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"Saturday in Carlisle" returns

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One of the year's favorite events returns to downtown Carlisle this Saturday, Sept. 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The festival which takes place on the last Saturday in September on and around the Courthouse lawn has grown in popularity over the years - with Nicholas Countians and vendors as well. This year promises to be the biggest and best event to date, with over 60 vendor and food booths participating. Besides the booths, several activities will be on-going throughout the entire day.

and there will be a Baseball Toss competition, as well. Bingo will continue from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. along with the Farm Machinery Show and the ever-popular Petting Zoo. Youth of all ages will enjoy the Kentucky National Guard's Climbing Wall. The 32-Team Corchobole Tournament registration begins at 12:00 noon with the event kicking off at 1 p.m. There will be Cake Walks every hour on the half hour. The Courthouse Square Art Guild will have the Corner Studio open, allowing crowds to appreciate the works of art submitted for this year's competition. And if the fun, fun and games aren't enough, the music and entertainment planned provides a wonderful opportunity to bring a lawn chair and simply

enjoy the music and dancing. Music will continue throughout the day beginning with Donology at 9:30, Charlotte Tincher and Barbara Fryman at 10:30, Soldiers of Christ at 11:30, The Dalcimer Ladies at 12:30, New Life at 1:30, Soldiers of Christ at 2:30, and Thunder Ridge beginning at 3:30. At noon, four groups from Town & Village School of Dance will perform on Main Street, followed by a show put on by TK's Gymnastics. In addition to the fun, food, games, and music, several health organizations are using the event to provide important community service while working most of the festivals.

County EMS will offer free blood pressure checks. Dr. Allen will be offering dental check-ups, as well. The Rotary Club of Carlisle, which has been the long-time sponsor of "Saturday in Carlisle" was joined this year by Whitaker Bank, and planning for the event began over six festival ago to ensure it would be a quality event. According to Carolyn Dotson, vendors began contacting her months ago, hoping to lock in a spot. The atmosphere here in Carlisle makes it the jewel among all the community celebrations that happen in this region throughout the year. "It's our favorite event," says many vendors who work most of the festivals.



Photo courtesy of Rotary Club archives

Kid's tractor pull
 This young future farmer, with a proud smile, demonstrates why his tractor is "Deena's" to his heart. "Saturday in Carlisle" is truly an event for the entire family.

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Local woman competes at National level

Ashley (VonMater) Hartsough, graduate of Nicholas County High School, place fourth in the amateur division of the Bill of Britain/U.S. Eventing Association American Eventing Championships on Sept. 13.

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County declines weather tower

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Concern over liability and security issues caused members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court to oppose the placement of a new weather tower at West End Park. The subject was discussed during the Sept. 15 meeting of the fiscal court held at the Nicholas County Courthouse when a representative from Western Kentucky University sought approval to have the tower erected at no cost to the county. Dr. Mahmood explained the benefits of the program to the members of the court, detailing how the 30-foot tall tower

used a 264-watt solar panel to help power the computers, which were used to instantly transmit weather-related data across the state. "It can help the farming community," Dr. Mahmood said while discussing how the data can be recorded and weather patterns could be identified to assist farmers with information. It would also be used in a partnership with the National Weather Service to help warn area residents about high winds and tornadoes. The tower could relay weather data instantly and help warn citizens of imminent weather, including high winds and tornadoes, according to Dr. Mahmood. Dr. Mahmood said the tower would be one of a grid of 100 across the state, with 35 having been erected to date and which are currently operational. "This is real time data," Dr. Mahmood said, while explaining why the towers were necessary and better than any known Doppler radar. Funding existed to build the weather towers,

through a grant from the National Weather Service and Dr. Mahmood had been gaining support and partnerships from municipalities across the state, which would lease land to the project at no charge. Court members said they saw the positive potential for such a system, but they feared the location of the tower would require the installation of a security fence for security purposes and to prevent curious young adults and children from attempting to climb the tower and possibly injure themselves. "I would feel more comfortable with a fence around it," Nicholas County Judge Larry Tincher said. "We don't supply the fence," Dr. Mahmood said. County Attorney Dawn Letcher expressed concern over liability if a fence wasn't installed. Court members expressed concern over the cost of erecting a fence. "This is a small community with no tax base," Magistrate Daryl Stacy said. "My constituents don't want a tower. And I'm telling you, the solar panel wouldn't last three months without a fence." Stacy also raised questions about a possible scenario of responsibility if the tower were erected without a fence at the park, and inquisitive children tried to climb the tower but fell. "Kids shouldn't be there, but they might be there," Magistrate Steve Hamilton said. "I can't recommend that the tower should go up without a security fence," Letcher said.

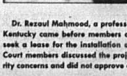


Photo by Charles Mattox
 Dr. Rezard Mahmood, a professor of the University of Western Kentucky came before members of the Nicholas Fiscal Court to seek a lease for the installation of a weather tower last week. Court members discussed the project but over liability and security concerns and did not approve of the lease.

Nunn pleads not guilty to murder

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Amanda Coker Lee Ross, 29, was found murdered on Friday, Sept. 11, at 6:36 a.m. in the back corner of the parking lot at Opera House Square Town Homes, at 641 West Short Street, Lexington, where her home was. She died later that morning at University of Kentucky Medical Center. Her alleged murderer is Steve Nunn, 58, former gubernatorial candidate and son of former Gov. Louis B. Nunn. Nunn entered a not guilty plea to the charge in Fayette County last week. Kentucky State Police Officers arrested Nunn in a Hart County cemetery, Sept. 11, a few hours after Ross was discovered murdered. "Mr. Nunn was charged

with six counts of wanton endangerment," said Kentucky State Police Officer Lt. David Jude. "He brandished and discharged a firearm at the cemetery." According to Lexington Police Officers, Nunn's bond is very high. "It's my understanding that his bond is over \$1 million," Detective Sgt. Paul Williams said on Tuesday morning. Nunn is also charged with violation of a protective order. The warrants have been served to Nunn, who is being held in the Hart County jail, police said. Lexington Police Detective Todd Heddings is leading the murder investigation and Williams said physical evidence has been recovered and is being held in Lexington. Williams was asked about ballistics and shell casings. "See NUNN Page 3"

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