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Trailer park slated for demolition, clean-up



Photo by Cecil Lawson

Bobby Price, running the Bobcat on the left, Scott Terrell, and Steven Minton, running the trackhoe, on the right, were hard at work Wednesday afternoon loading up debris from another demolished trailer. The trailer park, located at the west end of the Carlisle city limits, was recently cited by the county for violations of their trailer park permit. The trailer park is currently expected to "cease to exist," according to County Attorney Dawn Letcher. Price said that he expects to be done with the clean-up of the more than forty trailers by the beginning of March.

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Visitors coming into Carlisle from the west on U. S. 68 have been greeting for the past several years with a run-down trailer park that many local residents have considered an eyesore.

Now, thanks to a citation issued from the Nicholas County Attorney's office, the trailer park is slated to be a thing of the past.

The property, which contains more than forty mobile homes, has gone through a string of owners and is presently owned by Sallie Benson.

According to County Attorney Dawn Letcher, the citation on the property was issued due to a violation of trailer park permit requirements last month.

Letcher said that the county was working closely with Scott Finegan, who is currently administering Benson's

property.

"We are mainly concerned that we get them to clean it up," Letcher added, but she expects that "the park will cease to exist."

The trailer park has been in existence since 1970 or 1971, according to Judge Executive Kenny Lyons. "It's been a mess for a pretty long while," Lyons said.

Bobby Price, who runs a construction company, has been hired by Benson to demolish the trailers and clean up the property. He has already begun with the clean-up work.

Price said that he expects that to have the trailer park clean up by the first of March.

Price is working closely with the City of Carlisle in shutting off the numerous gas and water lines to the trailers.

Scott Terrell, who works with Price, said on site Wednesday, "It's sure going to look a whole lot better cleaned up."

Animal cruelty investigation continues

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In the wake of a heinous mass killing of young children and adults in Newtown, Connecticut people are asking one another how their fellow human beings could be so evil, but police across Kentucky are beginning to understand how: "Just look at how we are treating our animals," they say.

That is what Carlisle Police Officer Scott Johnson said this week when commenting on an investigation into animal cruelty charges that he and fellow officer George Ballard are conducting and which continues after they and Kentucky State Police officer Trooper Chris Lairson and Trooper Gabby made a deplorable discovery while serving an arrest warrant on Moorefield Road.

"We were serving a warrant for Corey Russell for his failure to appear in court on a previous charge when we made our discovery," Officer Johnson said.

What police found at the Moorefield home of Rebecca Salinas, according to police, was what they first believed to be a dead dog, laying chained in the backyard, emaciated and covered in sores.



Photos Courtesy of the Nicholas County Animal Welfare

Salinas is Russell's mother and she owns the property and the location where Russell was staying, according to police.

When police checked closer, they discovered the dog was alive.

"It was just absolutely horrible, what this dog had obviously been through," Johnson said. "He was in such bad shape, so skinny and his eyes were matted closed. The dogs' eyes were even so dehydrated that when we got them open his eyes were sunk way back in his head."

Salinas, who appeared healthy and had no visible disabilities which would prevent her from

tending to the animal, according to Johnson, was questioned and said there was nothing wrong with the dog except that he was old, probably 18 years old.

Johnson said later investigations by veterinarians put the dog's age at about seven or eight years old.

Russell was not initially located at the house but has since been arrested. Johnson contacted County Attorney Dawn Letcher about the condition of the dog and action was taken.

"Our first priority was to remove the animal and too immediately begin seeking veterinarian care for it," Letcher said. "Animal cruelty charges

are pending and we want the people of Nicholas County to know that we take these matters very, very seriously."

Johnson said he and others provided the animal with some food and water at the scene and later when Nicholas County Animal Control Officer Willy Hogg arrived, Mr. Hogg gently carried it to his vehicle.

"It was just too weak to even stand up or try to walk so Willy carried it," Johnson said.

The dog was taken to a local vet and began to heal and defeat its severe case of dehydration

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Local cruelty case leads NCAWS back to top of agenda at Fiscal Court

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An issue regarding the appointment of the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society (NCAWS) as the proper donation agency of Carlisle and Nicholas County was tabled by the Fiscal Court on Friday morning. That and the approval of two annual budgets for 2013 were discussed at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on December 21st.

"It would be great if we could get granted this position and move forward in a

way that we all understand what the other person is doing," said NCAWS President Betsy Kelly. "If we are approved to become the legal adoption agency, it would allow us to continue what we've been doing, but things would run much more efficiently."

So far, NCAWS has placed more than 700 dogs out of the county to good and capable homes.

"Once a dog leaves the animal shelter," said County Attorney Dawn Letcher. "It's out of the responsibility of the county. If a dog is sent out and considered not suitable, it's on NCAWS. Fortunately, no animals have been returned."

"I want to stress that, in no way, do we want to run the animal shelter," said Ms. Kelly. "NCAWS just wants access to the shelter so that we can get good pictures of the dogs to encourage adoption. Pictures of dogs behind a fence don't put the animal in a good light when it comes to potential adoption. Most homes for the dogs are found online, so pictures are the first thing that people usually see. Right now, we feel very limited in our access to the animal shelter. We really do need to have access to more of our membership."

NCAWS is a volunteer organization in Nicholas County that cares for the health and well-being of animals.

"Recently, Channel 18 news from Lexington came to do a story on a dog that we have taken in," explained Kelly.

On December 7th, Nicholas County animal control



Photo by Eric Tolson

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met Friday morning to discuss budget approvals and other issues within the county. Betsy Kelly, President of the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society, spoke before the Fiscal Court.

confiscated a purebred Siberian husky after Carlisle Police found the dog while serving a warrant in a local home. Initially, police thought that the dog had died, but it was discovered that he was living, but barely. After spending ten days in a local vet, the dog was turned over to NCAWS. The dog, named "Snow Chief," had suffered severe malnourishment, weighing 34 pounds at the time of his discovery. According to veterinarians, Snow Chief would not have lasted more

than two days had he not been discovered. The dog was shaved down to avoid being infested with canine lice, and had multiple pressure sores and severe ear and eye infections. The dog is currently in the care of NCAWS.

"The story of Snow Chief went viral soon after the story broke," said Kelly. "More than 157 people in-

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Photo by Eric Tolson

The children at Little Rascals Day Care got a visit from Santa Claus on Thursday morning. Each child told Santa what they want for Christmas, got their picture taken and even received gifts from Santa.

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday, dear reader.

The holiday season can be stressful, but I decided years ago not to be part of that and so now I just roll with it and enjoy.

The magic of Christmas is timeless and if you've forgotten it, all you have to do is watch any child open a present.

The commercialism of Christmas continues to play upon the consumerism in all of us, but that's another trap I dodge.

Money and nice material-objects-toys, clothes, smart phones with the camera, GPS locaters and "Kirk to Enterprise" speaker systems are all fine and dandy, but the joy of Christmas can't be measured with dollar signs.

If you don't get the "Kirk to Enterprise" pun then there's no need to ask Scotty to beam you up, I suppose

I'm showing my age.

As I grow older I become more engrossed in the personal nostalgia of Christmas and how it has changed over the years.

I remain true to being my father's son and thus hear his stories often and vividly in my thoughts as clearly as when he spoke them, years ago.

Gifts were few and far between for children such as himself and his sister who grew up in rural Fleming County

during the Great Depression, but I don't ever remember hearing a trace of sadness in his voice when he spoke of those lean holidays when a bag of peanuts, or some fruit or similar item were all the gifts they received, if any at all.

I carry the same love of the woods and streams as my father and thus recall with happiness my youthful holidays with him in the wilds of Fleming, Nicholas and Bath County.

My mother's holiday meals were beyond description and we all gorged ourselves for days on end following the main feasts.

As the youngest of five children; to be truthful, I usually came out like "a fat rat" during the Jolly Old Season, with presents too.

But the most expensive gift I can recall off-hand of receiving in my youth was a single-barrel, 20 gauge shotgun for my 11th birthday.

I think dad gave about \$25 for it from one of his friends.

I thought it was pretty serious business, right up there with the time I got a brand spanking new aluminum baseball bat for my birthday, that same year.

