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Across Disaster aid tops \$2.7 million

Nicholas County

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 Cynthiana 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 Placer at (859) 234-6402 or 800-736-6003 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 doctors 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 Cynthiana 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.

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 to visit.

For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-0308. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.

More than \$2.7 million in state and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds have been approved for various assistance programs as flood recovery efforts continue.

Nearly 1,900 Kentuckians have requested assistance on FEMA's toll-free registration line, 1-800-921-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) and TTY 1-800-462-7685 for the hearing or

speech impaired. The service operates Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nearly \$2.3 million has been provided to more than 1,100 families and individuals for disaster housing needs for victims whose homes are uninhabitable because of flooding.

There has been \$100,957 approved in individual and family grants for more than 71 eligible

recipients. Those funds are to help meet disaster-related necessary expenses of serious needs unmet by other programs. Three-fourths of this total is federally funded and the remainder is paid by the state.

The SBA has approved more than \$308,800 in low-interest loans for six applicants.

June 3 is the deadline for filing a disaster assistance application and

for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loan.

A total of 30 of Kentucky's 120 counties have been declared eligible for various forms of federal assistance.

The average turnaround time for inspections of flood-damaged homes was two days.

Future Jackets



Denver Brown photo

'Go, Uncle Seth!'

Ashten Saunders, 2, and older brother Brady, 6, watch their uncle, Seth Saunders, and the Nicholas County Bat Jackets rough up the Mayeville St. Patrick Saints. The local club won, 16-0, in five innings

Tuesday night in Carlisle. Ashten and Brady are the sons of Shuran Saunders of Carlisle. The Bat Jackets play in the Woodford County Tournament this weekend in Versailles.

BIG second inning leads Jackets to win

Eric Earlywine rips two homers in 15-run at-bat; Nicholas wins 16-0

By DENVER BROWN Sports Editor

Scoring 15 runs on 10 hits (including a pair of home runs) is pretty impressive for a high school baseball game. All those stats in one at-bat is just darn incredible.

But that's exactly what the Nicholas County Bat Jackets did in their matchup with Mayeville St. Patrick Tuesday night in Carlisle. Head Coach Travis Sims' club added one in the first and then exploded on the offensive side of the plate to put away the shocked Saints, 16-0.

"This type of game gives us a chance to get all the kids in and some playing time experience," Sims told The Carlisle Mercury. "And hopefully, after two losses in a row, it gets us back into the winning mode."

"We haven't played that well in the past three games. This should help us out in the confidence department," the Bat Jacket boss said.

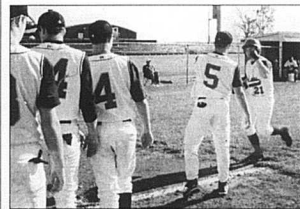
Nicholas County (8-5) dropped its past two outings, including Monday night's matchup with Montgomery County where the Jackets gave up tons of runs of too many errors in just one inning. The boys in blue enjoyed one of those bat-

around sides against the Saints. Eric Earlywine went long twice in the bottom of the second and Darrin Herrington added a third home run, spearheading the hosts' offensive attack.

He's giving me high fast, slow balls and I like em in me. Earlywine said after his second trip around the bases in consecutive at-bats. "I can't hit the inside low ones."

Earlywine collected a half-dozen RBIs with both shots. Michael Ockerman led off the club's romp in the second with a single up the middle.

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Nicholas County's Eric Earlywine is congratulated at the plate by his Jacket teammates after hitting the first of two home runs in the second inning Tuesday. Darrin Herrington also sent one long in the 15-run at-bat.

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