to not knowing much about veterans or past wars.

"A lot of kids today don't understand the significance of Veterans' Day," said Robert Hopkins, a teacher and assistant football coach at NCHS. Hopkins is also a 16-year veteran of the National Guard.

"And especially with the recent events and in honor of all the fathers, grandfathers and relatives that served, these kids are much more aware of the sacrifices so many have made for this country," Hopkins told The Carlisle Mercury. "Our kids have pretty much stayed up with the events of Sept. 11. It's opened their eyes to the importance of military, pride, unity and what our country stands for."

Several NCHS students will play key roles in Friday morning's ceremony. Kyle Rector will recite a passage and Simona Masters will read a poem. Class officers will present the colors at the assembly. Other students taking part: Ashley Hamilton, Megan Darrell, Tamara Ishmael, Monica Masters, Mallory Caswell and Jeremy Hughes.

Colonel James Vickers, the president of Millersburg Military Institute, will address the group at the school.

"The importance of this is honoring the people who fought for our freedom," Rector said. "I knew about it before, but Sept. 11 has made Veterans' Day so much more aware to kids my age and really to all the country how important our military is - this day is to keep the public aware of what all the veterans have done for us."

According to resident Bill Hardin, a 21-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Nicholas County is home to "in the neighborhood of five or six hundred" men and women who have served their country. And that nearly 700 veterans are buried in Carlisle Cemetery, overlooking the town.

Hardin said the notion of honoring the men and women of the United States armed forces has been lost in the shuffle of holidays and changing times.

"Veterans' Day is too close to

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Each year, the local American Legion decorates veterans' graves in the Carlisle Cemetery in celebration of Veterans' Day. After the tragedy of September 11, more emphasis is being placed on the nationwide day of honoring the men and women who have served.



'Almost..'

The Nicholas County Blue Jackets battled Bellevue to a stalemate for most of Friday night's State playoff game in Carlisle. Bellevue came up with a pair of late scores to win 27-13 and close head coach Greg Letcher's club's season. Nicholas County wrapped up 7-4.

Photos courtesy of Memories & More



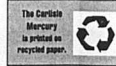
Denver Brown photo Students participating in tomorrow's program at the NCHS include: Ashley Hamilton, Megan Darrell, Simona Masters, Tamara Ishmael, Monica Masters, Mallory Caswell, Kyle Rector, Jeremy Hughes. Friday morning's ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m.

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