I think the "new fangled" aluminum bat cost about \$20 from Western Auto of Flemingsburg; I kind of felt like a high

roller there for a while and even dad reminded me that I was "living pretty high on the hog."

Things are different now, it's all about pushing buttons and high-tech gizmos and although I'm happy that children have such a rich variety of toys that help them gain a portion of imagination and technical capability I still can't fathom, they are missing out on some other things equally as valuable, in my opinion.

Two old and dear friends of mine were visiting the other evening and we started talking about the toys and games of our youth.

I recalled with laughter how at the Flemingsburg Lakewood Grocery store, in the tiny toy section that drew me to it like lustful sailors to the songs of the sirens, there were 15 cent packages of small bamboo planes.

If you're in your late forties or early fifties, you may remember these contraptions.

Some assembly was required, but it was straight-forward stuff with the plane being powered by a rubber band that was somehow attached to the propeller mechanism. The more rotations that you turned the propeller, the tighter the rubber band and the farther the plane would fly upon release.

The life expectancy on these planes was short, due to busted rubber bands (and yes, rubber bands were a luxury back then) broken propellers from early release and tight collision with

A ROTTEN EGG

the winding finger, or flying the plane close to any building-it was almost as if they were magnetically attracted to roofs.

Another inexpensive toy was the "paddle ball", a small rubber ball attached with an elastic string onto a small wooden paddle. The object was to smack the ball in rapid succession against the paddle-sounds simple enough but it was almost impossible. My recollections of this toy tends to focus on somehow hitting the ball too hard, the ball coming lose from the string and then breaking something and then I would get paddled with the wooden paddle-not very traumatic since the paddle was slender bamboo, but memorable enough.

A coiled piece of wire called a "slinky" could magically walk down steps. It was almost as magical as an etch-a-sketch.

We didn't have violent video games back then, but we did play cowboys and Indians and army.

I had a broken tobacco stick for a submarine gun and a corncob for a bayonet. And since my family always raised hogs, there were lots of corncobs to be used in corncob fights too, if playing army grew tiresome; there was nothing to liven up the play of young boys like a good corn cob fight.

If you've never been smacked upside the head with a frozen corn cob that your "opponent" had to kick lose from the frozen ground before hurl-

ing at you from across the hog lot, well, you've led a sheltered life, and probably a safer one than yours truly.

I was involved in my share of rock fights as well, but I was pretty accurate and had a fairly good arm, so rock fight challenges were rare and never repeated. Cousin Mark Hawkins made the mistake once. I made a believer out of him from about 100 yards away. He was hiding behind a tree along Fleming Creek, but, he left his right knee exposed and I nailed him with a golf-ball-sized rock

He limped for a week. He would have strangled me if he could have caught me, but I could run fast and he was limping.

He evened the score with me in gym class a few weeks later but he never made the mistake of throwing a rock at me again.

They say bullying in school is bad these days and we all know it is wrong, but it isn't something new, either.

Everybody was bullied in school when I was young, from my recollections the bullying was fairly vicious and on top of that, I guess we played pretty rough back then too; lots of episodes of "King of the Mountain", "King of the Monkey Bars" and even "King of the See-Saw" I hate to say it but in grade school the only time I remember me or my friends being on the see-saw was when we were trying to knock each other off. But

we were country kids and didn't have the universe of information at the tip of our fingers like youngsters today. We had monkey bars where we would face off and try to kick one another to the concrete slab below us.

All the playground equipment was dangerous back then and all of it was securely anchored in that soft, soft concrete. We grew up rough, tough and hard to bluff, back then. If you had an argument with someone you fought it out, usually became closest friends and went on about your business, no threats of guns or knives.

Most of the kids are soft today and I wonder what they do with all that information so readily available with their iPhones powered with Dilythium crystals that G4 them at warp speed that even Captain Kirk wouldn't comprehend?

I used to play with silly putty and now kids play silly video games with angry birds or monkeys chasing Italian plumbers or any number of bizarre combinations in between where you blow something up.

Well, I'm sure there are some three-year olds out there this week that have discarded their gift and are playing with the box it came in.

Some things are timeless, that way.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday, dear reader.

Last one to the Monkey Bars is a rotten egg.

Bourbon Community Hospital Recognized by CMS for Meaningful Use of Technology

Many people have heard the buzz of healthcare reform and are aware, to some degree, the healthcare industry has experienced major changes over the last few years and it will continue to evolve. While the changes are numerous and complex, a few key themes stand out: the increased focus on quality care and the growing role of technology in healthcare delivery.

These are two issues that you can see played out locally at Bourbon Community Hospital. "Our hospital's top priority has been and will continue to be providing high quality care to patients in our community," stated Joe Koch, CEO. "This focus has not changed for us. What has changed is how we are using technology to arm our employees and clinicians with the proper tools to help us provide the highest quality of evidence-based patient care possible."

A recent example is Bourbon Community Hospital's recognition by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for successfully completing the first of three stages in the process of becoming a meaningful user of technology. Bourbon Community Hospital earned this recognition by demonstrating that their employees and medical staff are utilizing Electronic Health Records (EHRs) in an effective way that will help advance patient care. This is a major milestone and one for which hospitals across the country - rural and urban, acute care and regional referral centers alike - have been challenged by CMS to achieve.

"Achieving the first stage of 'Meaningful Use', as CMS calls it, took the dedication of employees across nearly all clinical and non-clinical departments of our hospital. We leveraged our EHR technology to transfer patient records from paper to digital formats, which will make them more easily accessible and useful to clinicians. Several process

changes were implemented, including how patients are registered when they arrive at our hospital, how we document the care we provide, and how we measure patient care results", Mr. Koch explained.

The process of completing the final two stages of Meaningful Use recognition will occur over the next few years, and Bourbon Community Hospital employees are committed to continuing on their path to success. The outcome of achieving Meaningful Use is that Bourbon Community Hospital will be able to collect and share information and critical data that can be utilized on the spot by medical staff to make informed patient care decisions and support the delivery of high quality care.

In partnership with the physicians in our communi-

ty, who also are working to demonstrate their meaningful use of technology, Bourbon Community will also be able to ensure smooth transitions of care between local providers.

Bourbon Community Hospital is proud to be rising to the challenges of the evolving healthcare industry landscape in a productive way that benefits the community the employees and medical staff they love so

much. Bourbon Community is committed to continually enhancing patient care in the community through people, process and technology.


To celebrate their success, Bourbon Community Hospital held a celebration reception for its employees on December 17th in the hospital's cafeteria. Lona Sadler, RN, Clinical Informatics Nurse, was recognized for the role she played in achieving this goal.

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Leslie Ann Asbury, MPH, MD is a native of Augusta, Kentucky. She graduated from Centre College and the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Louisville affiliated hospitals in July, 2012. Dr. Asbury treats both children and adults with a wide variety of both medical and surgical problems of the ears, nose and throat as well as full allergy services including testing and treatment. She also has experience in facial cosmetic procedures, Botox, dermal fillers and resurfacing procedures.

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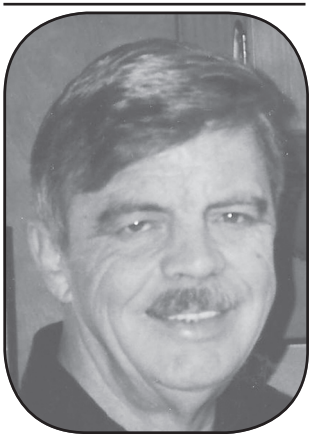
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OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Wilma McFarland Brown

Wilma McFarland Brown, 57, of Elizaville, widow of Wendell Brown, passed away Saturday, November 17, 2012 at her residence. Born in Maysville, she was the daughter of Clyde and Aleta Maxey McFarland. She was a homemaker and attended Nepton United Methodist Church. She is survived by her siblings, Carolyn Walker, of Carlisle, William Maxey McFarland, Wanda McFarland, Mary McFarland all of Cowan, and numerous cousins. A graveside service was held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Elizaville Cemetery. Denton-Workman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made at www.dentonworkman-fh.com

Grimes K. Mitchell



Grimes K. Mitchell, 65, died December 17, 2012. He was born in Fayette County December 11, 1947 to the late William Elgin and Lena McKee Mitchell. He was a former employee of GTE and a Vietnam Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Brenda Mitchell; two children, Stephanie (C J) Hacker and Keith Mitchell, three grandchildren, Tyler Mitchell, Andre Edwards and Ben Edwards, one great-grandchild, Cameron Edwards, one brother, Merrill (Deborah) Mitchell, one sister, Geraldine Stephens, step-children, Sandra George, Troy Clifton and Thomas Clifton and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 pm Friday December 21, 2012 at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with the Reverend's Merrill Mitchell and Mark Baker officiating with burial following in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pallbearers are; Dee Buckler, Troy Clifton, Jerry Abnee, Emerson Baker, Mark Baker, Chris Baker and Matt Hughes. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Obits are placed at no charge. Email them to melissa@kynews-group.com



Photos by Cecil Lawson
This little family of deer was spotted recently during a frosty morning near the Nicholas-Bath County line near East Union. They took a moment to assess the photographer, then bolted into a nearby stand of trees.

