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Fiscal court co-signs note for hospital

By Charles Mattox

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In a special meeting held Jan. 26 at the Nicholas County Courthouse, members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted unanimously to co-sign a loan at the Deposit Bank in order for the JMHC Nicholas County Hospital to borrow \$249,700, after being approached by members of the hospital board who sought the help of the court.

The contract for the loan was signed between the two entities through Deposit Bank Monday morning, according to JMHC Inc Nicholas County Hospital CEO Barry Papania.

"We're all working toward one end," Papania said Monday, "to keep our

healthcare local."

Through discussion of court members and Papania's discussion with The Mercury Monday, payment back to the court will begin after 60 days and will be a six-month loan. The loan was necessary due to economic crisis which occurred with a delayed billing system when the hospital and nursing home split into two separate entities recently.

During discussion at the court meeting Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons said that if the decision was strictly a business decision, with no other community consequences, he would hesitate to support co-signing the loan, but with the subject of the health of the citizens it required

special consideration and concern. Other members of the court agreed and Judge Lyons sought advice from each magistrate during the meeting.

A roll call vote was held following a motion by Magistrate Jeff Randolph and seconded by Magistrate Steve Hamilton to approve co-signing the loan. The decision was unanimous in support of co-signing the quarter million dollar note.

"I applaud the support of the court," Papania said while explaining that the cause of the financial difficulty the hospital was due to delayed payments through insurance and Medicaid and Medicare.

Fiscal court members listened carefully to



Photo by Charles Mattox

Magistrate Steve Hamilton, center, who is a representative of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court who serves on the hospital board, stresses a point during discussion last week as Magistrate Jeff Randolph, left, and Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons, right, listen.

County Attorney Dawn Letcher during the special meeting Jan. 26, before they made their decision.

"The bottom line is if

you co-sign the not you are acting in the same capacity as if you are the borrower," Letcher said in part while giving lengthy advice on how she

spoke to legal personnel through several state governmental agencies, particularly the Dept.

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Persimmon Ridge Road lady found unresponsive

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Emergency responders were called to a Persimmon Ridge Road residence early Saturday evening, but were unable to revive a 33-year-old woman.

After receiving a call to Nicholas County Dispatch responders arrived at 1599 Persimmon Ridge Road, the residence of a family

member of the deceased ,where they found Jennifer Marie English, 33, unresponsive.

All efforts to revive her by family and responders failed.

English had been diagnosed with cerebral palsy for the greater portion of her life, according to community sources, and was in a very small amount of warm water in the family

bath tub at the time she was discovered to be unresponsive.

"This is just a terrible, terrible very sad day," Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff David Gray said.

Nicholas County Coroner Kevin Hatchet spoke to Kentucky Medical Examiners who performed a state-mandatory autopsy on English Sunday.

All possible deaths in

Kentucky that might be associated with drowning are required by state law to have an autopsy, according to Hatchet.

Deputy Coroner Todd Allison joined Gray and Nicholas County EMS at the scene.

Hatchet , Allison and Gray, all said there was absolutely no sign or indication of neglect, and Hatchett related that in

his conversations with the medical examiners, English's body, though smaller than a normal adult female, due to her medical condition, did show every sign of being greatly cared for and being lovingly nurtured.

Hatchet and others related that English enjoyed the therapeutic effects of lying in a small amount of warm water, which acted as a

stimulant to release the tension on the muscles that are negatively impacted by her condition and others who suffer from cerebral palsy.

There has been no specific cause of death obtained from the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office as the

"Our hearts go out to this family," Hatchett said.



Photo by Jeri Villaflor

Nicholas County varsity and Middle School Cheerleaders are shown together following their outstanding performances in the recent "Just Keep Dreaming" Cheerleading competition in Bourbon County. Varsity Cheerleaders won first place in their division and Middle School Cheerleaders captured second place in their division. Varsity coaches are Jessica Letcher and Ashley Vice and Middle School Coaches are Jordan Letcher and Becca Stacy.

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky
By Charles Mattox

"I can't say that I was ever lost, though I was somewhat bewildered once for a period of three days."

Daniel Boone to Chester Harding, June 1819, and recorded in Harding's "My Egotistigraphy published in 1866.

Many of our pioneer forefathers lost themselves in the hills and hollows of our region of Kentucky over 200 years ago. The bloodlines of most of those families surges through our terrain still.

Many writers have tried to capture the essence of the culture of our region and have largely done so with little or no regard to our senses or accuracy of the complexity of our culture. I believe the culture of the communities that

encapsulate the region, which stretches along the Licking River and its headwaters, particularly from Cave Run Lake to Falmouth has its own unique culture.

But that culture is becoming lost at an incredibly disturbing rate.

A history of a people known for their resourcefulness and hard work has been replaced with one of entitlement and laziness.

A drug-induced, push button society, if you will.

We've gone from a somewhat (and I use that term loosely) respectable identity of Hillbilly to a new term: Pillbilly.

And as insulting as that identity is to the good folks who don't look to the government for every

hand out available as those who "wouldn't hit a lick at a snake" as my granpaw used to like to describe such parasitical people who had no regard for their neighbors, or work, or education, or culture; the cultural identity of Pillbilly can not be easily dispelled as being inaccurate.

With multiple sources in local and state law enforcement attributing 95 percent of the crimes they investigate as being directly or indirectly "drug-related" and with the poison of passion most often being pain pills obtained through black market sources, an entire generation has become lost within its own society and stumbles along from one binge to the next, oblivious to their surroundings, with the exception of preying on targets of opportunity.

A rash of armed robberies in Bath County-three in one week perpetrated

against small businesses-only exemplifies the seriousness of the problems at hand and the challenges that lay before us.

It is an epidemic that is beyond escape, in one regard or another.

No, my fine sailor friend, you personally may not have been the one that blew a hole in the bottom of the boat, but you will surely sink just like the rest of the crew.

Throw into the mix a dying economy, ineffective government (pick your level of ineptness of choice-local-state-region-nation-or all of the above) combine that with a state educational system that, well, frankly, seems more bent on agendas other than educating children; top it off with utility prices that will knock a hole in the roof and are making small and large businesses alike consider closing their doors and you've got the perfect

storm. You don't need Doppler radar to see a bad storm coming this year, dear reader.

So what will we do? Most of our communities are so economically strapped we can't even afford to jail prisoners, and our law enforcement officers are stretched much too thin.

And although our region has long been known as one of self reliance and being harshly independent, we cannot look to Uncle Sam to keep sending us mail box money and picking up extra cash by peddling pills.

Although in certain circles within our region it does seem to be a way of life.

As a youngster I was often compelled to do foolish things.

I still do, and have never claimed to be an academic professor or saintly type.

But when I was young and did a foolish thing in the presence of a particular old friend of the family-

the kind of friend you knew would be there if times got tough, he would simply look at me with a mischievous grin, shake his head sideways and say "Boy, you're a lost ball in the high weeds."

2011 is going to be an interesting year, dear reader.

I hope you and yours are staying warm and healthy and have not succumbed to the seduction of that sweet oblivion of pain pill addiction that has enslaved so many of our friends, family members and neighbors.

I believe if we look to the strength of our ancestors and search deeply within our own hearts the answers we seek can be found.

I do not have those answers.

But I hope all of you will continue to seek for a way in which to save our lost and fading culture.

It would be a disgrace to our ancestors to lose all that they gained and sacrificed for.



