

Fiscal court members considering early warning system

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court are weighing their options while considering purchasing an early warning system that would alert residents, by phone, to pending natural and man-made threats.

Discussion was held by court members on that subject during the court's special meeting on March 22, but no action was made, other than "tabling" discussion on the subject for future consideration.

The system, which Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons led discussion on, was adopted last year by neighboring Fleming County Fiscal Court members.

The system, as described by Lyons, would be one

which automatically alerts citizens through computer-generated phone calls from Carlisle Dispatch. These automated calls would inform residents of any pending dangerous situation and issue a warning, such as the case would be with approaching strong winds or tornadoes.

According to Judge Lyons, the initial cost would be \$4,661 for the first year with an annual charge of \$3,361 each following year.

"To me it's a better system than the sirens we use," Judge Lyons said.

Lyons explained that his understanding of the system entailed the capability of the automated calls to be "re-dialed" if no answer was made during the initial

call. Lyons explained that it was his understanding that the system could automatically call and warn all county residents in "about a minute." Lyons also said the system could "call specific areas" within the county. Magistrate Jeff Randolph briefly expressed his concerns with hidden costs being associated with what seemed to be a good idea, such as new dispatch equipment, which he said concerned a generator and had proved to be an added expense for the dispatch system.

"We don't have to vote on this today," Judge Lyons said. "It would amount to less than a dollar per household."

Magistrate Darwin Mitchell expressed briefly that he supported a warning system that would alert residents



Photo by Charles Mattox

L-R, Magistrate Steve Hamilton, Treasurer Wanda Dotson, Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons, Secretary Dana Price and Magistrate Jimmy Wells are shown during discussion regarding an early warning system the county is considering purchasing.

to a pending possible catastrophe.

"This will alert people to things like bad weather coming?" Mitchell asked. "It will alert people to everything (potentially dangerous)," Lyons

replied. "Well, the night I was laying in bed and the tornado hit it would have sure helped to have had a call," Mitchell said.

On a motion made by Magistrate Steve

Hamilton and which was seconded by magistrate Jimmy Wells, a motion to table the discussion and any decision on the subject was unanimously approved.

Calendar creator's time is running short

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After continuous delays in receiving a calendar featuring local businesses and which helped fund last year's 'Shop with a Cop' program, theft charges may be pending.

Carlisle Chief of Police Darrel Layne and County Attorney Dawn Letcher met earlier this week to discuss possible theft charges being filed against Richard

Clemments, who lives outside of Nicholas County, who has provided a unique service to the Carlisle Police Department and several other local law enforcement agencies in recent years.

According to Chief Layne, Clemments has solicited funds from area businesses and individual's in recent years while providing businesses with advertising on special calendars featuring the Carlisle Police Department. A portion of

those funds goes to the Shop with a Cop program, which helped 20 local children enjoy a wonderful Christmas holiday last year.

The police department received \$1,200 off the top from that money to help with the program.

Area businesses, however, are yet to see their calendars.

"It's very upsetting," one local business owner said.

The relationship between Clemments and Carlisle has

been "good" historically, until this year, with their being no problems in recent years, according to Chief Layne, who inherited the problem after former Chief of Police Bill Denton resigned this winter.

"I'm hoping that anyone that donated money to the calendar will contact us at the police department at 289-3710," Chief Layne said while expressing his apologies to area businesses that had funded the calendars and

have yet to receive them.

As The Mercury prepared to go to print, no charges had been filed, but Letcher said any forthcoming action would likely fall under the charge of "theft by failure to make required disposition."

With no calendars being produced yet, Layne said another calendar creating entity had been sought and a good candidate was being considered. He also said the police department would hold extra fund raisers this

year to support the Shop with a Cop program if necessary.

Fleming County Sheriff Scotty Roysse is also awaiting the arrival of similar calendars from Clemments.

"We haven't seen any calendars yet either," Sheriff Roysse said.

Roysse and Fleming County Attorney John Price consulted this week about possible charges being filed against Clemments in Fleming County, according to Roysse.

911 Drill to be exercised at Progressive Ag Safety Day on Friday

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On Friday April 1st at one p.m. there will be a mock A.T.V. accident at

the Progressive Ag Safety Day. Adam Tubbs wanted to make sure that the public is informed that this will be a complete drill and will sound like

an emergency if anyone is listening on the 911 emergency radio bands.

To give the children a full effect of the "accident" and how to deal with the

situation, an actual 911 call will be made. Emergency responders will come to the scene and will be using the emergency radio systems. The drill will play

out as if there is an actual accident.

Mr. Tubbs wanted to make sure that parents know that it is in fact a drill. Do to the fact that it

will be treated as if it was an actual accident, there could be some confusion and members of the community could mistake it as a real event.



Photo by Brad Ballinger

Students at Nicholas County High School are diligently working to get the Greenhouse ready for opening day. Opening day has been set for April 29th. Pictured above are Summer Guy, Jessica Cox, Tim Peters, Megan Campbell, Wyatt Burdett, Laken Howard, Taylor Johnson, John Lee Allison, Colin Ball and Dylan Fryman.



Photos by Charles Mattox & Mark Harper

Strong winds last week caused a sugar maple tree in the front of the courthouse yard to split. After county workers cleaned the fallen section of the tree, Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons and Forestry Service Officer, Alan Flora, examined the tree. Both decided the tree could not be saved. Lyons said the tree should be removed as quickly as possible for safety reasons and the process to remove the tree began immediately. Flora estimated the tree was approximately 80 years old.



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OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE BLOSSOMING OF THE DOGWOOD



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky
By Charles Mattox

"The cry of the owls was heard in the adjoining woods, answering each other in rather an unusual manner," from 'The History of Kentucky' by Richard and Lewis Collins, Bourbon County section page 73, regarding the attack on the Shanks Cabin.

"Lord make me a rainbow, I'll shine down on my mother. She'll know I'm safe with you when she stands under my colors.

Oh, and Life, ain't always what you think it ought to be.

No, ain't even grey, but she buries her baby. The sharp knife of a short life,

Well, I've had just enough time. If I die young Bury me in satin

From the song, "If I die young" written by Kimberly Perry of The Band Perry and released June 2010, nominated for Best Country Song in the 53rd Grammy Awards in 2011.

Easter 1788, a wet and snowy time, near the stream called Cooper's Run, in present Bourbon County.

And so we find ourselves amidst our past, during the end of March and the beginning of April, dear reader, and Shawnee war cries fill the cool night air.

The double log pen cabin that was the Shanks family home, and which was located along Cooper's Run, became increasingly consumed by fire, and the surviving members of the Shanks family knew they would have to make a running fight of it.

It had been a horrible situation thus far.

The three sisters that lived in one section of the cabin had been killed; They being the first to perish as the Shawnee used sections of the rail fence as a battering ram to knock in the door and gain entrance into the section of cabin.

And I don't have the heart to explain in detail the escape of the one young sister and her babe, from the other section of the cabin, saved only by the selfless sacrifice of her brother. But you should know that her bloodline still runs deep across many good Kentucky families, even to this day.

I simply don't have the heart to tell you about the sacrifice of 'Old widow Shanks' who died crossing the split rail fence, or the little Shanks' girl who ran shrieking around the cabin yard after escaping, but still

frightened beyond belief and who kept screaming until her foes, the cunning Shawnee, ended her pitiful lamentations.

Having sat upon the small stream that still runs and holds the secrets of many a pioneer past, including this one, well; I just don't have it in me to give the details.

I grow increasingly weary and weak of late in regard to such things.

I chose instead to focus on something else: The dogwood tree.

You see at the end of it all, the five deceased members of the Shanks family were buried near a dogwood tree. Four were killed at the

cabin site.

One young girl was taken prisoner, her petticoat stripped from her body to speed her along as the frontier posse grew closer, and then she was tomahawked and scalped and left for dead when she couldn't keep up the pace. But she didn't die right away.

She lingered until her brother, Michael, held her hand and listened to those last whispering words from her before she drifted into the great beyond.

He was with Colonel John Edwards and the posse that trailed the Shawnee raiders. And I won't tell you about the two Shawnee 'dog soldiers' among the raiders who sacrificed themselves so their fellow tribesmen could escape back across the Ohio River, but they did just that. They sacrificed themselves

so their brethren could escape back to their families, while they perished.

I will, instead, tell you of a story passed on to those that day and who later buried the dead Shanks family members near that dogwood tree.

And I hope you will think of it when you see the next beautiful dogwood tree in blossom.

Easter was upon the frontier at the time and all frontiersmen and their families were aware of all Christian holidays and more importantly, the meaning behind the subtle intricacies of their religion and how faith was often the only force that kept them going; kept them from losing their sanity in this ancient and beautiful, but often unmerciful land they would come to know as Kentucky.

In the midst of the sorrow

that would fill their days, the following story would emerge.

The story has passed across the generations of all nations and it is a pleasure to share it with those of you who have never heard it.

"At the time of Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the dogwood tree had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So strong was the tree that it was chosen for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this. In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree: 'Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross--two long and two short petals. And in the center of

the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

And thus it remains, dear reader.

I hope this spring finds you well.

My extended, deep appreciation to Mrs. Minnie Doyle, of Flemingsburg, a direct descendant of the Shanks family, who has helped me continue my research into the wonderful history of our amazing state and so very many of our frontier ancestors. Each time I see a dogwood I think of them and our heritage and the deeper meaning of this good and blessed life. I hope you enjoy this spring, dear reader. And I hope you pause in quiet contemplation upon your viewing of the blossoming of the dogwood trees.



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Jamie Emmons Receives National Award



“I’ve been involved in one way or another in political races all my life; from local to state levels. I’ve always asked for a plan and budget and schedules, campaign managers always promised them...and never delivered. Jamie delivered. He actually created a roadmap, a plan, and worked the plan, sharing it regularly and routinely with me and the staff. It made a big difference. I was able to focus on being a candidate, not the day-to-day administrative issues of running a campaign. Jamie lead the campaign, he didn’t just manage it. He’s got leadership presence and that’s significant too. When he speaks, people listen. He’s not over-bearing in any way, Newberry by 13 points and that 65% of Lexington’s voters felt things were head in the right direction. This was not an easy assignment. Jim Gray understands the need for good management. After taking the helm at his family business, Gray Construction, Jim Gray expanded it into an enterprise with \$500 million in annual revenue. Jim Gray says of Jamie Emmons: “Jamie and I worked together seamlessly. He has extraordinary management skills and works so well with people. I’ve always found that the best managers have good listening and collaboration skills. Good problem-solving skills. That’s Jamie.”