Mobile home destroyed in fire



Photo by Eric Tolson
The Carlisle City Fire Department responded to a residential fire at 504 North Locust Street. The residence was determined to be a mobile home that has been occupied by a female and her son. Fortunately, neither occupant was inside of the residence at the time of the fire. "All we know is that the fire was a total loss," said Fire Chief Jim Biddle, in regards to the complete physical devastation of the home. "So far, we don't know exactly what caused the fire."

December Money Tip

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the process go more smoothly.

Although you may not have earned enough to be required to file, you may get a refund if your employer withheld taxes from your pay. Before you file, discuss the tax situation with your parents. Depending on how much they contributed to your upkeep during the year, they may be able to claim you as a dependent on their tax returns, which could save them

thousands of dollars. Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.

- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.

- Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.

- Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Kentucky also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students who attend state colleges.

Remember that tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing.

KHEAA is the state

agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>. KHEAA also provides free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents

upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Kentucky Public Service Commission approves settlement in rate proceedings

New rates become effective Jan. 1, 2013

The Kentucky Public Service Commission today approved the unanimous settlement agreement reached by Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company and all of the parties in the base rate cases. The ruling lowers the late payment charge, extends the time period for paying customer bills, gives the company responsibility for natural gas service lines, and provides for additional charitable giving.

LG&E's base electric rates will increase \$33.7 million, down from the original request of \$62.1 million. LG&E's base natural gas rates will increase \$15 million, down from the original request of \$17.2 million. KU base electric rates will increase \$51 million, down from the original request of \$82.4 million. LG&E and KU's annual electric depreciation rates were also lowered. The return on equity is 10.25 percent for the base rates as well as the environmental cost recovery mechanism and the new "gas line tracker."

For a KU residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, the increase is expected to be \$4.82 per month, or about 5.8 percent.

For a LG&E residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, the increase is expected to be \$4.31 per month, or about 4.8 percent. For LG&E natural gas customers using 60 Ccf per month, the increase is expected to be \$3.50 per month, or about 7.3 percent. LG&E

natural gas customers will now have a "gas line tracker" item on their bill that reflects the costs associated with the company's gas main replacement program and gas service lines. Previously, customers were responsible for repairs to the service line from the street to the house. Those repairs will now be the responsibility of the utility. LG&E plans to reimburse customers who demonstrate that they replaced their service lines due to failure from Jan. 1, 2011, through the end of this year.

"We're pleased that the commission approved the settlement agreement. The agreement among the nine parties to the case balanced the needs of those involved and represents a bit of a compromise by everyone," said Lonnie Bellar, vice president of State Regulations and Rates for LG&E and KU.

Changes include reducing the late payment charge from 5 percent to 3 percent and extending the due date to at least 22 calendar days before a late payment charge is applied to a customer's bill.

LG&E and KU each agreed to contribute an additional \$187,500 of shareholder funds annually to low-income programs, bringing the total shareholder commitment to \$1 million per year. The current Home Energy Assistance program also will increase from 16 to 25 cents per meter.

LG&E and KU also will propose a new two-year demand-side management program to help Kentucky school districts use energy wisely.

The new rates and all ele-

ments of the case will take effect Jan. 1, 2013. The parties to the case were: the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Community Action Council, Association of Community Ministries, The Kroger Co., Kentucky School Boards Association, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Hess Corporation, and Stand Energy Corporation.

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Lindsay Gregory, MPH
Robertson County Health Department



Cigarettes' smoking is the leading contributor to death and illness among Americans. Every year, nearly 440,000 Americans die from illnesses caused by tobacco use. Smoking kills more people in the United States than alcohol, suicide, AIDS, car accidents, homicide and illegal drugs combined.

Compared to a nonsmoker, a smoker has a 14 times greater risk of dying from cancer of the lung, throat, or mouth. Four times greater risk of dying from cancer of the esophagus and two times greater risk of dying from a heart attack or can-

cer of the bladder.

The benefits of becoming a non-smoker:

- 20 minutes after quitting: Your heart rate and blood pressure drops.

- 12 hours after quitting: The carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal.

- 2 weeks to 3 months after quitting:

Your circulation improves and your lung function increases.

- 1 to 9 months after quitting: Coughing and shortness of breath decrease; cilia (tiny hair-like structures that move mucus out of the lungs) regain normal function in the lungs, increasing the ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce the risk of infection.

- 1 year after quitting: The excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker's.

- 5 years after quitting: Your stroke risk is reduced to that of a non-smoker 5 to 15 years after quitting.

- 10 years after quitting: The lung cancer death rate is about half that of a continuing smoker's. The risk of cancer of the mouth,

throat, esophagus, bladder, cervix, and pancreas decrease.

- 15 years after quitting: The risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker's.

Don't be another statistic call the Health Department today for information on the Cooper/Clayton Methods to Stop Smoking classes, (606) 564-9447 (127).

Electrical problems sparks fire in attic



Photo by Eric Tolson

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The Carlisle City Fire Department was called to respond to a reported fire in an apartment building on North

Broadway Street in Carlisle, shortly before 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening. According to witnesses, insulation in the attic of the building had ignited as the result of an electrical problem.

Fortunately, all residents evacuated the premises shortly after the fire began. The fire was extinguished by Carlisle Firefighters shortly and, at this time, no injuries have been reported.

Based on her academic achievements and leadership among her peers, Jasmine Flowers, has been nominated to attend the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC). Jasmine was nominated by her teachers and her school Counselor Ms. Patricia Abney, who recognizes her as a select student at Scott County Middle school with great scholastic merit, maturity and responsibility.

"Jasmine is an outstanding individual and a very promising young leader. Along with being an honor student Jasmine, plays basketball on her middle school and high school teams. She is active in AAU and Middle school track. She has a drive and commitment to succeed, always putting her best foot forward."

Congratulations to Jasmine on your personal accomplishments that qualified you for this extraordinary opportunity.

Jasmine is the daughter of David and Susan Flowers formerly of Carlisle. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Shirley Trussell of Carlisle.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Saturday December 29, 2012 at 10:00AM
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Kuhns 1534 hay accumulator (NEW)	Kory 6872 20ft wagon with slip tongue (2)	550 gallon plastic water tank	Kewanee 24' tri-axle wagon
ExMark Lazer Z xs zero turn (1) 72" w/2093 & (1) 60" w/2400hrs.	Shaver HD10 hydraulic Post Driver w/skidsteer attachment	Bradco 611 backhoe attachment for a skidster	2005 Kubota RTV 900 4590 hrs

Items not pictured 1978 International 674; 1978 JD 2640, 5210 hrs; 2005 Vermeer 5500 Rebel roll baler w/Accutw twine tie and crop saver wheels; PJ 34ft. Tandem gooseneck trailer (like new); JD 22 turf mower; JD 220A turf mower; Locke 130 turf mower; Stihl FS100RX weed eater; paint sprayer; (6) 12' gates; 2 ton Knoedler grain cart w/rauger; 3 ton Apache creep feeder; Hydraulic livestock hauler 16'x6'; McCurdy grain wagon; 200 gal. plastic tank; (2)Rubbermaid 100 gal. tubs. **NO SMALL ITEMS be on time!**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NICHOLAS

DEC 31
Rose Hill United Methodist Church would like to announce we are having a "Night Watch", New Year's Eve (12-31-2012) from 8:00pm to 12:01am. we would like to invite everyone to come join us in Praise, Song and Worship.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Wedco/Nicholas County Home health will be sponsoring a free blood pressure screening for the general public on the second Tuesday of each month from 3-4 p.m. at the public library.

