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Beware of con artists-scramming flood victims

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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 606-784-6428.

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.kheaa.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.kheaa.com, the website of Kentucky's Higher Education Assistance Authority.

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

New Breed



"Try to relax. It's a no-brainer."

■ Too cold to plant, too cold to play ball, too cold to...



Denver Brown photo

'Play ball in this weather?'
On the heels of last week's rain and flooding, the temperature dipped well below 20-degrees last weekend. Most practices and games had to be cancelled last week. Both Nicholas County baseball and softball teams dropped one-run season openers Monday. Games were again called off Tuesday because of the unfriendly weather.

River ran backward... Dam closed Tuesday before creek floods

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

With prior planning, flooding wasn't as bad as it could have been, especially in the Farmers area.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which operates water flow at Cave Run Lake's dam, was on top of the flooding situation early Tuesday.

"We closed off the dam Tuesday because of predictions of heavy rain," said Mark Barnum, park manager with the

Flooding occurred all the way up the Licking River and was expected to hit its highest point at Blue Licks on the Nicholas-Robertson county line at 16.6 feet above flood level.

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Body found in creek

From staff reports

A Clay City man was found drowned in Brush Creek eight days after a truck he was riding in crashed into the creek, killing the driver as well, according to police.



Kentucky State Police said William Lafferty Bellamy, 28, was found March 23 and was the second victim of a March 15 wreck at a private residence approximately one mile north of Clay City.

The first victim, driver Kendall Fallen, 36, drowned

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Denver Brown photo

Nicholas County teams practiced in the warm, but cloudy, weather recently in preparation for Monday's openers at Sayre. The boys take on Bath Co. tonight.

Baseball, softball drop openers

Both Nicholas teams fall by a run

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

LEXINGTON-Sayre rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Nicholas County, 8-7, in Monday night's season opener for both teams.

The Bat Jackets (0-1) romped for five runs in the fourth to go up 5-2. Head Coach Travis Sims' club added one in the fifth and another in the sixth to stay out front, 7-5. But the hosts' late-game rally proved the game winner.

Nicholas County senior Seth Saunders took the loss and Sayre's Neuman went to 1-0 with the win.

Sayre out-hit the Jackets 10-4. But one of Nicholas' shots was a big one; sophomore infielder Jamie McFarland cracked a home run for the boys in blue.

Sims' bunch battles the Wildcats at Bath County this

afternoon (Thursday) with the varsity playing at 5:30 P.M. and the junior varsity taking the field for a 7:30 p.m. tilt. After taking on Mason County in Maysville on Friday, Nicholas County hosts Bracken County for a doubleheader Saturday in their home opener. Game time is 12 p.m.

Nicholas County is on Spring Break next week with no games scheduled. The club swings back into action against Fleming County on April 8 in Carlisle. The junior varsity jackets compete in the Bourbon County JV Tournament April 1-2.

First-year head coach Bobby Storie saw his Lady Jackets drop a heart-breaker Monday night to Bracken County, 16-15.

The softball team hadn't been on a field prior to Monday's pitch because of cold, wet weather so far this spring. So the loss in the back-and-forth battle definitely isn't devastating.

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Denver Brown photo

Coach Travis Sims drills his players on the fundamentals of baserunning during a recent practice.

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