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Keith Allen "Corky" Applegate



Keith Allen "Corky" Applegate, 44 of Tollesboro, died Jan 25, 2011 at his residence. He was born Dec 23, 1966 in Mason County to the late Lloyd Lester "Bud" Applegate and Beulah Toller Applegate Mers of Sardis. Mr. Applegate was a farmer.

He is survived by his wife Terri French Applegate, of Tollesboro, two brothers, Buddy Applegate and wife, Teresa, of Carlisle and Bently Applegate and wife, Sharon of Tollesboro, sister Pat Wells and husband Ronnie of Ashland.

Services were Friday at the Barbour and Son Funeral Home in Tollesboro, with Rev. Phil Cropper officiating.

Burial was in the Happy Hollow Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tony Corns, Scotty Hord, Cary Applegate Jr., Bently Applegate Jr., Chad Applegate, Ronnie Applegate, Tom Wilson and Mike Beckett. Honorary pallbearers were: Todd Bane, Rick Gill, Alvin Morgan, Todd Wilson, Gordon Ruggles, and Bob Bane. Barbour and Son Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Laura Elizabeth Crouch Vickers



Laura Elizabeth Crouch Vickers, 95, Law Boulevard, widow of William "Bill" Vickers, died Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Bourbon Community Hospital. She was born March 1, 1915 in Bourbon County, daughter of the late John and Lucretia Dillion Crouch and was a member of the Little Rock Christian Church. She is survived by a daughter, Juanita McCarty (Jimmie) Norris, Carlisle; a son, Glen Vickers, Paris; and nine grandchildren, Ronald (Rita) McCarty, Carlisle, Kathy (Henry) Norris, Bourbon County, Tom McCarty, Lexington, Terry (Teresa) McCarty, Georgetown, Sharon Vickers, Harrison County, Andy (Debbie)

Vickers, Paris, Jeff (Michelle) Vickers, Paris, Kelly (Anthony) McFarland, Paris, and Penny Powell. She is also survived by many great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Powell. Funeral services were held Monday, January 31, at the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home by Rev. Chuck Perry and Rev. Chad Broaddus with burial in the North Middletown Cemetery. Casket bearers were Wendell Terrell, John McCarty, Justin McCarty, Joe Vickers, Jeff McClure, and Ronnie McCarty Jr. Honorary bearers were Bobby Norris, Mose Traylor III, Gordon Helphinstine, Jim Weddings, Otis Davis, and James Motley.

William Lewis "Billie" Evans
William Lewis "Billie" Evans, 74 of Carlisle, Ky. departed this life Jan. 25, 2011 at this residence. Billie was born in Ewing, July 10, 1936 to the late Ray and Sylvia Browning Evans and was a farmer and land owner. Billie was preceded in death

by his wife of 54 years, Jettie Mitchell Evans and a son Ricky Lynn Evans. Billie is survived by one daughter, Patty (Joe) Evans of Carlisle, four sons Sterling (Mary Ann) Evans, Gray (Bonnie) Evans, Jay (Ramona) Evans all of Carlisle and Timmy (Tracey) Evans of Paris, Ky. 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Six brothers and seven sisters also survive. Billie was a loving husband and father and grandfather, and was respected by all whom knew him and will be missed by all.

Pall bearers will be Phillip, Brad, Clinton, Michael, Brandon, Steven Evans, Jeremy Roberts, Elva Shields, and Chris Myers. Honorary Pall bearers will be granddaughters Alicia Robertson, Becky Cook, Crystal Evans, Amanda, Jennie, Whitney Evans and Lacey Waugh. Funeral services were Saturday at Price Brothers Funeral Home in Elizaville with Rev. Don Toy officiating. Burial will be in the Elizaville Cemetery.

Frieda Marsene Razor Vice



Frieda Marsene Razor Vice, 66 of Moorefield died January 25, 2011 at her residence. She was born in Bath County April 19, 1944 to the late Charles Lacy and Grace B. Warner Razor. She was retired from Community Action and a member of the Moorefield Methodist Church. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She is survived by her 3 daughters; Kimberly Sue Vice (Richard) Caudill, Rosetta Dee Vice Curtis (Fred) Curtis, Loretta Lee Vice (Bob) Boyd; 7 grandchildren; William Richard Caudill, Steven Paul General Caudill, Christina Denise Curtis (Jason) Tedder, Lacey Marsene (Daniel) Brock, James Michael Keith (

Dreama) Curtis, Zachary Benjamin Brock, Megan Marie Hensley; 3 great-grandchildren; Riley Mullin Caudill, Keigan Drew English, Aidan James Tedder; 2 sisters, Louise Watkins, Sharon (Mike) Hegyi; 1 brother, Darrell Leslie Fuller and several special friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Lacy and Grace B. Warner Razor; her husband, James E. Vice; 2 brothers, Cranston Randolph (Buddy) Razor and Jerry Ray Keller. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday January 29, 2011 at Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Gaylord Gillispie officiating with burial following in Longview Cemetery, Bethel, Ky. Visitation will be from 5 - 9 p.m. Friday. Pallbearers are; Zack Brock, Zack Brock Jr., Robert (Bob) Boyd, Jason Tedder, Fred Brock, James Curtis, Wayne Coburn, Eddie Zornes, Mike Curtis. Honorary bearers are, Mike Hegyi, Rick Caudill and her best friends. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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The believer must continually be arrayed with spiritual armor Ephesians 6:10, 11 finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. 12 for we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breast plate of righteousness: 15 and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. 16 Above all, taking the shield of Faith, where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit. Which is the word of God. The different parts of this armour symbolize spiritual truths which belong to the

believer, wearing this armour, the believer is protected and unhampered in His ministry of authority. Now let's take a closer look at this armour. First there is the Girdle of truth which represents a clear understanding of God's word. Like a soldier's belt, it holds the rest of the armour in place. Second is the breastplate of righteousness. This has a two fold application. Jesus is our righteousness, and we put him on first. It shows our obedience to the word of God. Third, our feet are shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. This is a faithful ministry proclaiming the word of God. Fourth, is the shield of faith. A shield is a covering for the entire body. This represents our complete safety under the blood of Christ. Where no power of the enemy can penetrate. Fifth is the helmet of Salvation it protects the head in these last days from turning from the truth. Sixth is the sword of the spirit

which is the word of God. The word of God is an active we upon. Dressed in the armour of God, you are prepared to take ground for the kingdom of God daily. Luke 10:19 behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and overall the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you, not withstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto, but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and Hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father. And no man knoweth who the son is, but the Father, and who the Father is, but the son. And he to whom the son will reveal him. And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately.

Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see. For I tell you. That many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them: and to hear those things which ye hear,

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VS:

NOTICE OF SALE

DAVID CRAWFORD
MARLENA CRAWFORD
TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS 1, LLC
BLUE WORLD POOLS, LLC

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment In Rem and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on January 3, 2011, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff in the amount of \$78,776.60, plus interest thereon at the contract rate from October 22, 2010, until paid, the costs of this action including expenses of sale and any unpaid ad valorem property taxes, all as provided in said judgment; the undersigned Master Commissioner will on February 5, 2011, at or about the hour of 11:30 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest bidder(s) the following described property located at 749 Needmore Road, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and the improvements located thereon, (including a 2002 Dutch Mobile Home, Serial No. DHIN33197E thereon), and more particularly described as follows:

*A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Nicholas County, Kentucky at the end of Needmore Road and lying on the northwest side of Needmore approximately 0.60 miles northeast of its intersection with Kentucky Highway 1244 and being more particularly described as follows:

"COMMENCING at a point in the center of Needmore Road, marking a corner common to Harold McVey Estate and Donald G. Feedback; thence with the center of Needmore Road for six calls: North 61 Degrees 52 Minutes 30 Seconds East for 64.18 feet; thence North 69 Degrees 24 Minutes 50 Seconds East for 200.20 feet; thence North 65 Degrees 53 Minutes 39 Seconds East for 71.60 feet; thence North 56 Degrees 1 Minute 2 Seconds East for 45.93 feet; thence North 38 Degrees 50 Minutes 44 Seconds East for 50.60 feet; thence North 18 Degrees 1 Minute 44 Seconds East for 192.66 feet to a MAG Nail, marking the POINT OF BEGINNING and a NEW corner to Donald G. Feedback; thence leaving the center of Needmore Road and through the land of Donald G. Feedback along a NEW division line for three calls: North 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 51 Seconds West for 15.00 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar, thence North 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 51 Seconds West for 597.15 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar, thence North 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 51 Seconds West for 15.00 feet to a Stone Fence on the eastern boundary line of Harold McVey Estate, marking a NEW corner to Donald G. Feedback; thence over and down the hill with Harold McVey Estate for two calls: North 10 Degrees 18 Minutes 13 Seconds East for 127.33 feet to a Stone Fence at top of hill; thence down the hill, North 8 Degrees 57 Minutes 29 Seconds East for 599.54 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar, marking a NEW corner to Donald G. Feedback; thence through the land of Donald G. Feedback along a NEW division line for nine calls: South 81 Degrees 31 Minutes 16 Seconds East for 206.15 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar; thence North 79 Degrees 31 Minutes 51 Seconds East for 493.90 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar; thence North 72 Degrees 4 Minutes 17 Seconds East for 246.10 feet to a Railroad Spike in the center of an existing Farm Road (dirt); thence continuing up the hill and with the center of said Farm Road, South 6 Degrees 6 Minutes 42 Seconds East for 94.49 Feet to a Railroad Spike; thence South 39 Degrees 39 Minutes 49 Seconds West for 400.41 Feet to a Railroad Spike; thence South 36 Degrees 0 Minutes 59 Seconds West for 145.24 Feet to a Railroad Spike; thence South 22 Degrees 1 Minute 4 Seconds West for 385.00 Feet to a Railroad Spike; thence South 13 Degrees 4 Minutes 54 Seconds West for 77.10 Feet to a Railroad Spike; thence South 0 Degrees 42 Minutes 24 Seconds West for 120.29 Feet to a MAG Nail at the junction of Old Johnson Dirt Road (abandoned) and Needmore Road, marking a common corner to Robert Russell and Donald G. Feedback; thence with Needmore Road for three calls South 30 Degrees 37 Minutes 56 Seconds West for 60.66 Feet to a MAG Nail; thence South 19 Degrees 59 Minutes 38 Seconds West for 101.17 Feet to a MAG Nail; thence South 17 Degrees 49 Minutes 55 Seconds, West for 60.96 Feet to the point of beginning, the Area being 15,000 Acres, more or less, and being subject to easements and rights-of-way of record and in existence and in accordance with a new survey and plat by Ronald F. Wilhoit, PLS in September, 2001."

Being the same property conveyed unto Marlena F. Crawford, no status, by deed dated October 3, 2001, and recorded in Deed Book 108, Page 789; and also see quit-claim deed dated October 19, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 109, Page 55, in the Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall make a deposit of ten (10) percent of the total purchase price and give bond with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remaining part of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale until paid, which bond and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

Said property shall be sold as a whole "as is" and free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, right, title and interests of all parties hereto and anyone claiming through them, but shall be sold subject to:

- (a) 2011 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
- (b) Legal highways, easements, restrictions, covenants and stipulations of record affecting said property, and applicable zoning ordinances and governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
- (c) Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- (d) Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
- (e) Any right of redemption which may exist.

Neither the Court nor the Master Commissioner shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser(s). Purchaser(s) shall be entitled to possession of the premises, and a deed will be delivered to the purchaser(s), upon full payment of the purchase price and confirmation of the sale and approval of the deed by the Court. Purchaser(s) shall be required to purchase fire and extended coverage insurance on any improvements to the real property, from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full to the extent of the Court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, with a loss clause payable to the Master Commissioner of the Nicholas Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein.

Following sale of the above-described property, the Master Commissioner shall promptly report same to the Court, and said report shall be held over for a period of ten (10) days for confirmation or exceptions. Anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be forever barred.

Joseph H. Conley, Master Commissioner,
Nicholas Circuit Court

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Economy impacting agricultural businesses

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The economy is something that affects people in different ways, but one of the ways that the economy situation is affecting people here in Nicholas County is through the farming industry.

Nicholas County has a wide range of farmers all around.

Farming is a source where in some way we are all connected by ways of groceries, tobacco products, and much more.

This year's tobacco crop has not been well received at market.

Many of the farmers are receiving the lowest price per pound compared to the prices in the past.

With the expenses, and labor that it takes for the tobacco, the farmers struggle with the prices they are receiving from the warehouses.

According to the UK Cooperative Extension Service Agricultural Economic Outlook for 2011, the US Agriculture economy rebounded in 2010 from the market crash in 2008.

It was projected that the U.S. net farm income to be up 24 percent with the improved markets of beef cattle, dairy, poultry, and surges in corn and soybeans.

After plunging from a record high \$115 billion in 2008 down to \$96 billion last year, it was projected to be \$113 billion for 2010.

The outlook for 2011 in agriculture is dependent upon the weather and trade. If central Kentucky continues to have a drought season like it was in 2010 the market will drop considerably. The

burley average was down only 4 percent in 2010 due to a volume of non-contracted tobacco being planted in the burley belt.

The expected total for the tobacco crop is 186 million pounds, 13 percent lower than last year's 215 million pounds crop.

The average price per pound has been \$1.70 - \$1.80.

In the projection of 2011 the buyers of the U.S. burley will probably be more conservative with the contract offerings for 2011.

The farmers that grow

tobacco will probably decline below 5,000 farms from 8,000 reported in the 2007 Census.

If you notice the prices of tobacco products continue to rise, while the prices of the burley at the warehouse continue to drop, the farmers should be able to receive compensation for the hard work, long hours and expense that is put in the process of getting the crop to where it needs to be.

Not only is the economy a factor but the weather is a crucial one. If the weather conditions

are not good, the crops will suffer. Tobacco is not the only crop that is substantial to our farmers.

Farmers in our region use tobacco crops to operate in different farming aspects. Kentucky has a historical past for raising tobacco crops, it helps with purchasing equipment, cattle, and brings in revenue to the state with the products that are sold from raising tobacco.

Many of our citizens in the county depend on the money from the crops and from the cattle.

Conservation District Cost Share Program Announced

The Nicholas County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28, 2011.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was in 1994 created by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil

and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices The

State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices approved through the State Cost Share Program help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies.