The 56 year old Gray adds, “I’ve been involved in one way or another in political races all my life; from local to state levels. I’ve always asked for a plan and budget and schedules, campaign managers always promised them...and never delivered. Jamie delivered. He actually created a roadmap, a plan, and worked the plan, sharing it regularly and routinely with me and the staff. It made a big difference. I was able to focus on being a candidate, not the day-to-day administrative issues of running a campaign. Jamie lead the campaign, he didn’t just manage it. He’s got leadership presence and that’s significant too. When he speaks, people listen. He’s not over-bearing in any way, always calm and deliberate.”

Jamie Emmons left his position in The House Speaker’s Office to take on the assignment as Gray’s Campaign Manager. Jamie Emmons’ father Dale Emmons’ consulting firm, Emmons & Company, Inc., was the campaign’s general consultant. Firm President Dale Emmons expressed his pride in Jamie. “This was a tough assignment. Jamie did a great job. He was the calm in the middle of the storm. Jamie receiving the Special Pollie Award is a reflection on not only his ability but also an outstanding candidate and the fantastic campaign team Jamie built. We are very proud of him.”

Commenting on Jamie Emmons’ decision to leave the Speaker’s Office staff to go run the campaign, Speaker Greg Stumbo said, “To tell you the truth, I didn’t think Jim Gray had a chance. It turned out that I was wrong. My loss was Jim Gray’s and now Lexington’s gain. Jamie Emmons is a smart young man and I wish him the best. I am very proud of him.”

Jamie Emmons is a 2003 graduate of the University of Kentucky. He currently serves as Chief of Staff to Lexington Mayor Jim Gray. He is the son of attorney Marilyn Benge McGhee of London and Dale Emmons of Richmond. He is the grandson of Alice and George Sams of Laurel County. Jamie and his wife Kari Smith Emmons live in Lexington. They are both graduates of North Laurel High School.

Contreras, Luz Maria Armendaris, Maria Magdalena Armendariz, Maria de Jesus Armendariz, Maria Elizabeth Armendariz; four paternal uncles, two aunts and 15 cousins. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday March 26, 2011 at Clark Funeral Home with Bro. Jesus Perez officiating with burial following in the Henryville Cemetery. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Adan Lee Gancerez Jr



Adan Lee Gancerez Jr., 16 passed away at University of Kentucky Hospital March 22, 2011. He was a student of Nicholas County High School. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Maria and Julio Contreras, his father and step-mother, Adan L. and Lorena Gancerez Sr. his brothers and sisters; Magdalena and Julio Contreras, Sebastian L. and Brianna L. Gancerez, his maternal grandparents; Tammy Huendo, California, Eutiquio Lopez, Texas, his paternal grandparents; Juan L. Gancerez and Juanita Cruz, maternal aunts and uncles; Paula Pfluger, Julia Guzman, Lorena Lopez, Eutiquio Lopez, Jr., Adrian Contreras, Juan Contreras, David

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Triangle News

A nice crowd enjoyed a Baby Shower on Sunday Afternoon at the Saltwell Church for Brent and Rosa Feedback Doxtater’s baby daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth born January 29th. They live in Maryland. Three games were plated and nice refreshments served. It

was given by the United Methodist Women. Phyllis Brady also enjoyed another Baby Shower on Saturday afternoon in Cynthiana at the Hour of Deliverance Chapel, for Sierra McKinney who us expecting twins. A light meal was served first

then games were played, then the openings of gifts were followed by punch and a pretty decorated baby cake. Prayers go up for Dorothy Jones Kelly who is not well and facing surgery and also for Linda Earlywine Morris. These are two fine

Christian Ladies. Jeff and Darlene Doyle, Charles and Shelby Doyle, Donnie and Melba Doyle, A.J. and Wanda Doyle, Billy and Jannie Doyle, Sharon and William Riggle, Virgil and Audrey Dryden, and another couple spent Friday through Sunday

at the “Woodman of the World Convention,” held this year in Lexington at the Marriot Griffen. There were meetings and a Banquet. Most of them went because each of their spouses were officers. Get well wishes goes to Teddy Cartmill who

has been in a Lexington Hospital again and also to Sue Doyle who had a procedure done last week in Lexington. Marcy Doyle Arnold and Rod and children had her mom and dad for supper on Monday night for Sue and Marvin, for Sue’s Birthday that day.

Bread of Life

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have Faith in God. For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea: And shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass: He shall have whatsoever he saith 24 therefore I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. The world says “I’ll believe it when I see it.” Jesus says “You’ll see it when you believe it.” For us to receive from God all those promises of His, we must walk by faith and not by sight. II Corinthians 5:7 this verse tells us that we are to trust God’s word. Which is Jesus Christ, more than what we see in the natural. To believe God’s word no matter what man says or how big the mountain is before us. God wants you to have faith that he is bigger than the circumstance that you are facing. God’s greatest wish is for you to be well. III John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health. Even as thy soul prospereth. Do you

know how your soul will prosper? By putting the word of God in it. Then you will know how to stay in good health. The Lord wants you to walk in Divine Health. And you can do that by getting the word of God in your heart. The when sickness tries to come upon you, you’ll be prepared to stand against it. In John 6:63 Jesus tells us that the words that He speaks (The Bible) is Spirit and Life. The word of God is alive and it works when we believe and speak it out. In the next verse John 6:64 Jesus says, there are some of you that believe not. Jesus wants you and me to have faith in God. Wherever your faith level is, it has to grow daily. If you will feed your spirit man daily by fellowshiping with Jesus in meditation on His word, then praying His word over your life daily, your doubts and fears will starve to death, if you feed on the word of God. The only hope that any man has anywhere in the world is Faith in Jesus Christ. There are many believers who never experience God’s mighty delivering power, because, instead of walking closely, with Him, day by day, they wait until danger strikes to call upon Him. Of you

want God to rescue you in the bad times; you have to fellowship with him in the good times. Why? Because God responds to our faith and will never be able to develop that kind of faith, that kind of trust and confidence in Him, if we don’t spend enough time with Him to get to know Him. I John 3:20-22 tells us that we have confidence in Him to deliver us from trouble. When danger surrounds us, instead of being filled with faith, we’ll find ourselves paralyzed with fear. Love and serve God with your whole heart. Walk closely with Him in the good times. Then when you need Him to be your deliverer, you’ll know without a doubt, you can trust him to care for you. In the Bible, Jesus healed a man who

was sick 387 years. After he healed him, He went and found him and told him behold thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. As soon as God does a miracle in your life, either salvation, a divine healing or anything else that is good. Satan will try to steal it from you, but he won’t be able to, as long as you don’t give him place. Read Ephesians 4:27 Here is your inheritance if you are a servant of God. Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that s formed against thee shall prosper and every tongue that rise against the judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.



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GENERAL NEWS

Mattox receives honor

By Charles Mattox News Editor charles@thecarlislemercury.com

Nicholas County High School junior, Shane Mattox, was recently honored by being chosen as a recipient of the Blue Grass Energy Washington Youth Tour program.

Shane is the 17-year-old son of Michelle Mattox, and the grandson of Kenny and Brenda Mattox, of Barterville.

Shane attends Nicholas County High School. His extracurricular activities include varsity baseball, student council, FFA, Carlisle Christian Church Youth Group, Shelby American Automotive Club, volunteering for Adopt-A-Highway and Rotary Club Holiday Flag Detail.

"I also enjoy hunting and fishing and hanging out with friends," Shane said.

The Washington Youth Tour is a weeklong trip to the nation's capital, where students have question-and-answer sessions with their senators and representatives, see the historic sites, and meet students from across the state and the nation. Blue Grass Energy sponsors each student, along with the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the legislative process in action," Mattox said. "And I'm very grateful for this opportunity."

Mattox praised his teachers and the staff of Nicholas

County Schools System, who he says provided him with the appropriate skills which he used for the selection process.

"I like all of my classes and teachers, but I'd have to say my favorite subject right now is chemistry," Mattox added.

Shane completed an application for the program and attached a letter. He had an interview at the Blue Grass Energy headquarters in Nicholasville, and was notified last week that he had been chosen as a participant.

Shane was one of only ten participants selected to participate in the program and Blue Grass Energy serves 23 central and north central Kentucky counties. The headquarters is in Nicholasville, with district offices in Cynthiana, Lawrenceburg and Richmond.

With such a wide area and so many applicants, Mattox recognized his good fortune at being selected.

"It feels pretty good," he said with an easy smile.

The Washington tour is an all-expenses-paid trip to the nation's capital, where 10 high school juniors from Blue Grass Energy's service area will spend a week touring the famous sites, attending question and answer sessions with their national representatives in Congress and meeting students from all across Kentucky and the United States. They will tour the

Smithsonian institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Library of Congress, the U.S. Capitol, the White House and the Kennedy Center. Other recipients of the honor are:

• Sarah Barton, of Cynthiana, is the daughter of Doug and Trudy Barton. She attends the Barton Home School. Her extracurricular activities include numerous 4-H clubs, Kentucky Youth Hunter Education Competition Club, playing guitar and professional modeling.

• Jennifer Hicks, of Lexington, is the daughter of Tim and Sarah Hicks. She attends Lexington Catholic High School. Her extracurricular activities include: student council, school and community shows, the Presidential Advisory Committee, Leadership Lexington, Lexington Youth Arts Council, National Honor Society, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, LCHS Presidential Leadership Form, LCHS varsity cheerleading, Dance Blue Planning Committee, vocal competitions, Zumba instructor and Governor's School for the Arts.

