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Soccer camp brings delight to Nicholas Youth

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Young people of Nicholas County are becoming increasingly interested in soccer. A week-long soccer camp was recently held just off of Concrete Road at the site of the Nicholas County Youth Soccer League.

Challenger Sports, which is holding over 700 soccer camps across the nation this year, said he was very excited to be working with Nicholas County youngsters as part of the Nicholas County soccer camp. "This is a very good group," he said during one of the breaks at the soccer field. "I've really enjoyed working with this group and they all seem to love the game."

Several of the parents of those who were in the soccer camp provided refresh-

ments and lunches for the young soccer enthusiasts and Cope was even coaxed into trying an All American peanut butter and jelly sandwich for the first time. "I've never had one of these," he said with a smile. "It's always been just peanut butter before today."

Cope praised the efforts of Nicholas Soccer League officer George Walden for his vision of hosting the camp. Cope said he hopes to be able to return to Nicholas County again for a future camp.



Photo by Charles Mattox Soccer Trainer Liam Cope demonstrates the proper method of kicking, as his students observe, during last week's youth soccer camp.

Photo by Charles Mattox Area youth enjoyed a soccer camp last week at the site of the Youth Soccer League field just off of Concrete Road.

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Phase one funds available to area farmers

UK COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE Extension Notes

The Nicholas Co. Ag. Development Board (Phase I Board) has applied and will receive \$200,000 for drought relief for Nicholas County farmers.

The applications process will occur July 14-25. All farmers on Nicholas County are eligible to apply for the programs. The application will come from Frankfort and will be scored based upon a grading scale developed by the Committee in Frankfort, which is overseeing the program.

Nicholas Co. Phase I Board has decided to allocate the funds at the rate of \$1,500

- per application. Therefore you would need to spend \$3,000 on eligible cost-share items to receive \$1,500. State rules on cost-share items will remain the same for the programs. Tobacco dependency has been lifted for this program in Nicholas County. The following are a list of cost-share programs available for the K.A.R.E. program. COST-SHARE ITEMS 1. Drilling for subsurface aquifers and well establishments 2. Developing and piping on farm springs 3. Construction of small stream water basins 4. Establishing and enhancing on-farm ponds 5. Water hook-up to

- cis/county water lines for farm usage 6. Irrigation equipment, structures, and components 7. Forage/Pasture Development or Plant Variety Protected or Proprietary varieties a. Seed: Only Certified or Plant Variety Protected on a soil test taken within the past 12 months b. Fertilizer and/or soil amendments as applied in accordance with a recent soil test d. Inoculants 8. Pasture/Grain Improvement a. Seed: Only certified or plant variety protected or Proprietary Varieties b. Limestone based upon a soil test taken within the past 12 months

- c. Fertilizer and/or soil amendments as applied in accordance with a recent soil test d. Specialized spraying equipment and/or attachments 9. Filter Fabric pads for heavy Use Areas 10. Fence and Water - excludes plank and decorative fencing a. Fence, posts, and other related materials such as, fence charge, ground rods, voltmeters, etc b. Materials related to development of a distributed water system, including but not limited to water lines, tanks, waters, and installation costs 11. Seeding: Custom Services and Rental of Equipment a. Custom seeding ser-

Fund drive begins for Jones

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A fund drive is being established for a well-known Nicholas man who has been recently experienced severe vision problems.

"I've been off work from two weeks and to tell you the truth I don't know what's wrong with my eyes," John Jones told The Mercury Monday via phone while on his way to the Lexington Clinic for more vision tests. Jones has been a friendly employee of Crockett's IGA for the past three decades.

"I'm losing my vision. It's completely gone in my left eye, which has always

been bad, but now it's going in my right eye. The doctors don't know exactly what the problem is yet." Those who have known Jones for many years attest to his character. "Mr. Jones is a very nice man," Carolyn Crockett said. "A very nice man."

Jones said his insurance is helping to defray a large chunk of the medical expenses but he has made many trips to Lexington in the past two weeks and anticipates making several more. He is unsure when or if he will be able to return to work.

Carolyn Terrell, who has witnessed Jones' pleasant demeanor with customers at Crockett's for many

Thieves target exhaust systems

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Thieves have targeted Nicholas County vehicles in recent weeks while removing a portion of the exhaust system, 346 West Main Street, last week, where they not only removed four catalytic converters, but also removed items from inside some of the vehicles.

Carlsile Police Officer Stueygar continues to lead the investigation into those thefts. Garrett said he believed the thieves are often using hand tools that make little or no noise. He also said he believed all of the thefts are being conducted under the cover of darkness to help mask the criminal activity.

Kenny Smoot, part owner of DKA said he believes thieves are being assisted by individuals who are trying to get money to buy food," he said. "I

think it's strictly drugs." Thieves have been removing the lucrative exhaust components across the county, including locations inside Carlsile.

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Smoot said no damage was done to the building that has been noted thus far. Garrett and Carlsile Chief of Police William Denton say converter components on foreign models, particularly Toyotas, have converters that are bringing the most money at some recycling centers across the state. There have been reports of nearly one dozen thefts of catalytic converters across the county in recent weeks.

"Some of these foreign models of catalytic converters are bringing over \$200 at recycling centers across the state," Smoot said.

"Area auto specialists say that a person will know immediately if thieves have targeted their converter. The vehicle will start and will sound very loud. Anyone with any information regarding the thefts is urged to contact Garrett at 288-3740 or the Carlsile Police Department at 289-3710.

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