COMMUNITY DRUG FORUM
The community drug forum will now be held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Community Health Center. The forum was previously held the second Tuesday of each month.

COVERED BRIDGE CHAPTER OF KPR
The Covered Bridge Chapter of KPR is open to all retired city, county and state government employees from Bath, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Nicholas and Rowan counties. The aim of the organization is to keep you apprised of your benefits and how they are or will be affected by legislation and other factors. New members are welcome and invited to attend this meeting.

NICHOLAS COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE
Nicholas County Landfill Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the landfill.

NICHOLAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MEETING
Nicholas County Water District's Regular monthly meeting has been changed to 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

NICHOLAS COUNTY AMBULANCE QUESTIONS
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 MEETING
The IDA meets the Second Monday of each month, at the Jockey Industrial Building at 5 p.m.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
The Building and Grounds Committee meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Court House. Public is welcome to attend.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Park and Recreation committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Court house. Public is welcome to attend. Call Keith Campbell to schedule events at 859-753-0550

A.C.T.S. MEETINGS
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, 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.

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

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

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

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

DAUGHTER LODGE #65 F.A.M.
Daughter Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Gaunce Funeral Home. All masters mason are welcome to attend.

AMITY LODGE #40 F.A.M.
meets the third Saturday at 7:00 p.m. meal at 6:00 p.m. in Millersburg Ky.

ORIENT LODGE #500 MEETINGS
The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night each month at 7:30 p.m. All master masons are welcomed.

LIFELINE MEETINGS
The Lifeline

meetings are held each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at New Beginnings Church. For more info call Greg Spivey 859-227-1319. Toni Spivey 859-473-0899.

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

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, unless that day falls on a holiday. Meetings are held from 6:30PM-7:30PM at the Extension Office

4-H COOKING CLUB
Meets the last Thursday of every month, unless that day falls on a holiday. Meetings are held from 6:00PM-7:15PM at the Extension Office

4-H NEEDLEWORK CLUB
Meets the second Tuesday of every month, unless that day falls on a holiday. Meetings are held from 4:00PM-5:15PM at the Extension Office.

4-H TEEN COUNCIL
Meets the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held from 12:30 - 1:30 PM at the Extension Office. Must be at least 12 years old to join and no older than 18.

4-H CLOVERBUDS
Meets the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held from 3:30PM-4:30PM at NCES in Mrs. Wilson's room. Ages 5-8 only!

DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT CLASSES
The WEDCO District Health Department will be hosting Diabetes Self Management education classes each month.

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

NA & AA
NA meeting Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. Joe Bernardoni contact phone number 606-842-0448. AA meetings Friday nights from 8-9 p.m. Meetings are held in Mt. Olivet in the building next to the post office.

ROBERTSON COUNTY GED
Robertson County GED & Family Literacy is now located at the County Medical Building across from the school. Hours: Mon & Tues 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Wednesday Noon-6 p.m. For more information, call Debbie Estill, Instructor, 724-2216.

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING
Animal Control Committee meets the first Friday of every month 8:30 a.m. at the Court house.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Are you tired of getting interviewed but never landing the job? Well now there is help. Licking Valley CAP, Inc. is offering Professional and Personal Development classes in Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason and Robertson Counties. Classes will be offered as individual or whole group seminars. Included in these classes are: Resume Writing, Wroth Ethic, Time management, and/or Interviewing skills. If you are interested please contact Denise Walker at 606-845-0081 or 800-327-5196.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
God's Pantry is now offering a mobile food pantry that will be coming to the Robertson County Community Center/Fire Hall every 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Please bring your own boxes and bags.

CARLISLE ROTARY CLUB
The Carlisle Ro-

tary Club meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Garrett's Family Restaurant.

NCAWS
will have their regular monthly meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at the WEDCO Health Department in the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 6:15pm and is open and welcome to anyone interested in helping pet animals in Nicholas County. (TFN)

NICHOLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMENS CLUB
will meet every fourth Tuesday at 6:30 at the small court room in the courthouse.

NICHOLAS COUNTY EXECUTIVE WOMENS CLUB
will meet every fourth Tuesday at 7:30 at the small court room in the courthouse.

ROBERTSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting @ the Robertson County Board Office Dec. 17 @ 6:30pm

ROBERTSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TODDLER TALES
The Robertson Co. Public Library Toddler Tales will be on Tuesdays from 10:30-11 a.m.. It is a half-hour program filled with stories, songs and playtime. This program encourages interactive books and play. The age for this program is birth to 35 months. The Storyhour program at RCPL will be on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.. This is an hour program filled with stories, games, songs and crafts. This program is for children between the ages of 3 and 5.

This program encourages hands-on activities as well as music and sharing. These programs are open to the public and we would like to encourage you to bring your little ones! If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Christy at the Robertson Co. Public Library. Our phone number is 606-724-5746.

SPORTS - COMMUNITY

Lady Jackets fall to host Lewis County

The visiting Nicholas County Lady Jackets led at the end of each of the first three quarters but couldn't hold off the Lewis County Lady Lions late in the second half on Wednesday night. Host Lewis County, a team from the 16th Region, outscored the Lady Jackets 19-6 in the third quarter to win 62-50.

With the loss, Nicholas County dropped to 6-4. The loss snapped a four-game Nicholas County winning streak. Nicholas County's four-

game winning streak consisted of victories over East Jessamine, 38th District rival Deming, Bellevue and West Jessamine. The Lady Jackets continue to execute very well under the guidance of first-year head coach Greg Letcher.

Lewis County evened its record to 4-4 after posting the win. The Lady Lions returned to the win column following a loss to Mason County two nights earlier.

Senior Taylor Frye

and sophomore Emily Frye scored 16 points apiece to lead Lewis County to the win. Savannah Anderson accompanied the Fries in double figures, finishing with 10 points of her own.

Nicholas County limited Lewis County throughout the first half. The Lady Jackets outscored Lewis County 14-9 in the opening quarter and took a 27-21 lead into halftime.

Lewis County, however, thrived in the second half. After outscoring

the Lady Jackets 22-17 in the third quarter, Lewis County finished the contest with the impressive 19-6 run in the final period.

Tori Liles just missed double figures, tossing in nine points for the Lady Lions. McKenzie Thompson scored five points and Darbi Hardin added two points for the Lewis County girls' basketball team.

Senior forward Reesa Martin paced Nicholas County (6-4) with a game-high 23 points. Martin drained six

3-pointers for the Lady Jackets.

The accurate Martin was the only Nicholas County scorer to reach double figures. Fellow senior forward Shelby Wade netted nine points, narrowly missing double figures. Aiding the Nicholas County offensive attack, Elizabeth Johnson and Shannon Bretz scored six points apiece.

Grace Kiskaden and Megan Bretz rounded out the Nicholas County scoring effort with four and two points, respec-

tively.

Nicholas County and Lewis County are not scheduled to meet again this season.

Lewis County 62,	Nicholas County 50
Nicholas County (6-4):	R. Martin 23, Wade 9,
Johnson 6, S. Bretz 6,	M. Bretz 2, Kiskaden 4.
Lewis County (4-4):	T. Frye 16, E. Frye 16,
Anderson 14, Liles 9,	Thompson 5, Hardin 2
Nicholas County.....14	13 17 6-50
Lewis County.....9	12 22 19-62

Nicholas offered federal funds

Nicholas County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Nicholas County has been chosen to receive \$3,227.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Jewish Federation of North America, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way Worldwide. The Board was charged to distribute funds ap-

propriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made of Community Action Council, Nicholas County Judge Executive, Nicholas County Senior Citizens, Nicholas County Ministerial Association, Department for Community Based services, Shrine of our Lady Guadalupe, Salvation Army and other citizens will determine how the funds awarded to Nicholas County are to be distributed amount the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies

chosen to receive funds must 1: be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2: be eligible to receive Federal Funds, 3: have an accounting system, 4: practice non discrimination, 5. Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6. If they are a private voluntary organization they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Nicholas has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Community Action Council participating. These agencies were responsible for providing energy and housing assistance.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter program funds must contact Angie Shalch for an application at (859) 289-7172. The deadline for applications is January 3, 2013.