• Sierra Horvat, of Berea, is the daughter of Kimberly Sullivan and Roger Sullivan. She attends Madison Southern High School. Her extracurricular activities include student council, FCA, Youth Group, Beta Club and school

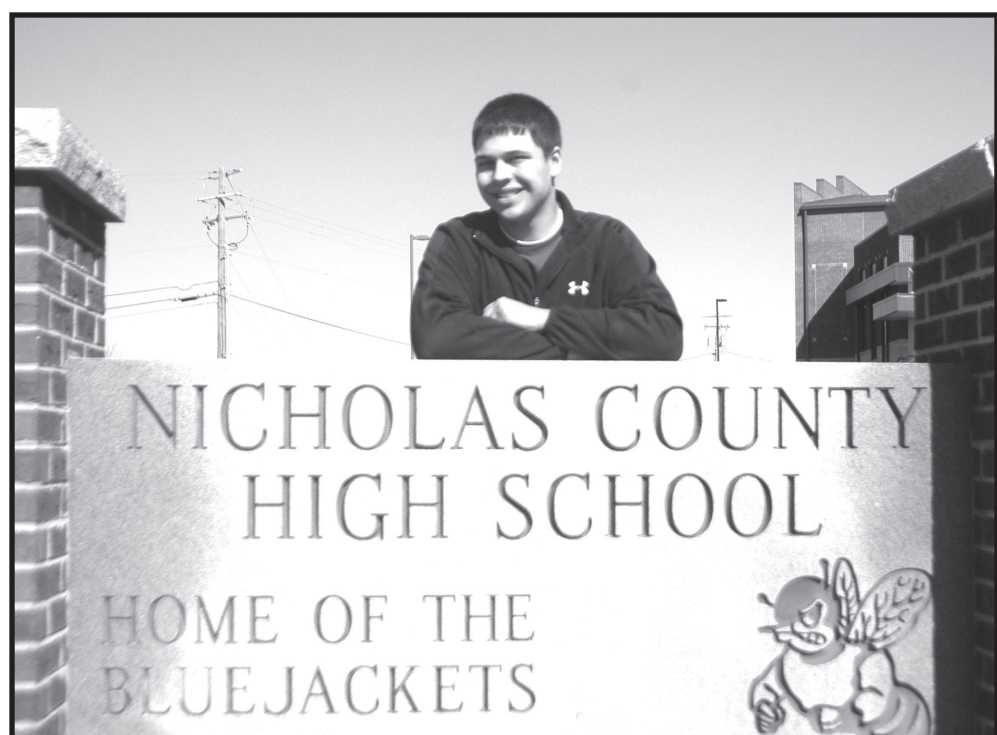


Photo by Charles Mattox

Shane Mattox was a recent local recipient of the 2011 Blue Grass Energy Washington Youth Tour program. Only ten students from approximately 23 central and north central counties were chosen. Mattox said he was "honored" to be chosen and will tour Washington D.C. for one week this June as the recipient.

newspaper.

• Taylor Lowe, of Harrodsburg, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crace and Randy Lowe. She attends Mercer County Senior High School. Her extracurricular activities include National Honors Society, track and field, FCCLA, Health Occupation Students of America and volunteering through church.

• Karlie Napier, of Berea, is the daughter of Greg and Mary Jo Napier. She attends Madison Southern High School. Her extracurricular activities include Beta Club, archery and ACT Prep.

• Emily Nevels, of

Harrodsburg, is the daughter of Wheeler and Michelle Nevels. She attends Mercer County Senior High School. Her extracurricular activities include academic team, prom committee, Beta Club, National Honors Society, Youth Group, 4-H, student council and drama.

• Ryan Poynter, of Berea, is the son of Jeff and Vonda Poynter. He attends Madison Southern High School. His extracurricular activities include band, Beta Club, student council, Student Voice, Superintendent's Teen Task Force and prom committee.

• Leanna Rowlette, of Berea, is the daughter of

David and Sandy Rowlette. She attends Madison Southern High School. Her extracurricular activities include FBLA, Beta Club, student council, Student Voice, Superintendent Teen Task Force, Photography Club, numerous 4-H clubs, school newspaper, CFES National Scholar, Rural Scholars and Gear Up.

• Sarah Vaughan, of Richmond, is the daughter of Jay and Carol Vaughan. She attends the Vaughan Home School. Her extracurricular activities include playing the drums, book clubs, review crews and other library educational programs.

Martin named All-10th Region Honorable Mention

Nicholas County High School sophomore Reesa Martin was named All-10th Region Honorable Mention for her efforts during the 2010-11 season. Martin excelled for the Lady Jackets throughout the 2010-11 campaign, emerging as one of the 10th Region's top sophomores.

A breakdown of the Girls' Basketball All-10th Region Honorable Mention, First Team, Second Team and Third Team selections follows. First Team All-10th Region: Lauren Tibbs (Scott High), Preshia Rogers (George Rogers Clark), Sara Sticklen (Bracken County),

Katelyn Smith (Mason County), Kelsie Pugh (Pendleton County). Second Team All-10th Region: Morgan Crain (Paris), Chelsea Douglas (Maysville St. Patrick), Macie Spence (Montgomery County), Jordan Doram (Harrison County), Kylie Hilander (Bourbon County).

Third Team All-10th Region: Brittani Gay (George Rogers Clark), Olivia Colliver (Montgomery County), Taylor Griffen (Campbell County), Taylor Kindred (George Rogers Clark), Taylor Stinson (Scott High). Honorable Mention All-10th Region:

Becca Kidney (Bishop Brossart), Brooke Mosler (Maysville St. Patrick), Jessica Mitchell (Deming), Bailey Menke (Mason County), Chelsey Gosney (Pendleton County), Destiney Taul (Montgomery County), Ressa Martin (Nicholas County), Alexis Tye (Paris) Coach of the Year:

Ed Cravens (Campbell County). Other coaches receiving votes: Scott True (George Rogers Clark), Scott Collins (Pendleton County), Patrick Kelsch (Bracken County), Josh Feldman (Bishop Brossart), Janie Robinson (Montgomery County).

Mynear pitches team-high four innings in loss

NCHS graduate only allows one run, avoids loss

GEORGETOWN – Host Georgetown College used a four-run rally to grab the lead and propel itself to a 6-3 victory over Union College on Tuesday (May 22).

The loss dropped Union to 24-7 overall after suffering the loss.

Georgetown improved to 16-13 overall after registering the win.

The Tigers not only doubled up the Bulldogs in the runs category but also in hits as Georgetown outhit Union 12-6.

Carlisle native Jordan Mynear pitched four innings for visiting Union, allowing only one earned run via four hits.

Mynear notched two strikeouts while facing 16 batters. The Nicholas County High School graduate only walked one batter.

The game went scoreless until the bottom of the fourth when Georgetown pieced together a four-run outburst. Chris Wood had the big hit of the frame as he came

through with a two-run single.

The Tigers stretch the margin to 6-0 in the fifth thanks to a Tyler Back RBI single and a Cameron Allen run-scoring triple.

Union finally got on the scoreboard in the sixth when Brandon Hedrick belted a two-out solo home run. The Bulldogs added a Cory Perreault

RBI single to make it 6-2

deficit to 6-3. However, after six innings of play, Union could not pull any

closer as Georgetown Ragland scored on a Tim DeVito sac fly, cutting the

Union held on for the three-run victory.

Nicholas to compete in Lady Commodore Classic

The Nicholas County High School softball team will travel to Bates Creek High School in mid-April for the 2011 Lady Commodore Classic.

In addition to Nicholas County and host Bates Creek, Magoffin County, Bell County and Boyd County will compete in the 2011 Lady Commodore Classic.

2011 Lady Commodore Classic at Bates Creek High School (Schedule) Friday, April 15

Magoffin County-Tates

Creek, 7:15 p.m. Bell County-Boyd County, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 16 Magoffin County -Nicholas County, 8 a.m. Bell County-Nicholas County, 10 a.m. Magoffin County-Bell County, 11:45 a.m. Boyd County-Nicholas County, 1:30 p.m. Magoffin County-Boyd County, 3:15 p.m. Bell County-Tates Creek, 5 p.m. Boyd County-Tates Creek, 6:45 p.m.

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STUDENT FOCUS



Caleb Becraft

I am happy to nominate Caleb Becraft for Student Spotlight this week. Caleb has always been pleasant to have in class, especially when he isn't sitting next to a person who he wants to talk to. Whenever I have called him out for being talkative or disruptive in class, he seems to genuinely care that he hasn't done what is expected of him. Also, earlier in the year, this being his freshman year, Caleb struggled to get assignments turned in on time.

In the last few weeks, I have seen great improvement. Caleb has approached me privately on several occasions asking to change seats, for extra help, or simply to continue a conversation from class. He is starting to participate in class much more, and, something I particularly like, he isn't afraid to offer up comments or questions in class that others may overlook or disregard. Caleb seems to be taking his personal growth and education more seriously, and it appears that he is taking initiative to ensure he continues to mature.

Also, he has one of the best first names known to mankind!!!

--Mr. Stinson



Katie Stamper

Katie Stamper is an 8th grader here at Nicholas County Middle-High School. Katie has consistently demonstrated a desire to improve and be successful in school. Katie also has demonstrated integrity and good character on many occasions. Katie is a fantastic student academically! She is a very kind and caring individual. She helps other students when they are struggling in class, and is always willing to help when asked. Katie's smile is amazing. She smiles all the time. Katie will succeed in anything that she sets her mind to do. Her positive mental attitude will take her far.

--Mrs. Irvin



Megan Campbell

It is my pleasure to nominate Ms. Megan Campbell as my student spotlight for this week. Megan is a new one to our Agriculture program who has done nothing but excelled since her first day in my classroom. Megan is a very bright young lady who works extremely hard in all of her classes, including mine. She is a delight to have in the room and also is a wonderful person to interact with outside of the classroom.

Not only has Megan been successful in the classroom, but she has also become very active in the FFA. Of all of the students I have, Megan may have the most extra curricular activities of any of them but she always finds time to work with the FFA. She is a very active member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team and has picked it up faster than anyone I have ever seen.

The only regret I have is that Ms. Campbell did not start in agriculture a long time ago, but hopefully I will have the honor of working with her in the classroom and the FFA for her senior year. Keep up the great work Megan!!!!

--Mr. Weade



Michael Smith

I would like to nominate Michael Smith for student spotlight this week. His performance as a student and his wonderful personality make him an excellent candidate. He is a very welcome presence in my chemistry classes this year. He is always prepared, always polite, and is always the first with his hand in the air to answer a question. Michael is an all-around great student and great person, and if you don't know him you are missing out.

--Mrs. Greenhill



Two Nicholas students progress to state art competition

By Charles Mattox
News Editor
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Two Nicholas High art students recently placed first in their division categories during a competition at Morehead State University and will compete at the state art competition next month. Anthony Gilvin and Brooke Tyree will be competing next month at Dixie Heights in state art competition. Both were first place winners in their division during recent competition at MSU.