Among the eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. The program provides up to \$20,000 for animal waste storage practices and up to

\$7,500 for other practices. In the first eleven years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 19,105 applications seeking \$197 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 6,263 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$71.2 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the

Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by your local conservation district office located at:
 368 East Main Street
 Carlisle, KY 40311
 Monday through Friday
 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Phone: 859-289-5165

Letter To The Editor

Editor,
 I don't imagine too many people remember the little house with the Big Eats. It was located where the Video shop is at now. It was run by Bill and Myrtle Henry. I started working when


I was 12 years old. I worked on Sat. and Sun. Valerie Wells and Helen Roberts, Dora Hammons and "Nookie" were there. I worked for \$1.54 an hour. That is where I met the love of my life,

Oliver Barton. I was 16 years old when we got married. Valerie Wells and Helen Roberts stood up with us. We moved to Covington where Oliver worked. We lived in a 1 1/2 room apartment on the third

floor, after six months we moved back to Carlisle. I had went to work for my Dad. They were the good ole days.
 Betty Barton
 Carlisle, Ky.

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February 7, 1985
 Some of the most valuable paper coming into the Kentucky Treasury is hanging on its walls.
 The State Treasury displays work by Kentucky artists in its reception room in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort. On display during February and March are works by 12 members of the Lexington Art League.

Approximately 150 tobacco growers and local business people met at the courthouse last Friday to elect a county Tobacco Referendum Committee and make plans to get out a large vote on Feb. 25. Lovell Hollar was elected chairman; Joe Allen Stone, vice chairman; Joe Crouch, secretary; S.R. Barlow, Publicity chairman.

Staff Sergeant Charles Rose was selected as the Outstanding Instructor of the Month for November by Headquarters, 3720th Basic Military School, Lackland Military Training Center, Texas. In order to receive this honor he completed against 80 instructors from his squadron.
 February 7, 1935

Two ordinances were adopted by the city council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night, and another proposed ordinance was deferred until the March meeting of the council.
 Coupon Days, 1935
 Mens Overalls \$1.27,
 Bloomers \$0.15, Double Plaid Blankets \$1.27, Birdseye Diapers (6) \$0.59, Suede Jackets \$4.42, Lingerie \$0.15, Rayon Socks \$0.09

February 11, 1965
 G.L. Curtsinger, president of the Nicholas County 4-H Council, presented Glenn Clay and Lavina McFarland with the 4-H Alumni Awards at a recent 4-H meeting. The Alumni Recognition program is sponsored by the Olin Mathison Chemical Corporation of New York to Honor former 4-H members whose accomplishments are the following: 4-H club membership, exemplify effective community leadership, public services, service to 4-H club work and success in their chosen careers.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the many family, friends and people that helped in any way during our loss of Keith "Corky" Applegate. We can't begin to name you one by one because there were so many. We know your love, care and concern is what helped us through it all.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR / SPORTS

FEB 8

Community Drug Forum is Tuesday, February 8th at 5:00pm at the Spark's Community Center at the health department

Adoption

Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption 473-2714 or www.ncaws.org.

Nicholas County Fix

The Nicholas County Drug Forum meets each second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Sparks Room in Nicholas Co. Health Department for more info call Dawn Letcher 859-289-3745 or Chaplin William Mike Power 859-749-7427.

The class will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center, Dr. Robert Sparks Community Room. For more information and to register contact Crissy Culberson 866-75WEDCO or 859-298-4899.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have its next regular monthly meeting on Feb 8, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Bluegrass Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Paul Pack at 11 East Main Paris is honored to be participating in the Nicholas County fix spay/neuter program. The program is aimed at reducing the number of unwanted or homeless puppies and kittens born every year. Drawings for the free service are held each month.

The Lifeline meeting are held each Thursday at 6:30 pm. at New Beginnings Church. For more info call Greg Spivey 859-227-1319. Toni Spivey 859-473-0899, William Mike Power 749-7427.

The Carlisle Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority regular monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 4 p.m. at Whitaker Bank Inc-Carlisle.

Feb 28

The Park and Rec board regular monthly meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Feb 28 at the courthouse. If you have any suggestions or event that you would like to speak to the board you are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

Old Jailers Home Luncheons

The luncheons are held the second Thursday of each month. Reservation necessary. Call Gladys ShROUT 289-5174 or 749-7986 or Martha Taylor 289-5592 or 749-1948. Sponsored by Tourism Inc.

NC Adult Learning Center News

God's House of Prayer had their monthly Women of Faith meeting on the fourth Thursday in Cot. Sister Lucille Derrickson sang some beautiful songs and brought a good message about decipleship. After the meeting everyone enjoyed a meal and fellowship. We welcome everyone to come join us every fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m W.O.F. meeting.

Join you fellow retirees for a period of information, socialization and lunch.

JHMC Auxiliary Johnson Mathers Health Care Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month at Nicholas County Health Dept at 10:00 a.m.

The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instructions to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and their own schedule. Interested persons may stop by anytime between the hours 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

If you have a community announcement, please bring it to The Carlisle Mercury at 218 N. Locust St. or mail it to P O Box 272 Carlisle, Ky 40311. Email it to editor@thecarlislemercury.com or fax it to 859-289-4000.

Jam Session

Jam Session in the Neal building for the third Sunday of each month is at 4:00 - 6:00.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 a.m. on the 2nd Friday if each month at the Neal Welcome Center. All members and interested individuals to attend.

Diabetes Self management classes

Correction



Photo by Mark Harper

Charby Pope, guard/forward for the Nicholas County Freshman Bluejackets goes for the easy bucket while they cruise on past Robertson County, to win 47 to 32. After hearing that Pendleton County dropped out of the tournament, Nicholas County then went on to face Harrison for the Freshman District Championship. The Jackets held their own again Harrison in the first half, but then fell behind during the 3rd and 4th quarter, only scoring 3 points in the 4th quarter. Harrison went on to win 42 to 29.

Ben Duncan was placed on the High School Honor roll list by mistake. Ben should have been placed on the Principals Club list. We apologize for this mistake and hope that this did not cause any problems for Ben.

A.C.T.S.

The Alcohol, Chemical, Treatment, Series meets each Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Sparks Room at the Nicholas Co. Health Department call Chaplin William Power 749-7427 or Dawn Letcher 289-3745 in association with Nicholas Co. Drug Forum.

Daughter Lodge #65 F.A.M.

The WEDCO District Health Department will be hosting Diabetes Self Management education classes each

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Attention Veterans

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Daughter Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Gaunce Funeral Home. All masters mason are welcomed to attend.

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Emergency Management

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may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.825. Records of the planning committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms or any follow up inspection and members of the public who wish to review the records may do so from 8:00 am. to 4:00 p.m., local time, Monday-Friday at the Carlisle/Nicholas County Emergency Management Office, 125 East Main Street, Carlisle, Ky 40311, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24 hour telephone number for purpose of Emergency notifications as required by SARA is 911 and or 859-289-3760 for Emergency Management for Nicholas County.

Property Transfers

Complied and submitted by Jorita H. Anderson
Wiley and Darlene Walker to Aletha Renee Snapp land on Concord-Taylor's Road and Lower Concord Road. Deed tax \$125.00.
Jerry m. and Rosina Girod, Menno and Barbara M. Girod, Jeremiah C.G. Girod to Michael and Kim R. Woodrum land on Southside of Pleasant Springs Road, deed tax \$21.00.
Deposit Bank vs. Jack T. Fryman, Caroline Fryman sold to Phillip L. Bowles.
Whitaker Bank to

Letton C. Williams and Charles Linville Jr. land in Nicholas County, near Crooked Creek approx 29 acres. Deed tax \$49.00.
Carlisle Christian Church to Harry K. Garvin, Los Angeles, CA deed tax \$50.00 land on West Side of Locust St.
Bobby G. Cobb to Melody G. Cobb. Land on North side of US 68 in Nicholas County. Quit Claim deed.
Matthew James and Emmleea Kennedy to Bryan K. and Beth K. Hayes land in Nicholas County on East Side of Dog Walk Road. 201 acres deed tax \$80.00.