Nicholas ladies level West Jessamine

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets rolled past host West Jessamine on Tuesday night (Dec. 18), topping the Lady Colts 51-29.

Nicholas County limited West Jessamine to 10 or fewer points in each period.

Sophomore guard Megan Bretz led a balanced Nicholas County scoring attack with a game-high 16 points. Senior forward Reesa Martin accompanied Bretz in double figures, finishing with 10 points. Bretz and Martin were both active on the offensive end in each half.

Nicholas County took an early lead and man-

aged to keep some distance between itself and homestanding West Jessamine.

After outscoring West Jessamine 16-6 in the first quarter, Nicholas County led 25-16 at halftime.

The Lady Jackets' lead over West Jessamine swelled early in the second half. Nicholas County outscored West Jessamine 20-8 in the third quarter to stretch its lead out to 55-24.

Narrowly missing double figures, eighth-grade guard Grace Kiskaden contributed nine points for the Lady Jackets.

Autumn Martin scored six points and Shan-

non Bretz added four in Nicholas County's convincing win.

Shelby Wade and Elizabeth Johnson rounded out the Nicholas County scoring with two points apiece.

West Jessamine's only lead was an early 3-0 advantage.

Junior forward Ashlee Rose paced West Jessamine with a team-high 14 points. Senior forward Shelby Hawkins joined Rose in double figures, adding 11 points for the Lady Colts.

Emma Baxter and Hannah Parsons each scored two points for West Jessamine in the setback.

Pancakes with Santa



Photos by Eric Tolson
Nicholas County High School hosted their Pancakes with Santa breakfast last Saturday morning at the NCHS cafeteria. While they were eating breakfast, children got to make pancakes, decorate cookies, create crafts and have their picture taken with Santa.

Boy Scout Troop #50 Donates Blankets to Foster Children



Back row (left to right): Justus Warner, John Smith and Chris Vice. Front row: Raymond Smith, Susan Short and David Krut.

Boy Scouts Troop #50 of Carlisle presented Susan Short, committee member of Kentucky's Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Support Network, with ten blankets last week at their meeting.

According to Mrs. Short, the blankets are taken to the company's headquarters in Georgetown KY, where they will be distributed to children as they become a part of the foster child program. This company serves Bourbon, Nicholas, Harrison and Scott counties.

As a child is entered into the program, he or she is given

a blanket that has his or her

name embroidered on it. This blanket will belong to the child and may be carried with the child wherever he or she may go. "This blanket is the child's possession to take with him, giving him something of his very own to help ease his transition from possible place-to-place", stated Short. A private sponsor in the Georgetown community donates the embroidery.

The Scouts help others in the community to demonstrate being good stewards and to practice the Scout Law. The Scout Law is to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Carlisle Fire Department has opened a account for the "Ricky Moore Family" at the Deposit Bank. All donations are accepted and appreciated.

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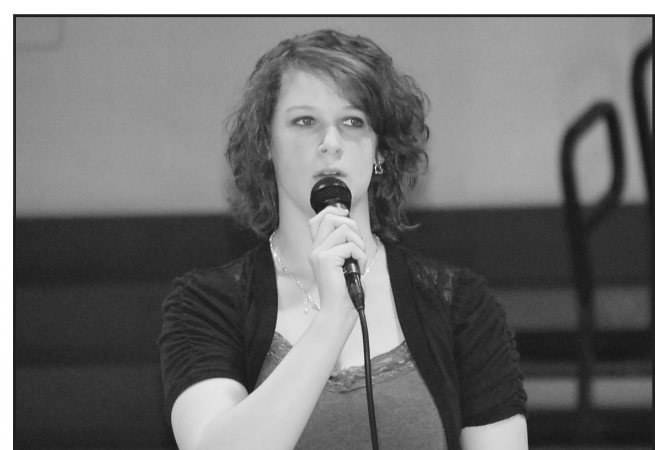
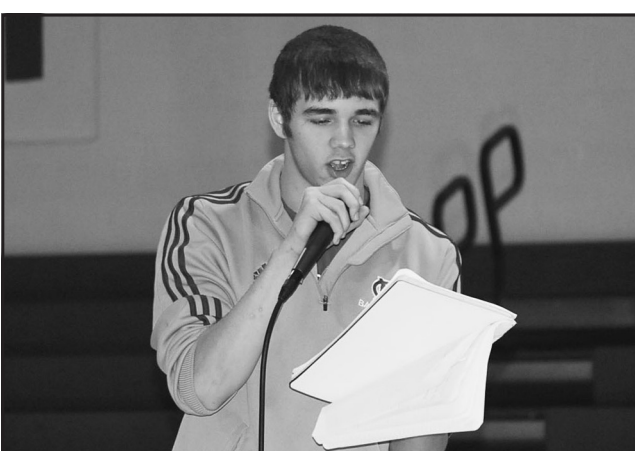
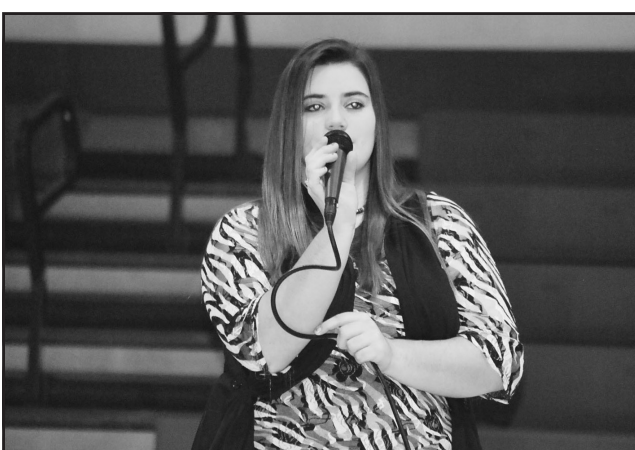
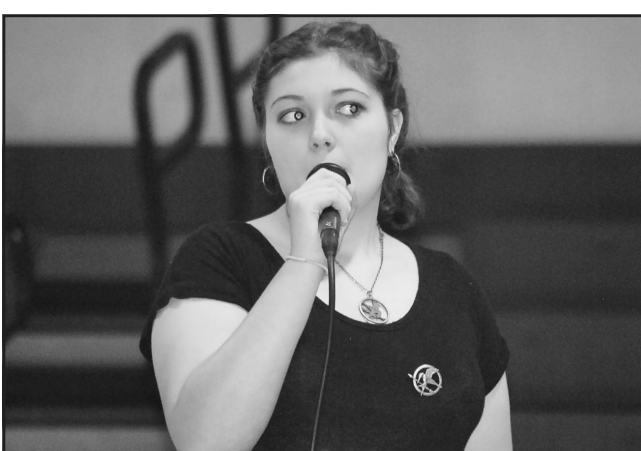
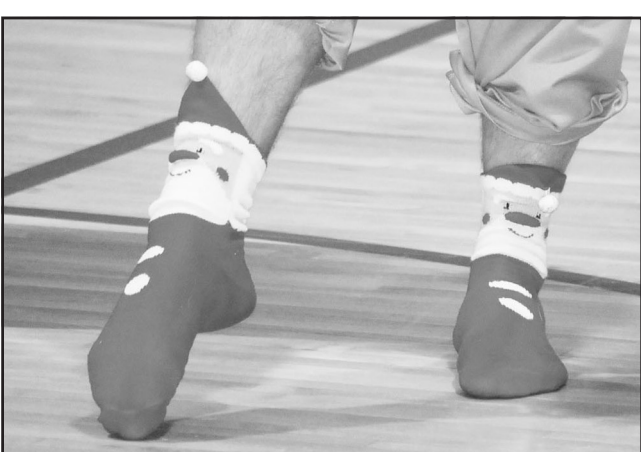
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Good Job
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SCHOOL N.C.H.S. Christmas Talent Show



Beatles Rejects, who performed "The 12 Days of Christmas, injected with their own brand of humor.