Gilvin won first place for graphic design and Tyree won in the ceramics division. Both students said they love art and praised Nicholas County art teacher Elizabeth Johnson. "She's cool and lets us work with anything we want to," Gilvin said. Tyree agreed. "She gives us a lot of freedom and she encourages us a lot," she said. Tyree's winning piece as she described it with a smile and laugh was a ceramic version of a

"mutated alien cupcake taking over the world." Gilvin's winning art work was a self portrait utilizing letters, numbers and symbols as part of the portrait. "I like graphic arts and I like to try new things with different programs," Gilvin said. "I really enjoy using Adobe photoshop." Both said they approached their art in a non competitive mind set. "We just wanted to have fun," Tyree said. "I know I didn't really expect

to win it was more of something experimental with me." Both agreed that "just enjoy" art in all of its forms and both were glad to have a teacher like Johnson. "We had 11 students compete in the competition at Morehead," Johnson said. "And I'm very proud of all of their work." Nicholas students competed against students from 25 other schools, according to Johnson.



Carlisle native Zach Lemons (6-2) is a freshman for the Asbury University men's golf program. Lemons starred in multiple sports at Nicholas County High School before choosing to play golf in college. Asbury was scheduled to open the spring season at Brescia University on March 26 but the match at My Old Kentucky Home Golf Course was postponed due to rain.

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Brooke Tyree, left, and Anthony Gilvin, right, are both advancing to state competition after placing first in their division during a recent art competition at Morehead State University.

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GENERAL NEWS

Brad Ballinger joins The Carlisle Mercury



Brad Ballinger becomes the latest member of The Carlisle Mercury family. Brad has written for numerous newspapers, online publications and newsletters. His two most popular columns were "Answer to the Question" and "Making a Point". He has over ten years experience covering all aspects of the news. He was one of the journalists to cover the landing of former President, George W. Bush in Lexington.

Brad is probably best known for his

photography. His work has been shown in several galleries and publications. His photography was selected by a jury to appear in the art magazine "Inscape".

"I am very excited to be beginning this chapter here at The Carlisle Mercury," Brad said. "I am looking forward to meeting with members of the community and seeing what they would like to see written. After all this newspaper is the community's newspaper. If any of our readers

see news happening or would like to share what they would like to read, it would be my honor and privilege to speak to them. I would like everyone to know that I want them to enjoy and look forward to what they are reading each week in the paper. If I am not covering what everyone wants to read about then I ask that they please tell me so that I can bring them what they want. I love meeting the public, they are the reason that we are here. The most

important thing is that we cover our community and make sure that what we are writing what they want to read."

Anyone with a story idea, or just would like to meet Brad and share ideas of what they would like to see written about in their newspaper should feel free to call, write or come by the office. The phone number is 859-289-6425, the address is 218 N. Locust Street, and Brad's email address is brad@thecarlislemercury.com.

Nicholas County Tennis ready for 2011 Season

By Brad Ballinger News Reporter brad@thecarlislemercury.com

It may be one of the smallest sports at Nicholas County, at least by number of students but that doesn't prevent them for being

ready for the 2011 season. Coach Stinson said, "There are two types of teams, those that go out and have fun and those that compete.

Either way the kids learn." Mr. Stinson is in this third year coaching. He picked up tennis for fun in college and is now passing

on this enjoyment to the students that he coaches. All students have played at least two years except one. The roster includes seniors

Brennen Gabriel, Katie Rainey, Kyla Haire, juniors Max Scalfard, Destiny Johnson and freshman Caleb Becraft.

Nicholas County Track kicks off 2011 season

By Brad Ballinger News Reporter brad@thecarlislemercury.com

they can compete." The track team is returning two students that competed at the State level last year. Caleb Pope competed in both the 100 meter dash and the long jump and Mandy McLean competed in the triple jump.

The 2011 Roster includes: seniors Mandi McLean and Roxana Wilke; juniors Jake Blakeman, Caleb Pope, Devin Johnson, Hannah Coldiron, Robyn

Cohorn, Laken Howard, Anna Mattox, and Chris Morgan; sophomores Zach Howard, Toby Howard, Spencer Bailey, Kaitlyn Trussell, Kendra Letcher and Elizabeth Johnson; eighth graders Randy Hayes; seventh graders Dylan Saucedo, Danial McLean, Nathan Rainey, Shelby Watkins, Olivia Mattox, Alex Linville, Krysten Duncan and Mary Kate Tolliver; and sixth graders

Jonathon Duncan, Hunter Brown, Allison Howard, Sarah Johnson and Abby Green.

The Tentative schedule is: March 29 Fleming County March 31 Harrison County April 1 Harrison MS Invitational April 2 Rowan County Invitational April 7 Montgomery Co.

Invitational April 12 Scott County April 13 Model MS Invitational April 14 Harrison County April 21 Scott County MS April 23 Harrison Co. Invitational April 26 Fleming County April 28 Scott County MS April 30 EKC May 3 Fleming MS All

Comers May 6 Fleming Twilight May 10 Scott County May 12 Harrison County May 13 Area 7 Championship at Ashland May 14 KITTCA Middle School State May 21 Regionals ** Schedule is Subject to change. More meets may be added as dates become available.

Letter to the Editor

Congratulations to the Fiscal Court and the City Council for addressing their past mistake of moving the Blackberry Festival. I hope it is a success. While we have new members on both bodies it is interesting to watch the change of heart from a decision made quickly with no public input.

We as taxpayers and voters owe it to the ones we elect to tell them what we expect and push them to adopt policies reflecting those positions. To that end, I will address a long standing concern of mine.

Nicholas County has been paying Medcorp a considerable sum of money and providing other financial incentives for delivery of their services here. We, the taxpayers, hand them around 100,000 dollars yearly, provides a building and utilities, and

ambulances, and other perks to provide EMS here. In addition, Medcorp is permitted to take our county ambulances and used them in other areas of this state such as Mason and Lewis Counties while we pay the maintenance. Our ambulances are driven until they fall apart while we pay the tab and they make money.

For our money and property they provide an advanced life support service to our county. By comparison they provide the exact same service to Lewis County and they get nothing from that county's fiscal court. That's right. They get no subsidy, no building, and no ambulances yet provide that county with the exact service. Does that sound right to you? It's like pushing your grocery cart through the checkout line and you paying money

for your groceries and the person behind you pushes their cart of groceries through and pays nothing.

I realize that this is a contract that was negotiated and signed before this new administration took the helm of the county but the new administration must realize they are there because we expect better value for our money. In order for change to happen we need to contact our magistrates and County Judge-Exec and tell them to explain why we are footing the bill for other counties.

While I look forward to a tradition returning to downtown I also look forward to our county officials investigating the most cost efficient way to provide vital services to our citizens.

Miles Hughes Carlisle Ky

Points of Interest

By Elizabeth McCarty Staff Writer

Nicholas County Health Department

This week's research takes us west out of town, very close to the local hospital. I am talking about what I know as the Nicholas County Health Department. This facility offers many invaluable services to the community, but how did it come to be?

According to my research in the book, "History of Nicholas County," the first NC Health Department was established in 1931. At this time, the main function of this facility was to control infectious diseases such as Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Typhoid, and Tetanus that were common throughout the community.

Before the Health Department was established, the only medical care available to community members was through individual physicians scattered about the county.

With the establishment of the Health Department, medical attention was more readily available,

however many community members still did not wish to use their services.

"Superstition, fear, and "old wives tales" were some of the most definite enemies of inoculations, x-rays, or home health practices of any kind," the book says.

With time, people came around. The Health Department saw patients, and patients were pleased to have the services of the Health Department.

In 1963, dreams of a new facility for the Health Department began to be realized. Located on Highway 36, and next to the Johnson-Mathers Hospital and Nursing Home, a new building was constructed to house the facility. In May 1965, the project was completed and the new Nicholas County Health Center was opened for business.

In 1974 the Nicholas County Health Center became part of the WEDCO District. This change allowed the Health Center to offer a wider range of health services to the community.

Currently the WEDCO District Nicholas County Health Center is still going strong.

According to their website, "The WEDCO District Health Center service array includes preventive health care such as Well Child and Prenatal Clinics; early intervention and treatment clinics such as STD and TB; environmental services such as restaurant, swimming pool and hotel inspections; health education services such as drug prevention and postponing sexual involvement education; as well as many other vital services such as home visitation to first time high risk parents (our H.A.N.D.S. Program) and school nursing."

Without these services, some in the community may not have access to the care and programs offered here. This is why I deem the Nicholas County Health Center an important point of interest in our community.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Nicholas County Parks & Recreation Board's monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse. The Nicholas County Parks & Recreation Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month. The county parks and recreation board meetings are open to the public.

April 1 - May 31
Celebrate Robertson County at the Blue Licks Sate Park Museum

April 1

Living Well - The Spring Edition Friday, April 1, 2011, Scott County Extension Office. Join the Bluegrass Area Family and Consumer Sciences Agents and the Extension Homemakers for Living Well: The Spring Edition. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the first guest speaker at 9:30 a.m. Mark Washman, Meat Manager at Ken's New Market in Paris will be there to demonstrate meat cooking and carving techniques. At 10:30 our next speaker, Sandy Linville, Professional Organizer will be here to help you, "Unstuff Your Spring." Lunch will be served at 11:30 and Liz Kingsland, Bourbon County FCS Agent will provide information on current market trends for Center pieces and Table Decorations.

Contact the Nicholas County Extension Office at 289-2312, for registration and more details.

April 4

The Carlisle - Nicholas County Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be April 4th 2011 @ 7pm @ the City Hall.

Journaling Grief Group
Fridays April 1, 8, 15 and 29. 2:30 -4:30 p.m. A general grief and loss group with a journaling focus to provide a sense of meaning and

reflection. Please RSVP by March 31 to attend this group. Call 859-234-6462 or 800-756-6005 or email Mary at mmckenzie@hospicebg.org.

Nicholas County Water District

Nicholas County Water District's Regular monthly meeting has been changed to 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Nicholas Co. Ambulance

If there are any questions or concerns about the day to day operations of the ambulance service, please contact Lieutenant Rob Biddle. He may be reached at Nicholas County EMS (859) 289-5522. Please ask for Rob or leave a message and he will contact you back as soon as possible. Please be aware that any questions relating to specific run or patient may not be answered due to patient confidentiality (HIPPA).