Larry W. and Juanita Hunt to Alesia G. Ring land in Nicholas County, Lot no 1. Locust Grove Subdivision. Deed tax \$64.50.
Judy Hardin and Tom Hardin, Grantors to Charles W. and Connie C. Watkins land in Nicholas County, Sharpsburg Turnpike 152 acres land in Nicholas County, on water of Somerset Creek and Brushy Fork containing 8 acres deed tax \$187.00
Estate of Kathryn C. Moore, deceased to Eugene and Judy M. Hall land in City of Carlisle, corner

Archdeacon and Main St. deed tax \$26.00.
Beneficial Ky. Inc. D/B/A Beneficial Mortgage Co of Ky. Grantor to Stephanie Brown, a married woman, grantee land in Nicholas County, lot no. 4 306 Mary Lane. Deed tax \$95.00.
Gerald and Carol Hammons to Eric Tedder, Trustee 2nd part to Gerald and Carol Hammons trust agreement.
Tina and Arnold Payne Jr to Calvin R. and Mary Denton this property being the same from Mildred Green, Estate. Deed tax \$36.00.

Thoughts from the Pastors Study

By Rev. Adam Schell
First Baptist Church

What do you think of when you think of February? I imagine your mind probably goes to one of the holidays in the month. Most of you probably thought of Valentine's Day, but some of you may have thought of Groundhog's Day, or President's Day. Personally, the first thing I think of when I think of February is an unofficial national holiday, the Super Bowl. Since the NFL has changed their schedule the biggest game of the year now falls every February. I have to admit that it is always a little bitter sweet for me once the game is over; part of me enjoys the

game and the conclusion of the season, the other part doesn't want it to end. Oh well, at least March Madness is just around the corner. I guess there is just something in my personality that draws me to games, and you're probably the same way. Americans seem to be a culture obsessed with games. We flock to sporting events, and millions watch the biggest games on T.V. every week. Even if you aren't a sports fan you probably still watch games. Reality programs, like American Idol or Survivor, are essentially games where the winner receives a prize. Game shows have been a staple of television programming for years; just think of shows like

Deal or No Deal, Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader, or the classics like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, or The Price Is Right. You probably even play games; whether they are sports, video games, card games, board games, or just trying to figure out a crossword puzzle; we all seem to play games. We even play games around our churches from time to time, like the one I played with my congregation a couple of Sundays ago. We played a game where I had the congregation work in groups to solve riddles. The one riddle they had the most difficulty with was, "If 3 cats catch 3 mice in 3 minutes, how many cats would it take to catch 100 mice in 100 minutes?"

I enjoyed listening to the groups work to find the right answer. I think I heard almost every possible mathematical answer: 100, 33, I even had people as if there could be 1/3 of a cat. I think many of them became frustrated when they could not get the right answer. Some of them even wanted to argue that their answer was right. That seems to be what most games boil down to: being right. We cheer when our teams win, because we were right to cheer for them. We brag when we know the right answer to a trivia question or a riddle. We are a culture obsessed with being right. We have developed mathematical formulas, and the scientific

method to make sure we find the right answers. This attitude carries over into the church as well. Many of us in the church think that God is some kind of riddle to answer or some kind of puzzle to solve. This is why we argue about whose theology is right, because there is only one answer. However, I believe that God is too big to be solved, and who would want to believe in a God that human beings can fully understand. Instead of trying to solve God, I think we need to spend more time reflecting on the questions, and listening to a variety of answers. We are all limited to our human understanding and none of us will ever have God completely figured out, so we must

learn from one another rather than fighting to prove that I am right and that you are wrong. To me Christianity is not about knowing the right answers, it is about the journey to developing a deeper relationship with God and with my fellow man. The only way I can do this is to stop thinking that I am the only one who is right, and allow others to share their thoughts and opinions on God and faith with me. Oh, in case you were wondering, the correct answer to my riddle is 3. If 3 cats catch 3 mice in 3 minutes, it means that they catch 1 mouse every minute, so it would take these same 3 mice 100 minutes to catch 100 mice.

BCTC Recognizes Nicholas County Residents

Nicholas County Residents Named to Bluegrass Community & Technical College Deans List LEXINGTON, KY (Jan. 28, 2011) - Bluegrass Community & Technical

College is proud to recognize the following students from Nicholas County who have achieved Deans List honors for the 2010 Fall Semester. The college recognizes

academic excellence by naming to the Deans List full-time students who have earned an overall semester grade point average of 3.5 or better in courses numbered 100 or

above. BCTC's Deans List honorees for fall 2010 are: Thomas Booth, Sarah Day, David Murphy, Jana Scaff, Charlotte Sexton and Susan Short.

Caleb Sadler Receives Scholarship

Bluegrass Community and Technical College student Caleb Sadler of Carlisle has

received the KCTCS Commonwealth Scholarship. The scholarship provides

for full tuition, for high school valedictorians, salutatorians or members of the upper

10 percent of their high school graduating class.

Little League Basketball

Jan 28, 2011
Chaos vs. Celtics
C- Chaos (16) - Andrus 7, Tackett 4, Watkins 1, Wigglesworth 2, Quinn 2 - Celtics (12) - Letcher 9, Logan Kinder 1, Jolly 1, Hunt 1
B- Chaos (11) - Quinn 2, Hughes 9 - Celtics (24) - Fryman 8, Davis 2, Allison 6, Wiggins
A-Chaos (26) - Hamilton 2, Duncan 11, Markland 9, Conyers 4 - Celtics (11) Reid 8, Jefferson 3
Deming - Wildcats
C- Deming (33) - Dotson 5, Becker 8, Pilosky 8, Maddox 8, Gooden 3 - Wildcats (7) - James 1, Jaiden 4, Seth 2
B- Deming (8) - Becker 2, Cooper 3, Dotson 1, Piloski 2 - Wildcats (15) - Carlton 3, Jacob 8, Dailey 2, Cody Shrout 2
A-Deming (15) - Burden 7, Grigson 2, Whalen 2, Ross 2, Maygrier 2 - Wildcats (16) - D.

Dailey 5, Tincher 3, Jones 2, Northcutt 2, Hatton 4
Blue Demons vs Heat
C-Blue Demons (15) - Morris 8, Davenport 4, Roberts 1, Johnson 1, Deskins 1 - Heat (9) - Anderson 2, Switzer 4, Walker 1, Fryman 1, Clark 1
B-Blue Demons (13) - Planck 6, Linville 2, Liver 5 - Heat (10) - Smith 6, Dulin 2, Convington 2
A-Blue Demons (41) - Morris 18, Crump 4, Watkins 13, Glass 2, Scott 4 - Heat (17) Switzer 6, Covington 8, Hamilton 3
Lady Kats vs. Phillies
C- Lady Kats (11) = Adams 5, Kenney 1, Tedder 1, Hughes 1 - Phillies (7) - Kez 1, Flowers 5, Compton 1
B- Lady Kats (16) Stafford 14, George 2 - Phillies (8) Derosset 2, Myers 4, Dunn 2
A-Lady Kats (25) - Hughes 13, A.