Second place was awarded to Carl Hurd, who showcased his many talents within his act. Along with rapping and dancing, he serenaded the audience with a performance of the song "Follow Me."

First place in the talent show was awarded to Adrienne Letcher, who beautifully performed an interpretive dance that showcased her talent as a dancer.

After prizes were awarded, students demanded an encore from the top two competitors, Adrienne Letcher and Carl Hurd, who had a dance off with each performing dances of their own unique styles.

By Eric Tolson
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Ugliest Sweater contest. Although there were many teachers who flaunted the tackiness of their attire in front of the students, (some even wearing musical sweaters) the students ultimately decided that Mr. Josh Earlywine truly had the cheesiest taste in cold weather clothing.

Third place in the talent show was awarded to Ross Haney and the

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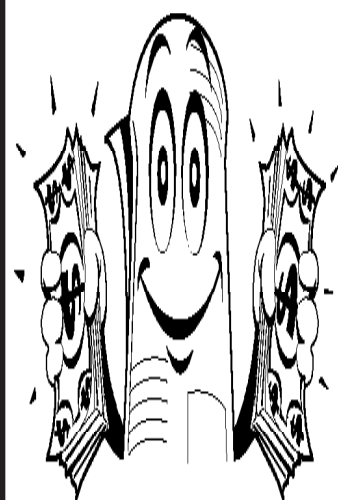
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MERCURY MEMORIES

10 Years Ago

The Nicholas County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the school district's central office. The highlight of the pre-Christmas meeting was the awarding of a long overdue high school diploma to a World War II military veteran, with his family in attendance. Rev. James D. Gaunce was presented the diploma by Board of Education Chairperson Mona G. Vice and Superintendent Greg Reid as the first item on the agenda after the meeting was opened with silent prayer and the roll of board members was called. Gaunce was one of the many young men from Nicholas County, and across the nation, gave up their high school education to respond patriotically to the call for military service after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the declaration of war that followed.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher and Carlisle Mayor-Elect Eugene Kelly, with the assistance of Nicholas County Fiscal Court magistrates Steve Hamilton and Avery D. Thornsburg, joined in lighting a 22-foot community Christmas tree in the courthouse yard. The lighting ceremony took place prior to the annual Nicholas County Lions Club's downtown Christmas parade Saturday night, December 7.

The members of the Nicholas County Middle School cheerleading squad have qualified for national competition of the World Cheerleading Association. The door to the national competition was opened as the result of their capturing the Second Place trophy in WCA competition at Lexington Christian Academy.

15 Years Ago

Students, parents and teachers filled the Nicholas County High School cafeteria Thursday night for College Night. Representatives from 12 colleges, universities and/or technical schools were on hand to answer questions about their schools. Nicholas County High School junior Kyle Galbraith is a 1997-1998 winner of the Central Kentucky Youth Salute's School Leader Award. The honor was presented Sunday, December 7, at the Kentucky Horse Center.

Nicholas County High School Site Based Council members do not support Saturday school as a form discipline. The Elementary School Council approved a Saturday School program earlier this month. NCHS Principal Greg Reid said, "Saturday School (at the elementary) will be from 7:00am to 12:00. If a child doesn't attend Saturday School, the child will be suspended. In order to get back into school, they must bring a parent and meet with the principal."

Reid said to the council, "We've had 38 suspensions (at the high school) for a total of 119 so far this year." Then he asked the council members, "Do we need Saturday School?"

20 Years Ago

More than anything else, the Lady Jackets proved they are not a one player team. That much was evident when the final second of the fourth quarter expired and the Lady Jackets had defeated number one Clay County, 55-44.

"There needs to be a traffic light at the intersection of Old Paris Road and Main Street. Was the message Sate Representative Jim LeMaster sent to the Secretary of Transportation, according to Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes at the regular meeting of the Carlisle City Council Monday night.

Nicholas County Superintendent Cebert Gilbert pledged he would not raise tax to build a new school to a group of concerned citizens Monday night at the regular school board meeting. Billy Dixon, a spokesperson for the group asked Gilbert how he planned to pay for the new school.

25 Years Ago
In its last regular meeting of 1987, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court opened by hearing a proposed statewide farming program from Tom Hensley. Hensley said his proposed Kentucky Farmers First

program to be essential for the country and the state.

The Nicholas County School Board decided to approve of a system that monitors the energy the elementary school uses. L.C. Pasley of Kentucky Energy Control Incorporated explained how the system actually worked.

We have been informed that there is another danger in our community. It is a form of tattoo called "BLUE STAR" and is being sold all over the nation. It is a small sheet of white paper containing blue starts the size of a pencil eraser. Each star is soaked with LSD. Each star can be removed and placed in the mouth. The LSD can also be absorbed through the skin simply by handling the paper.

30 Years Ago

City Council members voted in their regular monthly meeting Monday night to pass an ordinance in which the City of Carlisle authorizes the issuance of industrial revenue bonds in the principal amount of \$3 million to finance the costs of acquisition, construction and installation of improvements and equipment at Blue Grass Industries, Inc. The ordinance will be adopted and signed at a called meeting Monday, December 20 at 7 p.m.

Nicholas unemployment for October was 8.6 percent, according to the county breakdown of figures supplied by

the state Department for Human Resources-Manpower Division. The figures showed Nicholas County's workforce at 3,396 for October, with 291 persons, resulting in 8.6 percent out of work.

Newly released analyses of the 1980 census by the Kentucky State Data Center indicate 42 percent of the residents in Nicholas County over the age of 25 have completed high school.

40 Years Ago

Neal's KY Square Deal Grocery Food Stores Advert:

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50 Years Ago

John Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smart, 113 East Ninth Street, Paris, formerly of Carlisle, and the grandson of W.D. Ruddell, Main Street, Carlisle, has signed a baseball contract with the New York Mets of the National League. Smart was one of the standouts on last year's baseball team at Wittenburg University, Springfield, Ohio, being named first team catcher on the All-Ohio Conference team selected by the coaches of the conference.

Judge Mac Swinford, who recently marked his

25th year on the federal bench, will take over January 1 as chief judge of Kentucky's Eastern U.S. District Court. Swinford of Cynthiana, will succeed Judge H. Church Ford, who is retiring.

Nicholas County high school debaters, Edward Taylor and Ralph Wesley defeated Flaget high school, Louisville, Saturday at the University of Kentucky to win the High School Debate of the month. The Nicholas county team affirmed the Kentucky High School debate topic pertaining to the foreign trade policy of the United States. "The United States Should Promote a Common Market for the Western Hemisphere." The Flaget team, Mike Kelly and Dave Green opposed this proposition.

60 Years Ago
Mrs. Arthur V. Allison was elected president of the Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary at a meeting Friday night in the Christian Church. Mrs. Allison was elected temporary president a week ago, when a group of women organized the unit.

The gymnasium at Carlisle High School will be the scene of the first in a two-game series between the Nicholas County basketballers and the Musketeers of CHS Friday night in a doubleheader.

The VFW Auxiliary has planned its annual Christmas party at home of Mrs. Les Coatney, December 20.

COURT NEWS

NC Court News 12/19/12

Hon. Charles W. Kuster Jr.

Estate of Louise Sensabaugh, other hearing, tua.

Estate of Floyd Gilvin, review, sc fid so 1/16/13 at 8:45am.

Estate of Kathryn C. Moore, review, sc fid so 1/16/13 at 8:45 am.

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Waters, show cause hearing, tua.

Estate of Howard Cecil Letcher, review, re 6/19/13 at 8:45am.

Estate of Mary Ellen Bean, review, re 6/19/13 at 8:45 am.

Robert W. Robinson, review, re 6/19/13 at 8:45 am.

Estate of Mayme M House, preliminary hearing, will admitted, oe and

ba. Benjamin T Layne, arraignment, costs paid, dm moc per div agmt.

Justin L Linville, assault 4th degree minor injury, terror threat, 3rd degree, gplea, cost, 90/17 (cr. 17) bal prob 2 yrs c/o no further offenses, 1/9/13 at 9:30am.

Jennifer Peters, public intoxic cont subs (excludes alc), bonded.

Deloris Sanders vs Judy Barlow, court trial, j for tt, \$1536.30 plus costs.