Industrial Board Authority

The IDA meets the Second Monday of each month, at the Nicholas County Courthouse at 5pm.

Nicholas County Water District

Nicholas County Water District's Regular monthly meeting has been changed to 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

The Nicholas County Democratic Womens Club and Executive Committee meet every month, the third Tuesday of each month.

Jam Session

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

A.C.T.S.

The Alcohol, Chemical, Treatment, Series meets

each Wednesday 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.

Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the courthouse Annex Mt. Sterling, Ky. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Veterans will be seen by appointment only. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within KY 1-866-376-0308 to speak with a Veterans Benefits field representative.

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

Nicholas County Fix

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Old Jailers Home Luncheons

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 Favorite Subject: Math

Jackets beat Silver Grove for second win

The Nicholas County High School baseball team claimed its second win in as many days on Tuesday, March 22, toppling 10th Region opponent Silver Grove 9-2 in six innings. Nicholas County secured an early lead and never faltered en route to the seven-run win over

visiting Silver Grove in the home opener.

The Blue Jackets remained in the win column following a 20-14 win over Berea on Monday, March 21. Nicholas County recorded its second victory of the 2011 season with less offensive punch than it enjoyed during

the season-opener. The Jackets, however, manufactured nine runs against their longtime 10th Region rival.

Young pitchers stepped up big for Coach Travis Sims and his Nicholas County High School coaching staff.

Ethan Smith was the winning pitcher for

the Jackets. Smith, a sophomore hurler, started on the mound for Nicholas County during the home game.

Freshman pitcher Jacob Wiggins threw four innings in relief for the host Jackets.

“Wiggins had a nice outing on the mound,” Sims said following his

team’s convincing win. “We didn’t hit as well as we did against Berea but it was good enough to get our second win.”

Dylan Fryman and JD Wagoner starred at the plate for the Jackets. Both Fryman and Wagoner provided a double and drove in two runs apiece for Nicholas County in

the non-district win. Nicholas County is scheduled to visit Silver Grove on May 11 for a late regular-season matchup.

The Jackets were scheduled to host 10th Region foe Paris on Thursday (March 24) but the 10th Region game was canceled due to inclement weather.

Lady Jackets pummel Paris, 13-1

Nicholas County defeated visiting Paris 13-1 in five innings on Thursday in an early-season high school softball game. The Lady Jackets persevered during a contest played in the bitter cold.

Junior pitcher Emily Curran tossed another solid game for Nicholas County as she went five strong innings, striking out 10 Paris batters and allowing only one run.

At the plate, Nicholas County junior McKenzie Hopkins was 2-for-4

with a bases-loaded triple in the fourth inning that drove in three of her game-high five RBIs.

The Lady Jackets plated seven runs off of only two hits in the third inning.

The Lady Jackets won convincingly despite having to battle the cold.

“I would rather have sunshine, but to get games in you have to play in some tough conditions sometimes,”

Nicholas County Coach Barry Bretz said.

More than one Lady Jacket endured a rough outing in the cold early-season high school softball matchup.

Nicholas County catcher Megan Bretz got hit on her right shoulder in the second inning on a foul tip and according to the Nicholas County head coach, “it really hurt her in the cold.”

“Megan refused to leave the game and threw out the runner trying to steal second (base) on

the next pitch,” Bretz confided.

Nicholas County’s Tabitha Ritchie got hit on her leg by a line drive off the bat of one of her teammates. She shook it off on third and continued to play.

“Tabitha was able to shake it off and continue to play and that says a lot about her,” Bretz added.

“The toughness these kids have shown will only become an asset to us down the road. Playing in games like

this will certainly build character or something because it was very cold. Paris, to me, had their best team since I have been coaching against them, so it took a good effort from us to win by this many runs. Their pitching took them out of the game in the third inning as we had seven runs off only two hits.”

The Lady Jackets are scheduled to visit Paris on April 19 for another game in the longtime series between the two Kentucky high school

softball programs. Nicholas County was unable to get in a late-week road game versus Beechwood, a tradition-rich Northern Kentucky high school softball program.

“We had to cancel our Friday game at Beechwood because they were expecting snow in Northern Kentucky,” Bretz confirmed.

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets concluded the first week of the 2011 regular-season 2-



Photo by: Brad Ballinger
 Nicholas County High School sent 28 students to the Regional FFA Day Competition. Wyatt Burdett placed first in Regional Speech. Burdett was also elected as a Regional Officer for the Bluegrass Region for 2011-2012. Shelby Wade placed second in the Region for Speech. On March 24th students competed in Regional Paperwork day for S.A.E. projects. Shelby Wade placed second in the Region. Pictured above are Shelby Wade (left) and Wyatt Burdett (right)

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GENERAL NEWS

Carey McGuir Minister, First Christian Church

In recent weeks we have witnessed natural events that have caused much suffering and loss of lives and property, towns, villages, iconic cultural venues and so called man made infrastructure. The images we see out of Japan, New Zealand, Haiti, and the ever present turmoil in the middle east and north Africa can put a real strain on anyone's faith. Many people are quick to ask how God could allow this to happen when you see the lifeless body of a child being pulled from rubble. We are also quick to praise God and give thanks only when

things are all well and good. As I was traveling on my journey to the Ministry I was full of joy and praise for how my life had turned from pain and misery to happiness and new life as I turned everything over to Jesus. I was exalting all my joy to a great friend and mentor who is a Minister in Bardstown and telling him how the whole thing was snowballing and gathering speed and God had given me new life through Jesus. He was quick to point out that the Jesus I was praising for all this good comes with a cross. And he brought me back to

earth by reminding me that Jesus was there in all the previous pain and was available and willing for me to turn to him but I was too busy wallowing in self pity and not having faith. As I have progressed in my journey I have begun to understand that letting Jesus first and foremost in your life includes all aspects of life, good and bad. Having faith means you understand that ups and downs and peaks and valleys are a natural and necessary part of all of our lives. And that Jesus is always present and

available to work with us to respond to situations good and bad to fulfill the overall plan that God has for his kingdom and our part that he has for each of us in it. It's not always pleasant or easy and it does test us. Physics applies to the teachings in the bible as well as the secular scientific world, every action has an equal and opposite reaction. However when you follow the teaching of Jesus and you put yourself least and others first and Jesus foremost you have the strength of faith and the power of the light of Christ guiding you to not waste time lamenting

and asking why and jump into action to do what a Christian should do to shine that light in the darkness of tragedy and deal with it through the pain, thanking God for the opportunity to show the love of God despite the situation. So don't ask why or how could this happen and trust the Lord and know that there is a rainbow ahead. Ask God to use you to do his work here. Let go of your fears and trust and have faith in God. Remember that even Jesus, the Son of God, suffered and feared but by faith in his Father he triumphed over the

ultimate fear, death, and is now at the right hand of God our Father as will we, if we believe and trust and have faith. Take the good and bad, tragedy and triumph, pain and joy with equal measure. Jesus is always there, let him lead you, he will lead you to the kingdom of God, the road is bumpy at times and that cross is heavy, but pick it up and follow. Carey McGuire Minister, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Carlisle

Bro. David Holden, Hospice of the Bluegrass

"What else is true?" A few years ago, I went to a church men's meeting looking for some answers. I certainly found some, but what stays with me is a question. At the beginning of the event, our song leader Tom stood before us. For years, he had inspired us with stirring words and melodies. He had sung with power, and passion, and faith. He had seemed larger than life, and we had come to think of him not only as a leader in song, but a leader of men. As he stood before us on that day something seemed different. His shoulders, which had seemed so broad, somehow looked drawn in. His hands, which had seemed so capable, hung loosely at his sides. His face, which had so often

lit the room with a smile, seemed dim. When he finally opened his mouth, his voice, usually so strong, sounded so weak. He said "Brothers, you know how much I love being with you. I get to see old friends, make new ones, and grow in my faith. You guys have changed my heart, and changed my mind, and changed my life. Our time together has always lifted me up and moved me to share the Gospel." Then he said "today, I've got some bad news to share. It weighs me down. Some of you may already know this, but about a year ago, we found out that my wife Mary has cancer. After the shock wore off, we faced it head on. We prayed every prayer and we sought every treatment and for a while she got better.

Then she started to get worse. We never gave up. We prayed new prayers and saw new doctors. We hoped against hope that we could lick this thing. Just a few days ago, we heard different. The doctor said there's nothing more we can do. While I truly believe that with God, all things are possible, Mary and I have also begun to prepare for the worst. My heart is breaking. That's the bad news, but it still mixes with good news and I want to share it with you. In times like these, when I get so so low, I remember my mother. Every day, I'd drag home from school, I'd dump my books on the table, slump down in a chair, and tell my tale of woe. Everything had gone wrong. The homework was too hard

and, besides, there was too much of it. I might as well quit. My mother would give me a hug and a snack, Then she'd say this: "What else is true?" The first time I heard her say this, I was furious. How could she take my story so lightly? Didn't she see that I was in pain? Didn't she love me? I now know she did, because she'd ask the question again. And she'd ask a few more to help me understand. "What went right today? What help did you get? What help did you give? What blessing did you seek? What blessing did you find? What has God done for you today?" Believe it or not, I could always come up with some answers. Suddenly things didn't seem so

bad. Then Tom's shoulders straightened, his voice strengthened, he strummed his guitar and he began to sing. The more he sang, the more he smiled, even through his tears. Through our tears, we all sang along. How could we keep from singing? In other words, what else was true? That's the question that lifted him. It lifted and us and me. That's the question I carried away. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians wrote: "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part;

but then shall I know even as also I am known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13.12-13, ESV) Now I think Tom's mother's loving question held God's loving answer. Even today, in hard times, when I feel unloved, unloving, and unloveable, God asks a question and, when I remember how and by Whom I am loved, I find an answer. Suddenly things don't feel so bad. When you face hard times, what about you? What is your question? What is your answer? What else is true? Brother David Holden is a chaplain with Hospice of the Bluegrass. He serves Nicholas County.