Hughes 4, Stafford 8 - Phillies (9) Flannigan 2, Sowers 2, Letcher 3, Adams 2
Phillies vs. Sparks
C- Phillies (13) - Kazunas 2, Flowers 8, Craig 2, Adams 1 - Sparks (12) - Harp 1, Tolliver 3, Rice 7, Layne 1

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GENERAL NEWS

FONDEST MEMORIES

By Melissa Mitchell
Editor
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 I don't know if anyone remembers a tall skinny gentleman named Arthur Kearns or not?
 I sure do, he lived in a two-story, white house in Moorefield, and owned and operated a little country store at the end of Locust Grove.
 This was not your ordinary store and he was not your ordinary gentleman; the store was a very "home-type" store, one that

you felt welcomed into and one that seemed to encourage all to sit down and drink a bottle of cola, and share your thoughts for the day.
 Mr. Kearns' store was constructed in an old-fashion way, with soda being placed in an antique cooler; the kind that had special lids that raised up. It was a white and silver cooler. It would remind you of a freezer, except for the pop opener located on the side of the cooler.

The candy section would be at the counter, with slanted rows of candy, from candy bars, to Dum Dum suckers.
 Papaw and Mamaw Scott would make a daily visit there; during the summer when I stayed with them it was something that I would look forward to doing. I would get a Coke and a sucker every time. I think back then the two of them together were like fifty cents. Now a Coke and a sucker would be \$1.75. My, how things

have changed, not just the stores, but the prices as well.
 Papaw would sometimes go by himself, he would sit there for hours at a time, sitting there shooting the bull and chewing his tobacco. This was a famous thing for the older gentleman of the neighborhood to go out and sit with Mr. Kearns to pass along some old stories, or in other words shooting the bull amongst friends.
 In the summer we would stop in and grab a bologna

sandwich, or if it was real hot we would grab one of those red, white, and blue popsicles. This was one of those stores that you just had fun stopping at, and you would always try to find an excuse to stop in and visit.
 Mr. Kearns was the type of gentleman that you couldn't help but like, he was funny, caring, just a very well-rounded type of guy. He would always pick at the children to make them laugh and play. He always had a smile on his face no

matter how he felt or what mood he was in. He not only offered food or drinks, but there were supplies there as well like, nails, shovels, gloves and much more.
 This was one great country store, I am sure there are others there, but this is one of the two that I had when I was growing up. It was called the Frogtown Store. Some of the best times are shared in the ole country stores. How many times have you been to a country store and couldn't wait to stop there?



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GENERAL NEWS

Points of Interest - Neal Center

By Elizabeth McCarty
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This week's research brings us to the J.T. Sims/Neal Building in Carlisle. This building currently houses the Neal Welcome Center which is owned and operated by the Nicholas County Historical Society (NCHS).

The Neal Building was built around 1883 and has housed various businesses since that time. In the late 1800's, the building was known as "Mozart Hall," and provided a stage for traveling musicians and singers. In later years, the building served as the home of a variety store

and grocery store, and the Neal family ran a general store in this location from 1932 to 2003. In 2003, the Neal family donated this building to the NCHS, and renovations continue to date. Upon completion of renovations, the NCHS will move their headquarters from the

Carlisle Passenger Depot to the Neal Building. This move will allow the NCHS to expand their museum and genealogical records holdings. The Neal Welcome Center currently offers patrons an opportunity to take a look into the past, and even research one's family tree. The

renovations of the welcome center will allow the NCHS to offer educational opportunities geared to all ages. The Neal Welcome Center is currently open Thursday-Saturday from 9:00a. m. to 5:00p.m. Rental options are available

for receptions, parties, reunions, showers, etc. This building and those who operate within it offer this community a resource that is invaluable. This link to the past is why I deem the J.T. Sims Building/Neal Building in Carlisle a point of interest for our community!

Garrett's Restaurant

By Mark Harper
News Reporter
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For the past 41 years there has been a place in downtown Carlisle that you could get breakfast, coffee or just a place to go and remember the good ole days.

Garrett's Restaurant was established on February 6, 1970 when Jake and Christine Garrett bought the building that the restaurant is located in from the Robinsons, who ran a diner before Garrett's.

From 1970 until 1998 the Garrett's owned and operated Garrett's Restaurant. But in 1998 the business was sold to Stanley Fredrick.

After only owning the restaurant for one year Stanley decided to sell the company over to Dick Garrett, (the current sheriff of Nicholas County.)

Dick ran Garrett's Restaurant from 1999 to 2007 when he sold the restaurant to his brother George Garrett. George owns and operates Garrett's restaurant still today.

"This restaurant has always been a family thing. We use to work here when mom and dad bought the place back in the 70's and never did we see our self owning the restaurant today. Our father always told us that we had better watch what

was going on because we were going to be doing this some day. We didn't believe it until it came true for both of us" said Dick and George Garrett.

"I love what I do here. I get to serve the people of not only Nicholas county but for people that come and go into the community and for people in the surrounding communities as well.

This is my job and my life and maybe when I am done running the store, one of my kids will take over one day." said George Garrett.

"I love to work here because of the people that come in here and because of the stories that are behind all of the people

that come in here, we love all of our customers and our regulars that come in every day.

"I have been doing this for about 15 years and even my daughter Jennifer works here part time." Said Betty Jo Booth.

"My favorite thing about coming here is seeing everybody and I really don't feel like I have had a good breakfast unless I have it here, I probably eat here 12 to 15 times a month." Said Doug Garrett.

Garrett's Restaurant is located at the corner of Broadway and Main in downtown Carlisle.

There hours are 5am - 2pm, 7 days a week. 1(859) 289- 7582



Photo by Mark Harper

The employees of Garrett's Restaurant invite you to stop in and enjoy a country cooked meal.

Extension offers Nutritional Program

The Nicholas County Extension office welcomes Adam Tubbs to their staff. He is the new Nutrition Education Program Assistant. Adam has been a resident of Nicholas County for several years, he was an employee of the Medcor Ambulance Service and works with the Nicholas County 4-H.

The Nutrition Education Program (NEP) is a free service of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and is available to families raising young children, pregnant or parenting teens or seniors. The program is designed to help provide information for the families in Nicholas County. The program works with low income or limited families to teach them how to eat and prepare nutritional meals, to help manage their money or food allowances to get better products for

their money. We provide nutritional recipes, training sessions, and guidance to help you get a well balanced meal.

Adam is a resource for the program, which can help you locate other resources that you or your family may need. He will be going through a training session to gain more knowledge of ways that can help the families and children that are in need of finding ways to get a balanced meal.

With the help of this program you can be provided with recipes from meats, vegetables, to healthier snack foods. With a variety of nutritional meals, daily exercise, will help you feel better about yourself.

"I believe that this program is good in many ways, it helps people with budgeting, preparing meals, and eating healthier." Adam stated.

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COURT NEWS

Nicholas County District Court Hon. Charles W. Kuster Jr. Jan. 26, 2011

George Allen Watkins Jr. CT. alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd o. GP \$25 and costs. SCH 2/9 at 9:30.

In Re: Mary Grace Brewer. SETT. Advertised/TUA.

Estate of Dorothy R. Neal. SC/mail to fiduciary 2/23 at 9 a.m. Estate of: Robert E. Poline. REV. re 4/27 at 12 p.m.

