

OPINION

Bluegrass Beacon

The state of health-care cost

Bluegrass Beacon By Jim Waters

President Bush recently vetoed two bills that would have more than doubled funding for the State Children's Health Program. Good for him.

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Senior Citizens Center The Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center will be closed on Monday December 24 and Tuesday December 25.

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Tips to help you prepare for winter

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Ensure you have flashlights and batteries, food and bottled water in case of power outages. Have extra diapers, baby food, and other infant items: health snack food and games for children. Have enough food, water, prescribed medicines, and supplies to sustain your household for at least 72 hours. Some stores even have these kits pre-made for \$20-\$100 depending on the contents.

For additional information contact Denton at (859) 473-0309.

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Video Shack Trivia. Win a FREE Night's Rental at Video Shack. What movie had the biggest box office opening of any animated film in history? To win, be the first person to bring this ad into Video Shack with the correct answer and you will win a FREE night's rental.

4-H Calendars have arrived

NICHOLAS NEWS TRIANGLE HEADQUARTERS-SALTWELL-BARTERVILLE

By Ramona Hollar George 859-289-4160

Childhood leaders complete institute

Parents and staff members from three Central Kentucky childcare centers, including two from Nicholas County completed the Starting Strong Institute for Early Childhood Partnerships this fall.

Best Wishes for a Warm Holiday Season Hopkins Drug 116 East Main St. • Carlisle 859-5122 • Toll Free 1-866-475-6779 Angela DeMoss, Pharmacist

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACE WILL APPEAR ON ALL THE VOTING MACHINES IN NICHOLAS COUNTY FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION, JANUARY 8, 2008.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR NICHOLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008. Instructions: To vote for your choice in this contest, mark the OBLIQUE wheel to highlight your choice. Press ENTER to mark your choice.

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