Fondest Memories

By Melissa Mitchell Editor editor@thecarlislemercury.com Holidays seem to run together now a days for me and they aren't as enjoyable as they were in the kids were smaller. The more excitement on the holidays came from when the kids being smaller. I remember them asking when is Santa Claus coming, when is the Easter Bunny coming? Those were questions that they keep asking with anticipation. I used to decorate for Easter a great deal, paint eggs, fill plastic eggs and go to grandmaws house. I would go and buy the prettiest frilly dresses

that we could find and dress my little angels up with the lacy hat and white gloves, and black patent shoes. Little blond curls would flow in the air as they would load up to go to church. Many times it would be a struggle to get them there due to wanting to play with their Easter presents and eat their candy. I remember a time when Petrea and Shania were hunting eggs, and their baskets were filled to the top to where as they were hunting more eggs, the ones in her basket would fall out. She sat down and cried because of them falling out.

Now Easter is celebrated by having a big meal and spending quality time together. We get them a Easter filled basket and just enjoy the leisure

time and thank the good Lord that we have that day and blessed with each and every day. Until next time keep those memories rolling.

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GENERAL NEWS

Winterguard and Winter Drumline close out regular season

By Elizabeth McCarty
Staff Writer

The Nicholas County Winterguard and Winter Drumline competed Saturday in their last regular season competition. The competition was held at John Hardin High School

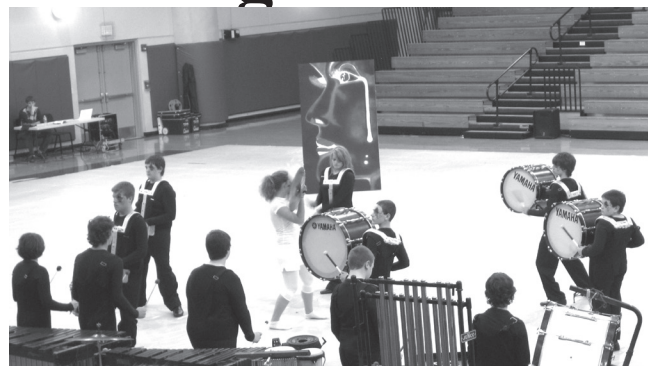
in Elizabethtown, KY. The Winter Drumline received a score of 65.70 and placed 6th in their class. The Winterguard received a score of 71.50 and placed 2nd in their class.

These groups are part of the TriState Circuit. According to their website,

“The TriState Circuit is an organization that serves Winterguard and Percussion units. Members of the circuit are from scholastic and independent units from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and the West Virginia region.”

Next Friday, April 1, 2011,

both groups are scheduled to compete at the TriState Circuit Championships to be held at Ryle High School in northern Kentucky. The guard is set to perform at 6:27 p.m. and the percussion at 10:09 p.m. Come out and support these groups!



Lady Jackets KO Calvary Christian

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets softball team remained in the win column on Monday evening following a convincing 21-0 victory in three innings over Calvary Christian.

Nicholas County scored 21 runs on 14 hits in three innings.

“We played 17 girls during the game and all did a good job,” Nicholas County Coach Barry Bretz said, following the

impressive win. Emily Curran pitched three scoreless innings, allowing only two hits to improve to 3-0.

McKenzie Hopkins went 3-for-3 with a triple and an inside-the-park homerun

for the Lady Jackets.

Emily Curran, Jania Wagoner and Shelby Wade each had two hits. Reesa Martin went 1-3 with a bases-loaded triple.

“We hit the ball really



hard Monday night,” except Calvary Christian Bretz added. “McKenzie doesn’t have a fence the hit 2 balls that would field connects with the have been out of any park, baseball field.”

Nicholas sweeps doubleheader from Villa Madonna

Nicholas County swept a baseball doubleheader from visiting Villa Madonna on Saturday. The Blue Jackets defeated Villa Madonna 12-2 in both games of a doubleheader, prevailing in six and five innings, respectively.

Nicholas County moved to 4-0 following the doubleheader sweep.

The Jackets were able to claim a lead and pull away to win via the KHSAA 10-Run Mercy Rule in both games of the twinbill.

Dylan Fryman was the winning pitcher for the Jackets in the first game of the doubleheader. Fryman turned in a stellar performance after pitching out of a relief role against Berea on Monday in a season-opener.

Dalton Pope paced Nicholas County offensively in the first game of the doubleheader versus Villa Madonna as he belted his third home run of the season.

“Dylan threw the ball much better than he did in a relief appearance on Monday,” Sims said. “It was really a confidence-builder for him as we will rely on his leadership this season. We hit the ball really well as a team.”

JD Wagoner was the winning pitcher for Nicholas County in the second game of the doubleheader.

Austin Allison, the leadoff hitter in the Nicholas County batting order, smacked his first home run of the season in the second game as the Jackets registered the win and improved to 4-0 overall.

“We will also be looking for JD to throw a lot of quality innings for us this year,” Sims commented. “JD is coming off of an ACL injury from football season. It wasn’t his best

effort on the mound but it was good enough for the win. We will be looking for improved efforts as the season goes on. Coming back from surgery is no

easy thing for anyone. JD is a competitor, so I’m sure he will be fine. Our team hit the ball well both games. We will see what we’re made of this coming

week as we play six quality teams. We are looking forward to the challenge.”

The Jackets are not slated to meet Villa Madonna again during the regular-

season. (March 28), George Rogers

Nicholas County entered Clark (March 29), Bracken County (March 31), Mason County (April 1), Bourbon County (April 2) and Lewis County (April 2).

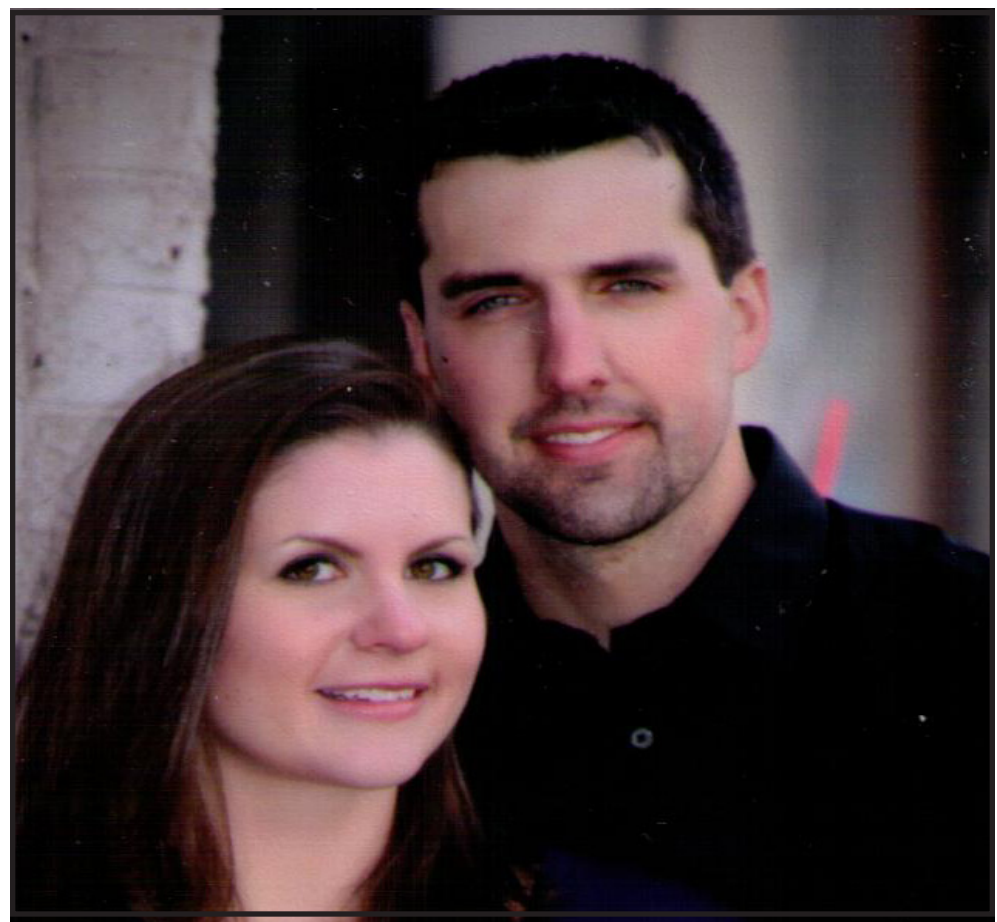


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Mr. Deryl Radder, Stafford, VA and Dr. Debora Radder, Erie, PA. announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Elizabeth Radder, to John Patrick Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Anderson, Lexington. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Anderson, Carlisle.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Ms. Radder is employed by the Federal Government. Mr. Anderson, graduated from Georgetown College and University of KY, with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is employed by Dayton Power and Light. The wedding will take place in Lexington, Ky in May.

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GENERAL NEWS

Dead Animal Removal Assistance

\$7,500 in Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds Awarded FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 24, 2011) - The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Gov. Steve

Beshear, approved \$7,500 at their monthly meeting in support of a Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program in Nicholas County. The Nicholas County Conservation District submitted a proposal

to the Nicholas County Agricultural Development Council and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program was

established as an interim measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky's producers. Funds through this

program will assist with the expenses of an acceptable disposal program, such as contracting for removal, incineration, composting or other methods that meet Kentucky statutes, for

costs incurred after July 1, 2010. For more information about Nicholas County's dead animal removal plan, contact Tara Duncan at (859) 289-5165 or tara.duncan2@uky.edu.

Kentucky House works with Gov. Beshear

Frankfort—The Kentucky House of Representatives voted Thursday evening for legislation that will solve the Medicaid crisis, protect education from any cuts and end a costly special legislative session that had little consensus between House and Senate leaders.

"This approach gives us what the House has wanted all along: To solve a problem without harming education and our most vulnerable citizens," said state Rep. Sannie Overly, D-Paris. "I'm proud we could find a bipartisan way to close an issue that, if we did not act, would have severely

undermined healthcare providers who serve Medicaid patients."

The problem arose last fall when Congress did not provide as much stimulus money as Kentucky and about two dozen other states had expected. Ultimately, the shortfall totaled more than a half-billion dollars, and the only way to close it by the end of the fiscal year this summer without the General Assembly acting would be to cut payments to the Medicaid healthcare providers by as much as 35 percent.

"Governor Beshear offered a strong plan in November that would have kept this solution within Medicaid and not harm any other program," Rep. Overly said. "The House agreed with that in early February. It wasn't until there were only a few legislative days left that we even saw the Senate plan, and it relied heavily on cuts to classrooms, our veterans, our local governments and other agencies that have already had their budgets cut by a fifth or more in recent years. I could not support that,

not when there was a viable alternative."