Estate of: Pansy Belle Ring. SETT. TUA.

In Re: Robert Shawn Jr. SETT. TUA.

In Re: Tiffany Nichole Stephens. REV> SC mail Re 2/23 at 12 p.m. LVNV Funding LLS vs. Donald Angle. MH. passed.

Cartmill Lester vs. Michael Bryant. CT. Forcible Detainer Sustained.

Capital one Bank vs. Derrick L. Bussell. MH passed.

Frank Burkhardt vs. Roger Clifford. CT. testimony and taken and PC found Passed to 2/9 to review "notice" Cliff Vice vs. Kathy Hendricks. CT. forcible detainer sustained.

Brandon K. Jefferson. ARR. Pd in full.

Scott Alan Beach. REV. speeding 10 mph over limit FTA.

Michael W. Bruncker. PTC. Illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey. PTC 2/23 at 12 p.m.

Adam Blaine Burris. ARR. Speeding 19 mph over limit. Diversion 15 hrs com svc. And costs PTC 3/2 at 12 p.m.

Larry M Bussell. OH. CH 2/9.

Larry M. Bussell OH. Pay \$55 today CH 2/9 at 9:30

Vicky G. Bussell. ARR. 1. No/expired registration plates. GP \$25.00 and Cost. 2. No/expired registration receipt. Merge MOC. 3. Failure of non owner operator to maintain req insurance 1st. GP \$500/probate \$300 c/o upon no further offenses for 2 years and pymt of 200 w/in 6 mos. 4. Failure to notify address change to dept of transp. Dism moc on stmt. SCH 2/9 at 9:30.

Jeremy Mitchell Clark. ARR. 1-2. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300 ST. inmate SC mail 4/27 at 12 p.m.

Brett Dummitt. OH. SCH 2/23 at 1 p.m.

Bret Dummitt. OH. SCH 2/23 at 1 pm.

Brett A. Dummitt. OH. 1-3 theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300. PTC 2/23 at 1 p.m. bond to be held pending further order. Jessi N. Evans. SCD/IP. SC 2/9/11 at 9:30 a.m.

Amy Louise Fitzwater. ARR. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300. CFA cont 3/23 at 12 p.m. for rev. of rest.

Christopher Gray. ARR. 1. Failure to wear seat belts. PD 2. Failure to produce insurance card. Dism MOC. Pd in full.

Olivia Dawn Hawkins. MH. rest pd motion w/drawn and case remanded.

Israel Hernandez. ARR. Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance 1st. 2. No operators/moped license. CFA 2/2/11 at 12 p.m.

David A. Holleran. ARR. 1. No/expired registration plates. 2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt.

3. No insurance 1st offense. 4. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. CFA to 2/8 at 12 p.m. Adell Star Mason. ARR. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. CFFA to 2/9 at 12 pm.

Michael Shawn McKinney. OH. Bonded for 2/16 for 2/23 (mail).

Richard Mitchell. ARR. 1. One headlight. Dism MOC on proof.

2. License to be in possession dismiss MOC. 3. Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st GP \$500 and costs SCH 2/9 at 9:30 a.m. (expect \$100).

Ginger M. Smith. ARR. 1. No/expired registration plates. 2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Dis 1 and 2 on proof.

Tamela Dawn Smith. ARR. 1-2 theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300. Cont to 2/9 at 12 p.m. Dallas D. Vaughn III. REV. driving without

license/negligence in accident. Dism MOC com svc complete.

Samantha J. Warmouth. REV. state inmate Re 5/25 at 12 p.m.

Ashley C. Watkins. ARR. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. AM MOC to 2 counts GP 2 counts ass 4th SE \$1,000 c, 30 days, probated c/o no further offenses and c/o no contact w/ Sharon Watkins unless reasonable related to children. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 a.m. (expect \$50).

Kevin F. Watkins. ARR. 1. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. GP \$100 and c, 30 days 2 yrs c/o no further offenses. 2. Alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd o. GP \$25. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 (expect NLT \$50 on tax refund and PIF).

Thomas Henry Watkins. PTC> parent/custodian send child to school 1st and 2nd. Attendance imposed SCH 2/9 at 9:30

Robert B. Williams. OH. Theft by unlawful taking/disp shoplifting. Review 3/2 at 12 p.m.

Darrell T. Shepherd. OH. CH 2/2 at 2 p.m. bond \$200 pd apptd.

Susan Lynn Brewer. PTC. Op mv/under/influence of alcohol/drugs etc. .08 1st off. Labs in, final PTC 2/9 at 1 p.m.

Linda Sue Carpintero. PTC. Diversion complete dismiss MOC.

David A. Dryden. PTC. 1. Poss of drug paraphernalia 1st. 2. Poss controlled substance 1st offense. Final PTC 3/9 1 p.m. JT March 11 9 a.m.

David A. Dryden. PTC. Disorderly conduct 2nd degree.

David A. Dryden. PTC. 1. Public intoxication controlled subs 2. drug paraphernalia buy/possess. PTC 3/9/11 at 1 p.m. JT 3/11 at 9 am.. Joshua Hunt. REV. SC 2/23 at 1 pm. Joshua Hunt. PTC. 1-4. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300 SC 2/23 at 1 pm.

Damon W. Jackson. PTC. Theft by unlawful taking/disp all others. PH2/9 at 2 p.m.

Nikki R. King. PTC. 1. Disorderly conduct 2nd degree. 2. Criminal trespass 2nd degree. Ref of V. Dism MOC. Amber Elaine Mattox. PTC> theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300 GP \$100 an c and rest \$230. 47 SCH 2/9/11 at 9:30 a.m. (Pay NLT \$50).

Joey Edward Mitchell. PTC. 1. Public intoxication controlled subs. GP \$150 and C. 2. Disorderly conduct 1st degree. GP \$150, 180 days prob 2 yrs c/o attended and complete acts, 50 hrs com svc at no new offenses Pd fee \$100. 3. Resisting arrest merge ref officer. 4. Terroristic threatening 1st degree merge ref officer. 5. Assault 3rd degree. Merge reg officers. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 a.m. (\$25/mo)

Joey Edward Mitchell. Disorderly conduct 2nd degree. GP \$100 and c. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 am. Pamela marie Puckett. PTC. 1. Endangering the welfare of a minor. GP \$100 and c. 120 prob 2 yrs c/o attend and complete pareting w/comp care, complete ACTS classes and no further offenses. 2. 2nd degree possession of cs/drug unspecified 1st offense. GP 120 concurrent w/1 prob 2 c/o and no drug related offenses pd fee of \$50.00 3. Drug paraphernalia buy/possess merge. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 (pay NLT \$50)

Darin Wayne Rudder. REV. flagrant non support. \$4,500 pd Rev 4/6 at 1 pm. Brigitte Smith. PTC> receiving stolen property u/\$500 PTC

2/9 at 1 pm. Transport order from Mason Co. TBE.

Stephanie A. Taulbee. PTC. F&C SCH 2/9 at 9:30

Stephanie A. Taulbee. PTC. Public intoxication controlled subs Diversion agmt entered Re 7/27 1 p.m. for d/m and payment of costs. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 Jason Daniel Callahan. PTC. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$10,000. Final PTC 3/2 at 1 pm.

