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River celebration at Blue Licks Park

June is Kentucky Rivers Month, an observance being noted by Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Robertson County during special activities scheduled for Saturday, June 1.

The park is situated along the Licking River, so the focus of the day's events is with the waterway. The fun begins with guided canoe trips, starting at 9:30 a.m. Other activities scheduled during the day include a sock-puppet workshop, crafts, a wildlife demonstration and a nature music workshop.

At 7 p.m., singer-songwriter Debbie Tuggle will debut her new composition, "The Licking River Song." After the concert, a guided "owl prow" will be conducted.

Most activities are free and all are open to the public. For more information, contact the park at 1-800-443-7008.

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 Education Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4223 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

By STEPHANIE DAVIS
Managing Editor

Home and business owners and renters whose property was damaged from March flooding and haven't registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) need to do so soon.

June 3 is the deadline to register to be eligible to receive compensation from the March 17-21 storms and flooding.

Nicholas County is among the 30 Kentucky counties included in a presidential disaster declaration for assistance.

Renters and home and business owners are eligible for state and federal assistance under this declaration, said Elisabeth Doehring, FEMA public relations officer.

Doehring stressed that all persons affected by the flooding should contact FEMA and get registered, even if you have insurance coverage.

Persons can register by calling 1-800-621-3362 and also check on the status of applications at that same number Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The call-line is staffed Monday

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Those registering for assistance must have ready their telephone number, address of the damaged property, detailed directions to the site, address of where they are staying now, social security number, a list of damages, name of insurance company, agent and policy number.

According to Doehring, as of May 8:

• Just over \$3.5 million has been approved in Kentucky for housing assistance.

• Individuals and families in Kentucky have been awarded \$2.65 million in grant assistance.

• Two people from Nicholas County have registered for assistance.

Happy Mother's Day



Ron Middleton photo

Dylan Watkins, a first grader at Nicholas Elementary, paints a flower pot as a gift for Mother's Day.

Students prepare gifts for Mother's Day

By RON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

For Mother's Day, Nicholas County Elementary first graders spent a week picking out flowers and painting vases for their mothers and couldn't wait to get them home.

"She'll feel happy and give me a hug and kiss," first grader Devin Martin told The Carlisle Mercury. "I like making my mommy and daddy happy."

Each class prepared different gifts. Mrs. Darbro's class decorated small vases, using sponges and pencil erasers for the designs, and filled them with artificial flowers.

Mrs. Ball's class painted vases and bought flowers from the high school greenhouse. Mrs. Cunningham and Spieker's classes also traveled to the greenhouse to get flowers. Flowers were grown by Mr. Maggard's

horticulture class and cost the children \$1 each.

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Each of the gifts were placed in paper bags and decorated as well. My favorite part (to you get to go down to the greenhouse and pick flowers." Dalton Wilson, who picked up Zinnias and Candytufts for his mom, said "She can plant them in her garden or something - we have roses and stuff."

The first graders had a busy week than the Mother's Day activities, including a field trip and

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Judge excuses self from trial

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

Rowan Circuit Judge William Mains is excusing himself from hearing the second jury trial of a man accused of buying votes allegedly for Bath County Attorney Donald Maze.

In an order issued April 30, Mains stated that he regularly handles cases with Maze because of Maze's position as county attorney and he regularly works with Maze's wife, Rowan Circuit Judge Beth Maze, in order to properly administer the business of the 21st Judicial Circuit.

Given the fact that this case now calls for (me) to make rulings which may affect (my) working relationship with both Mr. Maze and Judge Maze, (I) feel at this time it is appropriate for (me) to recuse (myself) from further decision making.

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Man killed in motorcycle accident

From Staff Reports

An Ohio man was killed in a one-vehicle motorcycle accident in Powell County on Friday, May 10 at 4 p.m., according to police.

Kentucky State Police said Charles Rice Sr., 61, of Morrow, Ohio, was pronounced dead at the scene by Powell Coroner Carl Wells. Police said the accident occurred when Rice was operating a 1996 Harley Davidson southbound on KY 11 when he lost control, left the road, struck a guide rail and was ejected.

He was not wearing a helmet, police said.

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