With Thursday's action, the House agreed to pass the latest Senate version, with Governor Beshear promising in a letter to veto the language that would have cut education and other services. "Let me be clear: I do not like the Senate bill, but this is a classic case of taking one small step back so we can take two large steps forward," Rep. Overly said. "By doing this, we can avoid what likely would have been the second drawn-out debate on a compromise with Senate leaders that

would have guaranteed no resolution. Now, we can rest assured that our hospitals, our local pharmacies, and other physicians will not see their payments cut at all. The classroom will continue to be preserved, and so will so many other services."

In a letter from Governor Beshear to all House members, he assured them that he would use his veto power to uphold the chamber's original goal of keeping the problem within Medicaid. "You have my absolute commitment to honor the principles you and the Senate

Democrats have stood for throughout this session," he wrote.

The House voted to end the special session shortly after the legislation was sent to Governor Beshear. The Senate chose not to follow, however, and House leaders said that move to tack on more than a dozen days could cost taxpayers well over \$800,000. "We believe that we should do all we can to save taxpayer dollars, and our plan to end our work now does just that," Rep. Overly said. "It's the action the people deserve."

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Letter to Editor

There has been so many rumors about my appeal case so I thought you could provide your readers this web site provided by the appeals court, so they can see the truth themselves.

<http://www.aocstate.ky.us/coapublic/caseinfo.aspx?case-2010CA001774>

Sincerely
Betty Poe
Carlisle Ky



Photo Submitted

Justus Warner, an 8th grade student at Highland Christian School in Maysville, was the winner of Cooperative Extension's Piggy Bank Design Contest of District 1. The banks were designed to kickoff America Saves Week and Kentucky Saves Week. Winning entries were on display in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. Certificates were presented to winning youth on February 22 at the Capitol. Justus is the son of Toni Spivey of Carlisle and Mike Warner of Owingsville.

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What does this mean?
This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

People who drink water containing trihalomethanes (THMs) in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?
We are working with the Division of Water to evaluate the water supply and researching options to correct the problem.

If you have any questions concerning Nicholas County Water District notice County Water District at 1-859-289-3157. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. This is being sent by the Nicholas Water District. State Water System ID# KY 0910314 distributed 3/29/11

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Maysville Community and Technical College

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Community and Technical College (MCTC) Workforce Solutions will be offering several continuing education courses on the Maysville campus during April. Each course offering is

approved for Kentucky HVAC licensees. The course schedule will be as follows:
 -Basic First Aid and CPR: April 6th from 5 - 9 p.m. Fee: \$45
 -How to Start and Maintain a Business: April 12th from 6 - 8 p.m.

Fee: \$25 -Financing and Marketing Your Business: April 19th from 6 - 8 p.m. Fee: \$25
 -HVAC Safety: April 30th from 8 - 12 p.m. Fee: \$45
 -HVAC Troubleshooting: April 30th from 12:30 - 4:30

p.m. Fee: \$45
 "We are happy to offer continuing education opportunities to local HVAC professionals," said Gwyn Gallenstein of MCTC's Workforce Solutions.
 "Each course must

meet a minimum enrollment to make, so we encourage anyone interested to register early."
 For more information or to register for a course contact Workforce Solutions, 606-759-7141, extension 66120.

Maysville, KY (March 24, 2011) - Maysville

Mastin fund established

A special fund has been established at Whitaker Bank and Deposit Bank, both of Carlisle, to assist with funding the return of the late Casey T. Mastin, 24, a young man with strong local

ties to the community, and a graduate of Nicholas County High School class of 2005. Mastin was found unresponsive last week in Winchester, Ky. and though

family members remain surprised and bewildered as to why his body was taken to Huntington, West Virginia for an autopsy, they have been told there will be

a substantial financial charge for the family to have the body returned home for final arrangements. Father Johnny Mastin and uncle, William, both express their

deep appreciation to any and all donations made to the 'Casey Mastin Fund' account established at both banks.



Kyle's Outlook

By Kyle Campbell

College Basketball
 Well March Madness has officially started and its lived up to the hype so far after several days. There were many upsets and it just began.

The first game was between in state rivals Morehead St. and Louisville. Not I think it wasn't right matching these two teams up in the tournament to began with. Morehead jumped out to an 8-0 lead and held Louisville scoreless for six

minutes and 12 seconds. Louisville has the third best offense in the Big east. Louisville did manage to come back and take a 34-33 lead at halftime. In the second half it was great back and forth action until Louisville guard Preston Knowles went down with an ankle injury and would not return. Than Morehead would hit a game winning three with a couple of seconds left to win the game and upset Louisville.

To the other in state rival Kentucky battled Princeton. On paper this game shouldn't even been

close but that's why they play on the court. Kentucky trailed for most of the time in this game. Princeton shut down all three freshman for Kentucky. If Kentucky didn't have Darius Miller come up huge and score over 20 points and was the only player in double figures for the Cats. This game went down to the wire and was tied 57-57 with 34 seconds left. Kentucky holds the ball until about 10 seconds left and Brandon Knight hits a tough finger-row layup with two seconds left. His only point of the game won the game for

Kentucky. NBA All season long the main topic has been the Miami Heat. When there winning, there the best team and are given so much credits when they lose a little bit than its fire coach Spartran and what's wrong with the big three and everything. This entire season their has been one team that has been overlooked and are seating in first place at this moment in the East. That team is the Chicago Bulls. This team is fore real. They haven't been every team in the top 10 at least once and are young

and only getting better. They brought in seven free agents this season led by Carolos Boozer. The chemistry is very high and Chicago hasn't had this much hope and expectations since that one guy played, you might of heard of him in Michael Jordan. They don't have another Michael Jordan type player but they do have Derrick rose who has played extremely well this season and currently at the moment should be the MVP of the league. Now a team in the West that is really being overlooked is the Dallas

Mavericks. The Mavericks are in 2nd place in the Western Conference. This team is different from many because their one of the older teams in the NBA and are led by veterans. This team is very different from many because their one of the older teams in the NBA and are led by veterans. This team is very different than past teams because there able to play defense this year with the addition of Tyson Chandler. This may be the year that Dallas could bring home an NBA Championships

After the Earthquake

Provided by your Nicholas County Emergency Management Calvin R. Denton, Director.
 What to do after the shaking stops
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 After the shaking stops

instruct co-workers or customers to leave the building in an orderly manner. If your building is undamaged, you do not need to evacuate. Seek safety outside. Instruct those leaving your building to move into safe areas away from buildings and other potential hazards. Expect to find doorways and

exit routs blocked. Have people assigned to clear the exits. Do not use elevators. Make sure fire escapes are safe before using. Check for fires. Check for people who might be trapped. Check storage rooms and restrooms. Check for people who might require special assistances.

Check for gas leaks, broken water lines or potential chemical hazards. Turn off utilities if you find a leak. Notify the authorities of chemical hazards. Rescue financial records and essential supplies from your business if you can do so safely. Before sending employees home make arrangements to get back in contact at a later

specified time. Document property damage as soon as possible Make itemized lists and take photographs or damage. Structural damage may require an engineering analysis. Secure your facility before leaving. Expect aftershocks. Aftershocks can inflict additional damage to weakened structures.

Don't put breakable items back in vulnerable places. Be careful when reentering your building if damaged. Determine the safety of your building. Develop a prior agreement with a structural engineer to inspect your building immediately after an earthquake.



You may not be able to tell it now but spring is among us. This snake came out last week while the tempatures were reading anywhere from the mid to upper 70's

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COURT NEWS

University of Kentucky Basketball fever grips Nicholas County

By Brad Ballinger
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All over Carlisle there are flags going up, shirts being worn, and the Cats are the talk of the town. Many local merchants have stocked up their UK supplies in anticipation of Saturday's game against Connecticut. This marks Kentucky's first trip to the final four since 1998.

Earlier this year Kentucky lost to UConn in the Maui Invitational. The Cats look to avenge that loss in Saturday's game. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:49 p.m.

To get to this spot, UK first won the SEC tournament. They began their NCAA tournament run with a victory over thirteen seed Princeton 59-57. This set up a rematch

for UK against number five seed West Virginia. West Virginia ended Kentucky's tournament run last year. The Wildcats prevailed 71-63 and advanced to play the overall number one seed Ohio State. The game came down to the wire but UK pulled off a major upset and won 62-60. That victory propelled Kentucky to the Elite Eight against North Carolina. In December North Carolina had beaten UK at Chapel Hill, but the Wildcats wouldn't let that loss stand

between them and another final four appearance as they upset number two seed North Carolina 76-69.

Kentucky is a two point favorite to win Saturday's game even though they are a lower seed in the tournament. The excitement and build-up is evident in Nicholas County. From local restaurants to our local merchants, people are hoping to see another banner hanging in Rupp Arena.



Photo by Brad Ballinger

UK Fever grips Carlisle as fans prepare for Saturday's game against Connecticut. Local merchants have stocked up with plenty of Blue and White. Pictured above Carlisle Gifts and Collectibles have the Kentucky Banners and Shirts on the sidewalk waiting to be purchased.

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Morehead State choir, singers to perform at arts center March 29

MOUNT STERLING, Ky. – The Morehead State University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm at the Gateway Regional Arts Center. Tickets, \$5 for adults and free for students, are available at the arts center located at 101 East Main Street, Mt. Sterling. The forty-four voice Concert Choir and seventeen voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. The choirs will include the Tuesday evening performance at the Mt. Sterling arts center as part of a three-day concert tour throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

The program is entitled A World of Love, A World of Song. The centerpiece of the program is selected movements from Ben Allaway's Celtic Mass. The mass text is used

as a springboard to tell the story of the Celtic experience throughout the world.

Concert Choir will open the program with the Kentucky Appalachian tune, Bright Morning Star. Other pieces on the first half include Lighten Mine Eyes by Bo Hansson, Hodie Christus natus est by Jan Peters Sweelinck, Sicut cervus desiderat by Palestria, and O Magnum Mysterium by René Clausen.

The Chamber Singers' portion of the program includes If Music Be the Food of Love by Jean Belmont, A Boy and a Girl by Eric Whitacre, Chantex by Jules Massenet, and Deus Cuidará de Ti, arranged by Eduardo Lakschevitz. The latter piece is a Brazilian arrangement of the hymn, God Will Take Care of You.