Ginger T. Dryden. CH. 52 hours com svc ordered in lieu of fines, 2/9 at 9:30

Todd Vincent Ferrell. PH. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$10,000. Def hospitalized at UK re 2/23 at 1 p.m.

Gaylord Gillispie Jr. PH. Theft by failure to make req disposition of ppty. Charges waived to Grand Jury.

Joshua Ernest Gray. PTC. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300 Paying \$200/mo to rest. Cont 2/23 at 1 p.m.

Damon Wayne Jackson. CT. alcohol intoxication in a public palce 1st and 2n o. GP \$25 and c. SCH 2/9 at 9:30 am.

Travis Snapp. PRH.

Probation violation Cont to 3/2/11 at 2 p.m.

Travis L. Snapp. PTC. 1. Endangering the welfare of a minor. GP \$100 and c, 90 days 2 yrs c/o no further offenses PD fee \$50.00 also c/o completeing ACTS program. 2. 2nd degree possession of cs/drug unspecified, 1st offenses. Dism MOC due to no controlled substance. 3. Drug paraphernalia buy/possess Dism MOC.

Nicole Vaughn. CH. Ch reset 2/23 at 2 p.m. rest to be paid in full. Kevin T. Wells. PH. Flagrant non support. Def to apply any tax refund received to child support Cont PH 2/23 at 2 p.m. (time waived). Bond \$23,000 surety by Rachel Crawford.

Probation violation Cont to 3/2/11 at 2 p.m. Travis L. Snapp. PTC. 1. Endangering the welfare of a minor. GP \$100 and c, 90 days 2 yrs c/o no further offenses PD fee \$50.00 also c/o completeing ACTS program. 2. 2nd degree possession of cs/drug unspecified, 1st offenses. Dism MOC due to no controlled substance. 3. Drug paraphernalia buy/possess Dism MOC. Nicole Vaughn. CH. Ch reset 2/23 at 2 p.m. rest to be paid in full. Kevin T. Wells. PH. Flagrant non support. Def to apply any tax refund received to child support Cont PH 2/23 at 2 p.m. (time waived). Bond \$23,000 surety by Rachel Crawford.

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GENERAL NEWS

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of Local Government to ensure there were no governmental or ethical conflicts.

A contractual percentage of all accounts receivable will be used to repay the court through the contract, according to discussion led by Letcher.

"If we have the money we will even begin making payments before the 60 day grace period is over," Papania said Monday.

By co-signing the loan to the hospital, which has approximately 85 full-time and 15 part-time employees, the county will retain the hospital, which was under stress of closing due to lack of cash flow, and will also gain 4 seats on the 9-seat hospital board, within the next year.

According to Judge Lyons, members of the hospital board as of Jan. 28 are: Jock Conley, Horace "Spud" Marshall, Doug Garrett, Mary Catherine Knapke, Steve Hamilton, Mark Mattox, Janna Caswell, Dr. Osias Villaflor and Greg Wills.

Court members were pleased with the new direction in having greater input with the hospital board and all were eager to help the county retain the hospital, which is now being administered through St. Joseph Hospital, which has vast resources at their disposal to ensure what Papania called "operational efficiency."

Court members praised the efforts of Magistrate Steve Hamilton for his efforts, advice and communication skills, in helping save the hospital from closing and making an agreeable contract that would be productive for everyone, especially the citizens of Nicholas County.

But the decision was not made quietly.

"Why didn't they see this coming and why aren't they using their own nest egg?" Magistrate Jimmy Wells asked during the special court meeting.

"I don't think they have a nest egg," Magistrate Mike Webb noted.

But what the hospital does have is approximately \$2 million owed to them by collectable agencies, such as Medicare, Medicaid and various insurance entities and according to Papania, an aggressive collection process has been put in place to collect that owed money.

"I'm still not too crazy about this," Wells said though he did later vote in agreement with the rest of the court.

"Well we can't put a value on the life of a member of our community," Magistrate Hamilton said while noting that in a nutshell he "wanted to help keep the doors open on the hospital."

"And I think the hospital is heading in the right direction," he added.

All court members agreed that Papania was a very charismatic individual, a natural leader who used extremely productive communication skills to help make the decision possible.

"I feel better about this after last night (when he spoke to Papania) than I have in the whole last year," Magistrate Webb said.

Kyle's Outlook
By Kyle Campbell

College Football

Two big stories to come out of college football before the national championship is even played, comes out of the Pac-10 conference. It's not the expansion; in fact both come out of Stanford.

First quarterback Andrew Luck, who would of most likely been the number one overall pick in the draft, decided to come back for another year. That's the good news, but the bad news for the Stanford is Jim Harbugh will not be back next year. Harbugh signed a five-year, 25 million dollar contract to become the new head coach for the San Francisco 49'ers. Even though it's not a big bowl, everyone has support for their Wildcats.

Kentucky played Pittsburg in the compass bowl. Kentucky however playing without their starting quarterback who played every game this season, Mike Hartline, who got into some legal trouble so Morgan

Newton took over, but Kentucky trailed at halftime 13-3. It was all Pittsburg as they rolled 27-10. Remember Pittsburg is still looking for a head coach.

In the granddaddy of them all, two of the top, high-powered offenses meet in the BCS national championship game. This game was expected to be a shootout between Auburn and Oregon, but it came down to a defensive struggle. At the end of the game however Auburn kicked a field goal which gave them the lead and the win. Cam Newton had arguably the best season in college football season and ended it winning the national championship. Now the big decision is will he come back for his senior year or will he enter the NFL and where will he be picked?

NFL

In the AFC championship it was the oldest rivalry in football playing as the Chicago Bears battled the Green Bay Packers. This game was very close, back and forth action after the Packers

jumped up 14-0. Late in the second quarter, Bears' quarterback Jay Colter took a hit and when he got up was limping. He did start the first offensive possession in the second half but would later leave the game where backup Todd Collins would come in only to last two offensive possessions. He would be benched for third stringer Caleb Howie. Now Howie had a terrific ball game, throwing 13-20 for 153 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. The Packers would go on to win this game 21-14 but the bigger story is Day Colter. He was not on crutches or sitting on the bench but standing up and looking to be walking just fine. However the Packers will move on to play the winner of this game.

In the AFC Championship it was a battle of two similar teams both with a strong running game and a very good defense. The Steelers thought to come out on top and move on to their eighth Super Bowl in history.

This marks their third Super Bowl in six years, and Mike Tomlin, the Steelers Head Coach, joins legendary Joe Gibbs as the only head coach. Mike Tomlin said the defining moment of this season was how the young guys stepped up. On a third and sixth, Big Ben scrambled out of the pocket and hit rookie wide-out Antonio Brown for a huge gain and that was the turning point of the game. The Steelers will play the Packers in Dallas at the Super Bowl.

Have a suggestion or want to submit either a photo or an article? Just call the office at 859-289-6425

Fiscal Court Meeting on Tuesday February 8th at 6:00 p.m.

- Agenda:
- Representatives for Flemingsburg Transportation Cabinet to present Rural and Secondary Road program for 2011.
 - Extension Office Representatives to make presentation to the court.
 - Truck lease discussion
 - Nicholas Co. Public Library Board of Trustees member Mr. Steve Smith term has expired. He would like to serve another term. Term is to expire 1/30/15.
 - Approval of resolution in support of the Federation for American Coal, Energy and Security and its mission.
 - Treasurer's monthly report needs approved
 - Treasurers Transfers need approved
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- Agenda is subject to change

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