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# Police have suspect in child case

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Local lawmen now have a suspect and are expanding their investigation into the case of an alleged attempted abduction of two young Carlisle girls last week. The girls have picked out a man in a photo lineup and we are working with Lexington police officers as our investigation progresses.

said Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden, Monday. "We do have a suspect." Kiskaden and Sgt. Darrell Layne of the Carlisle Police Department, and Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Benjie Buckler continue to investigate the incident which allegedly occurred August 22 on School Street in Carlisle, as two young girls disembarked from a Nicholas County School bus. The alleged incident in-

olved a gray haired, elderly man wearing glasses, and who was driving a four-door white Ford pulling alongside each girl and asking them if they needed a ride home. After the first girl was asked she ran into her nearby home and the man asked a second girl if she needed a ride. The second young girl also refused and ran into her home. Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton and Nicho-

las County Sheriff Dick Garrett have both been briefed on the incident and join Kiskaden, Layne and Buckler in stressing the seriousness of the situation to all Nicholas County parents. Although Lexington media sources have alleged the man may have been armed with a knife or pistol, both Kiskaden and Buckler said they have found no reason to believe the man was

armed with a weapon when he approached the girls. Although the incident has caused alarm in the community, Kiskaden reminds parents and guardians that "there are many child predators out there and parents should never let their guards down at anytime or anywhere as it only takes a few seconds for tragedy to strike." Buckler agreed. "Make sure your children

are always closely supervised," Buckler said. "Report anything suspicious immediately." Kiskaden and Buckler say the investigation is expanding and they are receiving cooperation from other area law enforcement agencies, including those stationed in Fayette County. No charges have yet been filed in relation to the incident.

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## 4-H Country Ham Project

When you think of country ham what does it remind you of? Do you think of the holidays? Do you think of special family gatherings you knew were special because country ham was the meat of choice at this family gathering? Do you think of Christmas and opening presents after that big breakfast with country ham and biscuits and gravy and scrambled eggs was enjoyed by the entire family. Maybe you think of the pioneers and how that curing ham were the way to surviving in the days gone by. Maybe you think about loved ones who have passed on and how they loved country ham and you want to carry on that tradition and their memory by learning how to cure a country ham. Maybe you think about the different pests and rodents that can affect a country ham. Finally maybe you are a person of few words, but you know one thing...you love country ham!

If you thought any of these things about country ham, then you think just like our 2008 4-H Country Ham participants. This year our county had eight youth participating in this project. The project begins with the children receiving their "green" hams in January. The children are given a cure mix of pepper, brown sugar, and sugar. The cure is applied generously all over the ham and the children trim any unwanted fat from the ham. Our goal is to have a ham that has a nice tear drop

shape. We tell the children to love their ham when they apply the cure mix—spend a lot of time working the cure on to the skin of the ham. We had a motto this year: "Love your ham a lot of it will rot." If enough cure is not applied to the ham and its hock, then the ham will rot. None of the children want this to happen. Once the cure is applied then the ham is wrapped in paper and hung in ham socks for approximately 60 days. After these 60 days the hams are removed from the sock and paper and the cure is removed. Once the cure is wiped off from the ham, then the hams are re-hung to allow "sweat time." During the sweat time the ham is losing weight and gaining flavor. Once this time is over, then the children remove the socks and scrub their hams with a solution of vinegar and water. They remove all of the mold and any cure that might have been missed before the "sweat." Once all of this has been cleaned off, the children shine up their ham with vegetable oil. Now the hams are ready for the county fair and the children decide which of their two country hams go to the state fair. Once arriving at the state fair the hams are judged with all the other country ham participants across the state. In the meantime of curing and sweating the ham, the children are working on their speeches. Part of the requirement for this speech is preparing a 3 to 5 min-



Picture submitted

**Nicholas County welcomes exchange students**  
Left To Right: Soda Pngkong, Reira Yamamoto, Tobias Hemmert, and Antonia Patrick. We would like to welcome the exchange students that are attending the Nicholas County Schools. The students come from Germany, Thailand, and Japan. They want to experience the American ways. The exchange students have a great deal to offer to the students with the foreign country experiences.

## Nicholas County Schools to participate in Kentucky's High Attendance Day

Hope to best last year's 97 percent  
Nicholas County Schools will join with the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel (KDPP) to sponsor the third annual statewide High Attendance Day. Nicholas County Schools will participate with the other schools throughout the state on Wed., Sept. 10. Last year the district enjoyed 97 percent attendance on high attendance day, according to Pam Randolph Nicholas County Schools Director of Pupil Personnel.

With the addition of preschool at Nicholas County Elementary in cooperation with Community Action, the district welcomes nearly 1250 students each day onto the campus. Randolph said the theme for this year's event is "I Believe I Can." The school has ordered lanyards for those who had 98 percent or better attendance last year. In addition, the district will provide a nametag, which can be used for ballgame entrance on Friday night. Those same students

with high attendance will also sign a banner, which will be hung in the cafeteria. At Nicholas County Elementary there will be an Olympic like medal provided to each student. In addition, the elementary will be doing a pledge card. At Nicholas County High School there will be six \$25 gift certificates given away throughout that day. In addition, the high school will have ice cream sundaes at lunch.

The annual event is meant to encourage and stress the importance of school attendance. Attendance is directly correlated with the students' opportunity to succeed, and this event is meant to foster positive attitudes about the importance of school. Schools throughout the state of Kentucky will compete for the highest average student attendance. The categories of competition will include elementary, middle and high schools. Winning schools will be announced at the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel Conference on Sept. 25. Winning schools will receive a cash prize of \$1 student in the school with a minimum of \$500 and a

maximum of \$1,500. All prizes are to be spent at the discretion of students with administrative approval. Chuck Stallard, president of KDPP said, "School attendance is one of the major contributing factors to success in school. If you do not attend regularly, students simply miss out on classroom instruction and get behind on school work thus creating a barrier to learning."

The purpose of the KDPP is to promote the advancement of education through services to children; to establish a better relationship between the home and school; to assist in the advancement of the welfare of the child; to assist in the professional development of the pupil personnel director, and to assist in furthering the advancement of education through community and state support through the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel. Employees of Nicholas County Schools have always encouraged good attendance as a means to push forward in the educational process.

It is a priority each school day to maintain attendance at the highest percentage possible.

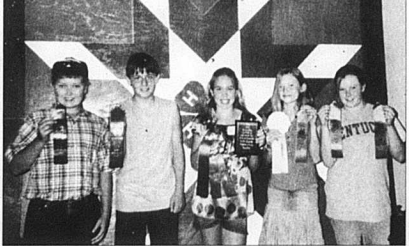


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