Concert Choir will

conclude the program with the Korean folk song, Arirang, and two spirituals. The spirituals are I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart by Moses Hogan and My Good Lord's Done Been Here by André J. Thomas

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers represent the university on regional, national and international tours. Recent trips have included and eight day tour of Hungary and Austria, a five-day concert tour of Virginia, and a ten-day concert tour of Costa Rica. The groups have appeared at state and regional conventions of the Music Educators National Conference.

Greg Detweiler is in his thirteenth year as Director of Choral Activities at Morehead State University. He conducts the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and

teaches conducting and voice. He holds the Doctor of Music Arts degree from the University of Illinois and has studied Dalcroze Eurhythmics at the Manhattan School of Music. His choirs have toured Costa Rica, Canada, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, and have appeared at state and regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. Dr. Detweiler was the 2002 Kentucky Music Educators

Association Teacher of the Year in College-University Education. For more information about the March 29 concert, call the Gateway Regional Arts Center at (859) 498-6264 or visit us on the Web at <http://www.gatewayartscenter.com>.

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We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received from October 1st, 2010 thru December 31, 2010 that our system exceeds the standard for maximum contaminant level (MCL) for disinfection by-product total trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/l. The average level of TTHM's over the last year was 0.088 mg/l.

What should I Do?

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What does this mean?

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SPRING PLOWING: Tis the season to be plowing! Spring plowing is occurring across the county as this scene from Pleasant Valley taken Tuesday morning shows.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,
 My name is Summer Crawford. I'm a 15 year old freshman at Nicholas County High School. I'm writing this letter regarding what has gone on during the past few months in this county, with the deaths of our students. I believe that there is more of a problem with bullying and racism in this county than what school and county officials have seen or heard about. To me, bullying is a situation that should be taken very seriously. Unfortunately, I don't see it being taken as serious as it should be. I don't think that people really understand the effects that bullying and racism can have on a person. I take bullying and racism very seriously, because I have personally been through it myself. I've had racial

slurs made towards me before just because I have a 7 year old brother who has a Hispanic father. I have also been bullied and picked on because of my weight, complexion and many other things. I honestly don't believe that people really understand how much bullying and racism takes place in and out of school in this county. These days' young kids, teenagers, and even adults are constantly judged by the color of their skin, their weight, how they dress, where they live, etc. I wanted to step forward and speak my opinion due to recent tragic events that have affected kids in my age group, it's triggered me to step forward and speak my mind on the situation. A group of friends and I at school, decided to come together and try to make a change in the

community. When we asked school officials if we could have an assembly at our school to voice our opinion on bullying and racism, we were told no. I'm determined to speak my mind about this situation and if school officials won't allow me to do so in school, I will do everything in my power to have my voice heard outside of school. I believe that it only takes one person to make a difference, and when it comes to bullying and racism, I am determined to be that person. I want the people of Nicholas County to come together as a community and try to make a difference when it comes to bullying and racism! I'll fight to the end to have it stopped, not only in Nicholas County, but everywhere!
 Sincerely,
 Summer Crawford

Major renovations underway at local parks

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There have been many major improvements at the local parks. The Parks and Recreation Board began having regular meetings last April. Since then there have been several renovations started. One of the most noticeable would be all of the clean up that has taken place at the East End Park. Jeff Randolph,

President of the Parks and Recreation Board along with many others has put in a lot of effort in the clean up. According to Jeff, "County Judge Lyons has really stepped up to the plate and is committed to make the parks better." Mr. Randolph also was quick to point out how much effort Mike Watkins and the County Road Department have put forth. Randolph

elaborated, "County Road Supervisor Mike Watkins has done a great job organizing and contributing to the work performed by the County Road Department." The first item to be completed at East Park is the tennis court. A grant was received and the court must be finished before any more grants can be applied for. The tennis court was surfaced last year and awaits the

nets and striping to be completed. The plan is to put in a slope where trees and brush were once located. Mr. Randolph stated, "In my opinion, it is all about the kids. They are what are important and are the reason for us doing all of this." Two of the panels for the lights were replaced as well. The panels were originally 100 watt and were in pretty bad shape. Those have been

replaced with new 200 watt panels. The clean up was immense as there were places in which the wall wasn't even visible due to the vines and the growth of the brush. There were also trees and brush grown out all the way to the road before the clean up occurred. There are plans to do work on the West End Park as well. New poles are to be put into place

at the horse ring to get it into better shape. There has also been a grant awarded to black top the West End parking lot. The award is projected for 2011. There are also plans to apply for grants to replace or renovate the basketball goals at both the West and East Parks. One of the goals is to get another ball field established at the west end, bringing the total up to three.

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Harrison County Water Association, Inc.
 By: William R. Toadvine
 President

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GENERAL NEWS

Tornado Safety

There is no such thing as guaranteed safety inside a tornado. Prevention and practice before the storm: At home, have a family tornado plan in place, based on the kind of dwelling you live in and the safety tips below.

Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds, and practice a family tornado drill at least once a year. Have a pre-determined place to meet after a disaster. Flying debris is the greatest danger in tornadoes; so store protective coverings (e.g., mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets, etc) in or next to your shelter space, ready to use on a few seconds' notice. When a tornado watch is issued, think about the drill and check to make sure all your safety supplies are handy. Turn on local TV, radio or NOAA Weather Radio and stay alert for warnings. Forget about the old notion of opening windows to equalize pressure; the tornado will blast open the windows for you! If you shop frequently at certain stores, learn where there are bathrooms, storage rooms or other interior shelter areas away from windows, and the shortest ways to get there. All administrators of schools, shopping

centers, nursing homes, hospitals, sports arenas, stadiums, mobile home communities and offices should have a tornado safety plan in place, with easy-to-read signs posted to direct everyone to a safe, close-by shelter area. Schools and office building managers should regularly run well-coordinated drills. If you are planning to build a house, consider an underground tornado shelter or an interior "safe room".

Know the signs of a tornado. Weather forecasting science is not perfect and some tornadoes do occur without a tornado warning. There is no substitute for staying alert to the sky. Besides an obviously visible tornado, here are some things to look and listen for:

- Strong, persistent rotation in the cloud base.
- Whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base - tornadoes sometimes have no funnel!
- Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift. Many tornadoes are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be seen.
- Day or night - Loud, continuous roar or rumble, this doesn't fade in a few seconds

like thunder
 □ Night-Small, bright, blue-green to white flashes at ground level near a thunderstorm (as opposed to silvery lightning up in the clouds). These mean power lines are being snapped by very strong wind, maybe a tornado.
 □ Night - Persistent lowering from the cloud base, illuminated or silhouetted by lightning -- especially if it is on the ground or there is a blue-green-white power flash underneath.

WHAT TO DO
 In a house with a basement: Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag. Know where heavy objects rest on the floor above (pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc.) and do not go under them. They may fall down through a weakened floor and crush you.

In a house with no basement, a dorm, or an apartment: Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. A bathtub

may offer a shell of partial protection. Even in an interior room, you should cover yourself with some sort of thick padding (mattress, blankets, etc.), to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail. In an office building, hospital, nursing home or skyscraper: Go directly to an enclosed, windowless area in the center of the building -- away from glass. Then, crouch down and cover your head. Interior stairwells are usually good places to take shelter, and if not crowded, allow you to get to a lower level quickly. Stay off the elevators; you could be trapped in them if the power is lost.

In a mobile home: Get out! Even if your home is tied down, you are probably safer outside, even if the only alternative is to seek shelter out in the open. Most tornadoes can destroy even tied-down mobile homes; and it is best not to play the low odds that yours will make it. If your community has a tornado shelter, go there fast. If there is a sturdy permanent building within easy running distance, seek shelter there. Otherwise, lie flat on low ground away from your home, protecting your head. If possible, use open

ground away from trees and cars, which can be blown onto you. At school: Follow the drill! Go to the interior hall or room in an orderly way as you are told. Crouch low, head down, and protect the back of your head with your arms. Stay away from windows and large open rooms like gyms and auditoriums.

In a car or truck: Vehicles are extremely dangerous in a tornado. If the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Otherwise, park the car as quickly and safely as possible -- out of the traffic lanes. Get out and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If in the open country, run to low ground away from any cars (which may roll over on you). Lie flat and facedown, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can create deadly traffic hazards while offering little protection against flying debris.

In the open outdoors: If possible, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If not, lie flat and facedown on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Get as far away from trees and cars as you can; they may be blown onto you

in a tornado. In a shopping mall or large store: Do not panic. Watch for others. Move as quickly as possible to an interior bathroom, storage room or other small-enclosed area, away from windows. In a church or theater: Do not panic. If possible, move quickly but orderly to an interior bathroom or hallway, away from windows. Crouch facedown and protect your head with your arms. If there is no time to do that, get under the seats or pews, protecting your head with your arms or hands.

AFTER THE TORNADO
 Keep your family together and wait for emergency personnel to arrive. Carefully render aid to those who are injured. Stay away from power lines and puddles with wires in them; they may still be carrying electricity! Watch your step to avoid broken glass, nails, and other sharp objects. Stay out of any heavily damaged houses or buildings; they could collapse at any time. Do not use matches or lighters, in case of leaking natural gas pipes or fuel tanks nearby. Remain calm and alert, and listen for information and instructions from emergency crews or local officials.

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GENERAL NEWS



This week we have selected Mrs. Penny Bretz as our Teacher of the week. Bretz teaches 7th and 8th-grade science and has been teaching in NCMS for 24 years. She graduated from Mason County High School and received her degree and Masters in teaching from Morehead University.

"I love being around the kids and watching them grow into young adults. "In five years I see my self retired and I could not see myself doing anything other than teaching. "Previous teachers and coaches are the ones that really made me want to become a teacher myself." said Bretz.

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Todd and Casi Gates of Carrolton, Ky. are pleased to announce the birth of their second child Emma Jane. Emma was born January 14, 2011 at Baptist Hospital in LaGrange, KY. She weighed 5lbs. 13oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Emma was welcomed home by her brothers Aiden Douglas and Dylan and her big sister Ashley, and nieces Adeline and Isabella, all of Carrolton. Also, her aunt, Mandi Gates and Cousins Kaitlyn and Tiffany Hatton of Carlisle.

Maternal grandparents are the late Robert and Mary Kay Coots of Carrolton and Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Lois Gates of Carlisle.

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