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Photo by Charles Mattox
Jordan Mynear, left, and Shane Mattox, right, were congratulated Friday by Nicholas County High School Principal Joe Orazen. Mynear and Mattox were named Kentucky Colonels.

Mynear and Mattox named Kentucky Colonels

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Two Nicholas County High School students were named Kentucky Colonels Friday. Jordan Mynear, a senior, and freshman Shane Mattox were honored for their outstanding performance and behavior while members of the Bourbon County Connie Mack baseball team, which was very successful this summer.

Mynear is the son of Johnny and Shawna Mynear and grandson of Clay and Shirley Mynear, Mike and Reva Fuller and Dale French.

Mattox is the son of Michelle Mattox and the grandson of Kenny and Brenda Mattox, and nephew of Steve and Jodi Mattox, all of Bartlettville.

Both young men said they were surprised with the honor and both expressed a love of the game of baseball.

"I enjoyed pitching and playing shortstop and play-

ing in the outfield," Mynear said.

Mattox said he enjoyed catching on the field and also enjoyed traveling with the team and making friends off the field.

Both young men enjoy school.

"I enjoy all of the faculty and my favorite subject is history," Mynear said.

"My favorite subject is Spanish," Mattox replied.

"And I enjoy all of the support of the school and the community."

Mynear said one of the highlights of his season was a grand slam home run. He has been temporarily sidelined from sports for the time being with an injury to his knee, but will soon undergo surgery and says he will work hard for a speedy recovery.

"I'd like to attend MSU next year and major in business administration," he said of college plans.

Both young men enjoy the

outsiders in their spare time.

Both praised the efforts of their baseball coach, Nelson Faris is the coach of the team, which played teams from several states and nations in tournaments who often referred to his team members as "wonderful ambassadors for the state of Kentucky."

Others agreed, including Governor Steve Beshear, who signed the Kentucky Colonelship awards, and NCHS Principal Joe Orazen.

"These are both outstanding young men," Orazen said. "They'll both go far in life and are very positive members of our community. I think it's an honor that they have represented our community in the manner in which they have."

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels was formally born in 1922. Kentucky Colonels are ambassadors of goodwill and fellowship around the world.

Barnett Sentenced in Federal Court

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A Carlisle man was sentenced to 121 months in federal prison Monday on drug related charges.

United States District Court Senior Judge Joseph M. Hood sentenced Gary L. Barnett, 47, of Carlisle, Monday, for allegedly distributing more than 9,000 oxycodone and methadone pills, according to a press release issued by the Office of the United States Attorney Eastern District of Kentucky.

Barnett was arrested June 29, 2007 at his Lower Sharpshurg Road residence, following a joint investigation by the Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and deputy Bonnie Buckler, who joined Kentucky State Po-

lice detectives and agents with the Lexington-based Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

During the arrest Buckler found \$50,000 cash on Barnett's body.

According to the US Attorney's press release, Barnett also forfeited more than \$280,000 in cash that represented the proceeds from the drug distribution.

Buckler testified during Barnett's Aug. 2007 preliminary hearing for over one hour and detailed finding drugs, cash and firearms at Barnett's home.

Buckler also testified that Barnett had been the subject of an undercover drug investigation for over ten months.

Barnett and codefendant Vickie Shepherd were arrested on federal drug charges in Oct. 2007. All charges

were dismissed against Shepherd in December of that same year, according to Kyle Edelen, Information Officer with the US Attorney's Office.

Under federal law, Barnett must serve 80 percent of his prison sentence, and upon release, will be under the supervision of the US Probation Office for three years.

Assistant US Attorney Roger W. West represented the United States in the case against Barnett.

Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett said he and Deputy Buckler would continue to investigate incidents of the sale of illegal drugs.

"This operation was shut down and we will continue to work toward shutting down all other similar operations."



Photo by Sandy Hamilton
Jacob Foster, with help from Papaw Johnny Foster, compete in the Central Kentucky Fox Hunter's Bench Show - Children's Class. The fox hunt is held annually near the Clay nature preserve and draws large crowds to Nicholas County.

Community food drive underway

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The Nicholas County Ambulance Service and the Nicholas County Community Action Center (CAC) are joining forces to help ensure hungry Nicholas Countians have food this winter, and they're asking for your help.

Adam Tubbs of the ambulance service is working closely with Angie Schalkch, CAC Center Manager and Veronica Clark, CAC Family Services Worker.

"We think this is a good idea and we are glad to help," Tubbs said.

"We've seen a big increase in need lately," Clark said. "Our food pantry is starting to get low. We've never had an over abundance of food and now it seems like more

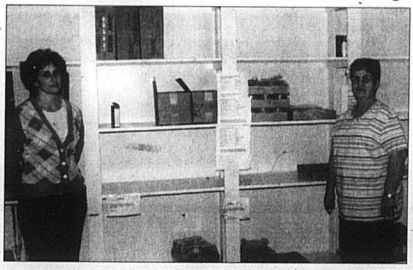


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Community Action Center Director Angie Schalkch, left, and Veronica Clark, right, CAC Family Services Worker, examine the depleted resources in the CAC food pantry.

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