

Local fans enjoy Bat Jacket action!



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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 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 Pacer at (609) 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 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

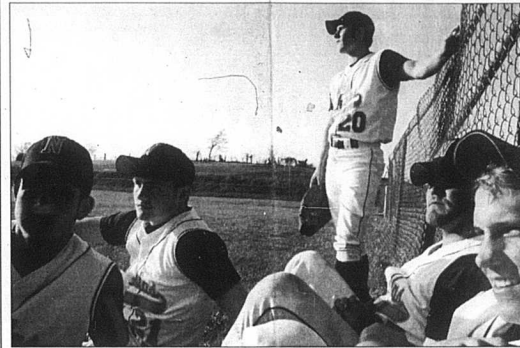
A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle on the third Wednesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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 at visit.

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

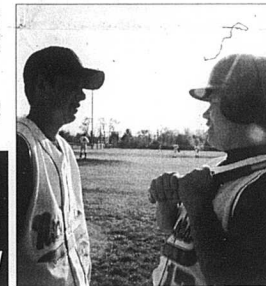
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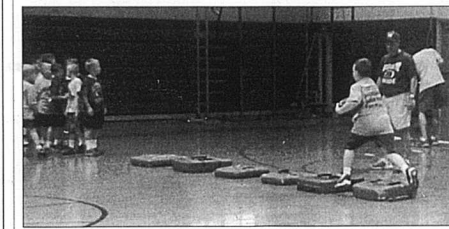
Above: Seth Sanders, Eric Earlywine, Richard Reid, Leslie Earlywine and Kyle Harmon take a brake and let the J.V. Jackets take over against St. Pat last week.

At right, Lee Livingood and Adam Dunn talk batting strategy at a game last week. Nicholas County hosts Harrison County, Wednesday, May 1.

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LEARNING THE BASICS



The Nicholas County High School football boosters hosted their first annual football camp on April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with 47 kids in attendance. Students were introduced to offense, defense, weightlifting and nutrition at the camp by Coach Greg Letcher, Coach Robert Hopkins and Coach

Ryan Hunter along with assistants, Sam Reid, Kyle Rector, Wes Earlywine, Adam Hunter, Ryne Bretz, Justin Rawlings, Kyle Price and Josh Gray. Officials say the camp was a success and hope to host another camp next year.

Kentucky residents urged to buy flood insurance

Every year, more homes in the U.S. are damaged by floods than by any other natural disaster, a fact well known to residents of eastern Kentucky after storms flooded the region in March. The storms resulted in the President declaring a major disaster that included 24 counties for Individual Assistance.

Disaster officials are reminding homeowners throughout Kentucky that they should purchase flood insurance coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to reduce future flood losses.

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"Flood damage — unlike wind damage — is not covered by homeowner's or business insurance policies," State Coordinating Officer Cash Centers said. "This coverage must be purchased separately and is available only in communities that participate in the NFIP. And people need to keep in mind that there is a 30-day waiting period before a new flood insurance policy becomes effective."

Federal Coordinating Officer Mike Bolch also had a warning for people who think they can rely on federal disaster assistance in lieu of

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