Robert A Brady vs Chris Earlywine et al, court trail, passed to 1/16/13 at 9am w/ service to issue.

Charles Tumey vs Bobby Hoover, tt entitled to motor - no judgement for \$650, plaintiff to bear costs.

Roy Turley vs William

Lullen Sr., court trial, continued to 1/16/13 at 10:30am.

James R Bean vs Betty Morford, tt found in contempt and fined \$25.00 for making statement during examination, tua w/ judgement, tbe.

Mark Hughes vs Brad Tucker, court trial, j for tt at 1902.16 plus costs.

Tracey Howard, at-tempt wanton endanger

- 1st degree, 5 counts at-tempt endangering the welfare of a minor, resisting arrest, 1 counts fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot), escape - 3rd degree, agreed order, TBE.

Tracey Howard, poss cont sub, 3rd degree - drug unspecified, 5 counts contrl subs prescript not in orig cont, 2nd, agreed orger TBE.

Local growers attended regional produce meeting

By Cecil Lawson
News Editor
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Most people love fresh vegetables and fruits picked during the growing season. That's one of the main reasons why farmers' markets and produce auctions have taken off in the region over the last decade.

A number of the region's farmers have turned to growing produce to diversify their crops in the wake of the decline of tobacco as a cash crop.

Produce sales have grown steadily over the past decade, and this past year the produce auction at the Bath County Agriculture Education Center was expected to sell more than \$100,000 in produce.

To help local produce growers keep up with the latest in plant research and safe handling standards, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in conjunction with local extension offices held a regional producer growers meeting at the Bath Coun-

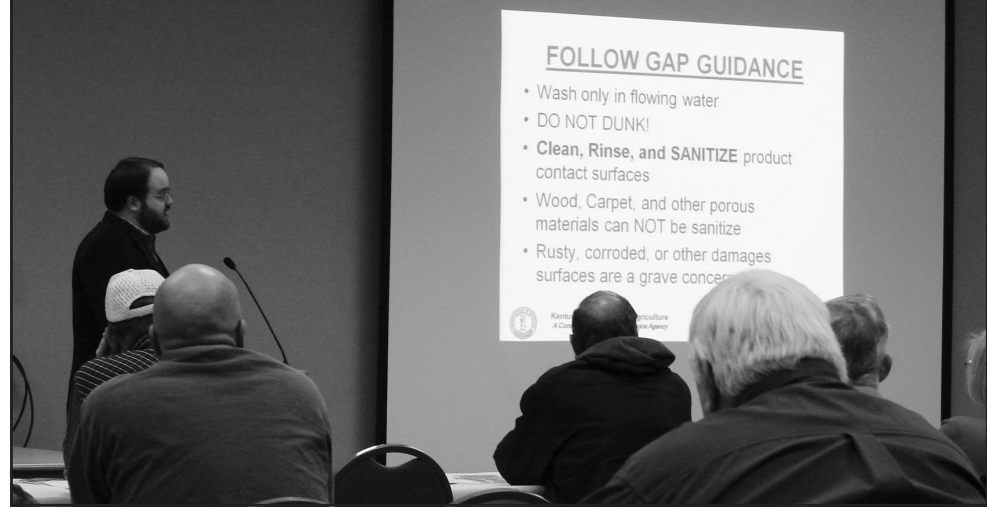


Photo by Cecil Lawson
Adam Watson, University of Kentucky Dept. of Horticulture, discussed presentation and safe handling of produce to local produce growers Thursday evening.

ty Ag Education Center in Owingsville.

Sarah Fanin, Extension Agent for Agriculture from Morgan County, introduced the event to the more than 50 area participants and their families.

Over the course of the evening, which included a meal prepared by Bath County Extension Agent for Agriculture Gary Ham-

ilton and Mary Glenna Snedegar, director of the Kentucky Market Pavilion, the audience was introduced to topics such as presentation and food safety by Adam Watson, the organic program manager for

the Kentucky Department of Agriculture; vegetable and fruit variety updates and selection, by Dr. Tim Coolong, University of Kentucky; and home fruit production by Shawn Wright, University of Kentucky.

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Fiduciary: James Moore
Address: 441 Sycamore St., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Administrator
Attorney: Dawn C. Letcher
Address: 125 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311
Date of Appointment: 12-05-12

Decedent/Ward: Janie Katherine Hendricks
Address: 105 W. Chestnut St., Carlisle, KY 40311
Fiduciary: Jason M. Metcalfe
Address: 105 W. Chestnut St., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Co-Guardian
Attorney: Dawn C. Letcher
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Date of Appointment: 12-12-12

Decedent/Ward: Mayme House
Address: 434 Maple Grove Rd., Moorefield, KY 40350
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Address: 126 Catherine Street, Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Executrix
Attorney: Joseph H. Conley: Conley & Conley Attorneys
Address: 227 North Broadway, Carlisle, KY 40311
Date of Appointment: 12-19-12

All persons having claims against the above decedents/wards are notified to file same, properly proven, with respective representatives no later than six months from the date of appointment.

Witness my hand this, the 20 day of December, 2012
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OPINION

Peters named Teacher of the Year



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Peters. She inspired me to become the person I am today. Students of Maysville Community and Technical College are fortunate to have such a talented Spanish instructor."

Mrs. Peters is a resident of Maysville. She began her teaching career in Grundy, Virginia. She received a Masters in Spanish Language and Literature from Eastern Kentucky Uni-

versity. Ann has taught at various schools over the years, English at Elizabethtown Community College at Fort Knox, taught Owensboro Junior College and Owensboro High School and Owensboro Catholic High School. Ann moved to Maysville in 1988 and taught Spanish at Mason County High School. Mrs. Peters also started Kentucky's first Spanish program for elementary students for Covington Independent Schools. Ann Peters said, "I consider it a privilege to work for the community college system. Teaching traditional and non-traditional students is a blessing. I have learned as much from them as they have from me. My 6th grade teacher treated me harshly and so in my teaching career I vowed to become the complete opposite of her so my students would have a positive experience and never feel demeaned. I leave my ego at the door and teach my students because it's about them. The key to teaching is having a positive attitude and a sense of humor."



Photo Submitted

Left: Charles M. "Matt" Watson, Dr. Lynda Kenney, chair of the ATMAE executive board; and Dr. Nilesh Joshi.

When Matt Watson submitted a research paper, along with his adviser, Dr. Nilesh Joshi, AET professor, to the ATMAE (Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering) 2012 conference, little did he know that he was about to embark upon a journey, the likes of which he had never experienced before. Their paper, titled, "Integrated CAD/CFD Analysis of HVAC Fresh Air Intake System Design of an On-Highway Crane," was not only accepted for inclusion in the ATMAE conference proceedings, but was also selected as the "Best ATMAE

2012 Conference Proceedings Paper" after a rigorous blind peer review process followed by a review by six past and present members of ATMAE's Executive Board. That process winnowed from more than 196 presentations, down to 44 paper submissions, then to the nine top papers in different tracks, until finally their paper came out #1. The paper was the culmination of more than a year's worth of work that ultimately resulted in a new design of a HVAC fresh-air intake system for an on-highway crane.

Watson also participated in the Gradu-

ate Student Research Competition at the conference. Based on the merits of submitted abstracts, a few graduate students were selected from across the nation to make presentations on their on-going graduate-level research projects, and once again, his work came out on top and he was declared the winner of the competition.

He was awarded the "2012 Kate and Cliff Strandberg Masters Student Scholarship", which is reserved for individuals that have exhibited leadership potential and declare an interest in providing leadership in the future at the national level.

Additionally, Watson received "The Early Career Achievement Award," which recognizes the superior performance and achievement of recent industrial technology graduates who are members of ATMAE and who have demonstrated leadership and superior performance in business and industry. He was awarded prizes including cash awards and multiple award plaques at this year's ATMAE conference held in Nashville.

"During the Awards Banquet, as Matt made his way up on stage to collect his awards, he

BREAD OF LIFE

Deuteronomy 30-19 I call Heaven and Earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live; 20 that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleanse unto Him for he is thy life and the length of thy days that thou mayest Dwell n the land which the Lord sware unto thy Fathers, to Abraham to Isaac, and to Jacob to give them.

