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Hospice seeking training volunteers

Hospice of the Bluegrass's program exists to provide care for persons in the last phase of an incurable illness so that they can live as fully and comfortably as possible. Physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, home care aides, bereavement counselors and patient and family volunteers play a key role in assisting patients and families through this time in their lives. Since volunteers play a big role in the hospice concept of care, Hospice is seeking individuals willing to volunteer time.

Hospice of the Bluegrass Cynthiaiana Office is offering a volunteer training workshop Monday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 8 from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Nicholas County Health Department, Concrete Road, in Carlisle.

Those wishing more information or to register for the course may call Kelly Kendall, Community Resource Coordinator or Kathy Placier at (859) 234-6462 or 800-756-6005 by Friday May 3. There is no obligation to volunteer after completing this course.

"As our number of patients increase the need for volunteers also grows. We are in need of people who can volunteer on weekdays," states Kendall, a Community Resource Coordinator. Training covers hospice history, mission, philosophy, organization, interdisciplinary team, communicating with the terminally ill patients and an overview of volunteering and volunteer opportunities.

There are many volunteer opportunities available including: patient companionship and comfort, shopping, running errands, transporting patients to doctor appointments, yard work, handyman, phone calls, pet visits, entertainment in nursing homes, and clerical.

Hospice also recruits professional volunteers, administrative, and fundraising volunteers. These volunteers provide legal advice, financial advice, office assistance, massage therapy, hairdressers, hosts for resource fairs, assist with fundraising events.

Volunteers can donate as much or as little time as they can or desire. Hospice of the Bluegrass Cynthiaiana Office serves patients and families in Harrison, Scott, Bourbon and Nicholas counties.

Every effort is made to match volunteers with patients and families that live within reasonable driving distances.

Cave Run Lake cleanup postponed

Heavy rains and high water at Cave Run Lake have caused the Earth Day cleanup at the lake to be postponed. It was previously set for April 6. When a new date is announced, volunteers will especially be needed due to the amount of litter that has entered the lake after the heavy rains.

For details call Evelyn Morgan at 606-784-4428.

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.

Students spend Spring Break with books

Carlisle library buzzing with youth business

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

The beach, Gatlinburg, Grandma's house. All great getaways for spring break. But so is the local library.

Instead of driving hundreds of miles to the shore or the Tennessee tourist trap, or wherever a n n y resides, the library is smack dab in the middle of downtown Carlisle. And during the annual s c h o o l break, the h o u s e o f n e a r l y 3 0 0 0 0 volunteers is u s u a l l y packed with kids.

O n Tuesday afternoon, a dozen young 'uns jammed around the computers and were busy checking out the latest Harry Potter books.

"We're not in school so it's more fun to be here," Megan Hunter, 9, told The Carlisle Mercury. "I love to read and the 'Left Behind' books are my favorite - I just checked

out a few books, too." Hunter was busy stockpiling reading material because she was going to take a few-day trip to Myrtle Beach with her mom and friends.

But while she was in the library, talking with librarian Beck Reid about the upcoming trip, it was all book business.

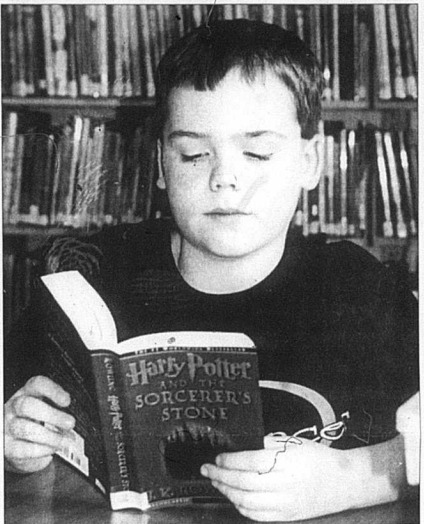
"Going to the library can be both fun and work," Hunter said with a stack under her arm and dressed for ball practice. "I really like coming here because it's a lot of fun - and you can do homework, too."

The Carlisle Library is o p e n Monday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. a n d Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon.

A n d according to Reid, the library is going up for its annual Summer Reading Program in July.

"We enjoy the kids coming in here and we try to encourage them to use the library," Reid said while filling check-out cards, answering the phone and keeping an eye on the dozen or so school-age patrons.

Sign up now for the Summer Reading Program call 289-5595



Denver Brown photo Elliott Mattox, 10, takes a gander at a Harry Potter installment at the Nicholas County Library during this week's Spring Break.



Denver Brown photo Olivia celebrated her two years with the Mattox family with her brothers at the library Tuesday.

"Any way we can attempt to log on to the library, we're happy to help," Reid said she can even special order materials.

During Spring Break, the number of kids using the library generally increases, according to Reid. And there was a wide variety of activities taking place on a visit this week. Josh Hunt, Josh Fryman and Tyler Caran were looking at the new Sports Illustrated and

and Walker. She was too busy with Elmo on one of the half-dozen computer terminals.

"I'm going to be four in April," she said without removing her eyes from the screen. "I like coming to the library to read books and play on the computer."

A few folks were using the terminals, but the majority had their noses buried in

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Red Cross flood totals Says nearly 1,000 homes damaged

From staff reports

Nearly 1,000 homes in 16 counties suffered damage in the devastating March floods in Kentucky, according to an updated survey reported by the American Red Cross.

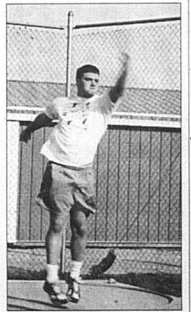
The number of homes that were either destroyed or suffered major or minor damage throughout the state totals 970, according to Scott Underwood, director of the Red Cross

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'Heave, ho!'

Nicholas County trackster Adam Hunter lets the discuss By Tuesday afternoon at the NCHS. The Blue Jacket and Lady Jacket teams are off for Spring Break but several athletes took to the fields and ball parks to practice up for next week's games, matches, meets and contests. Look for baseball, softball, track and tennis coverage in upcoming issues of *The Carlisle Mercury*.

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