Joshua 1-8 this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: But thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest,

Isaiah 119 if ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the Land; 20 - but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 26-3 thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee. 4. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehouah is everlasting strength.

Psalm 91-1 he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. 2. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in Him

will I trust v. 10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come night they dwell-ing.

16. With love life will I Satisfy Him and Shew Him my salvation. Matt 4-4 but he answered and said it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Psalm 119-105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 92-13 those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the court's of our God. Psalm 122-1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Deutronomy 28-2 and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Psalm 5-11 but let all those that put their trust in thee re-

joice let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. 12. For thou, Lord wilt bless the righteous; with favor will thou compass Him as with a shield.

1st John 3-22 and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1st John 5-4 for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Romans 14-17 for the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

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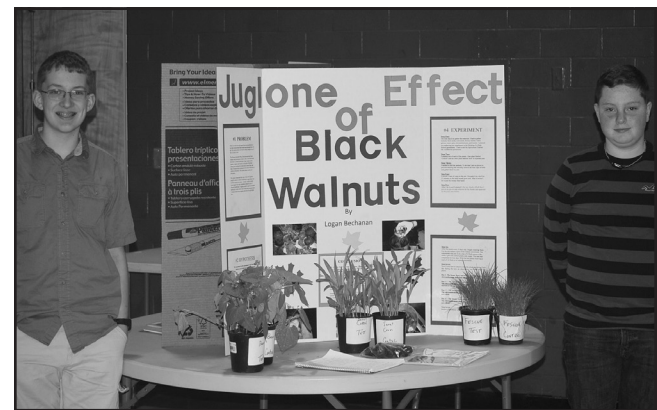
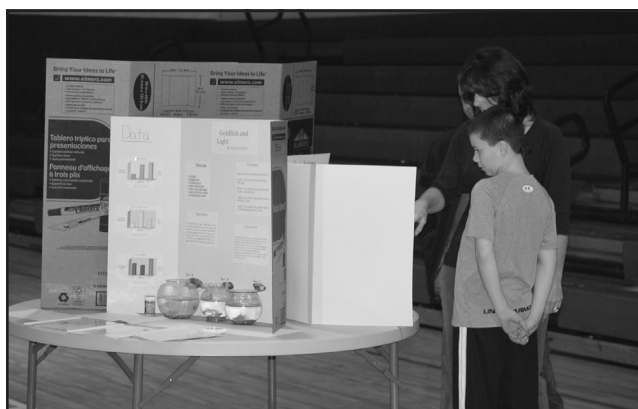
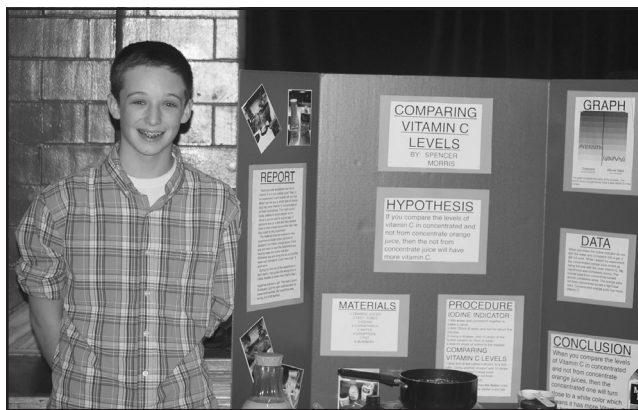
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Science Fair



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By Eric Tolson
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The seventh-grade students at Nicholas County Middle School had their first Science Fair on Tuesday to present their projects what they have learned in various areas of science throughout the year. The students were asked to choose an area of science (either Physical, Life or Earth Science) and

present an experiment in their chosen field. Later that night, they brought their parents to school to present their projects and experiments to them.

In Physical Science, first place was awarded to Drew Davis, Wilson Switzer and Sam Hamilton. Second place was presented to Taran Jones, while third place was awarded to Isaiah Gaunce, Cameron Reid and Spen-

cer Morris.

In Life Science, first place was awarded to Merrick Johnson. Second place was awarded to Reganne Miller and Logan Bechanan and third place was presented to Kayley Letcher and Trina Hughes.

In Earth Science, Mariah Richardson

took first place while Nathon Ramirez was awarded second place.

Judged as a whole, Merrick Johnson took first place overall. Second place was presented to Wilson Switzer and third place was awarded to Sam Hamilton.

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Student Leadership training for MCTCS



The student leadership training took place on December 12, 2012 at the Golden Corral in Georgetown, KY. Students from Maysville Community and Technical College were exposed to many leadership skills from the panel of guest speakers who brought very specific presentations to share.

Donna Slone-Crumble, English Professor, welcomed and introduced everyone at the training. Next, Dr. Pate, Chief Academic Officer, spoke about how to develop good leadership habits and the alignment of skills and

people into jobs that fit their profile. Dr. Pate said, "A leader's job is truly to align people's lives with what will make them successful."

Millicent Harding, MCTC Diversity Recruiter, discussed policies and procedures for student organizations. Kaye Seither, Paris Extension Coordinator, discussed how to make the best first impression possible and how to shake hands. Sandy Smallwood, communications instructor, discussed personalities and had everyone take the Insight Personality Assessment. Every-

one that participated discovered a personality color that became a code for directed traits they have. The knowledge is designed to help the person tested to see good qualities as well as those peculiarities that could use improvement.

Many courses of study help bring about stronger leadership skills and qualities, and if you find this an interest of yours you are urged to contact the Licking Valley Campus at 859-234-8626 extension 66426. Ask for more information about certain classes that help develop leadership.

Maysville Community and Technical College holds Q&A

By Eric Tolson
KYNewsGroup

With the coming Maysville Community and Technical College branch in Carlisle, staff members at MCTC held a question

and answer session at the Nicholas County Public Library on Monday night. "Currently, we are offering five classes in Carlisle for students," said Ann Denham, Public Relations Specialist. "We offer

Introduction to Interpersonal Communication, English 102, History of Kentucky, Essentials of Abnormal Psychology and Spanish 2. We hope to expand our curriculum further and be able to offer more classes if

the demand increases. Several people have already come forward and asked about signing up for classes, so this is very exciting." One of major factors that prevent someone from going to college is the issue of financially

not being able to afford paying for classes. "We try to work with everyone who wants to attend college classes," said Denham. "We offer financial aid and some can even apply for student loans. We just want to make

college available to anyone, regardless of age or income, so that more opportunities are available to them. And with a branch now located in Carlisle, traveling long distances to college is no longer an issue."

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A look back at the year of 2012

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It has been quite a year in Nicholas County! They year 2012 found many groups disband, while many came together in the name of community, efficiency and tragedy. While a simple list could barely touch on the impact that these events brought us, we thought it only appropriate to give a month-by-month account of some of the bigger evens within our community.

January

January saw a change in the insurance rates for employees of Nicholas County, which was discussed in a Special Called meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. Although the county decided to change their policies over to M.C. Blair Insurance and Steven Parish Insurance, the cost remained the same for county employees in the year of 2012 as it was in 2011.

January also saw the passing of Gatewood Galbraith, a frequent candidate for the office of governor of Kentucky and a native of Nicholas County. Galbraith of also pursued the offices of state attorney general, agricultural commissioner and United States Representative. He was a brilliant criminal-defense leader, worthy political adversary and a gifted speaker. He valued honesty and hard work above all Galbraith passed away in his bed at his Lexington, Kentucky home on January 4 at the age of 64.

January 13 was the last day of business for a short-lived business in

Carlisle. Dairy Cheer, formerly of Concrete Road, closed its doors after less than four years in business. The fall of Dairy Cheer was indeed a sad event for its 14 employees.

The Nicholas County Bluejacket Cheerleaders took first place at the 2012 Tenth Regional KAPOC Cheerleading Competition on January 22. The competition, which was hosted at Nicholas County High School, included performances from several high schools in the area including: Bourbon County, Campbell County, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County and several others.

February

The redistricting of area across Kentucky took place in February. The primary change that this redistricting brought about was in regards to state and regional governmental districts across the state. Only a small shift has been seen in the 72nd District, which includes Bath, Nicholas and Bourbon Counties.

Caleb Pope, a Nicholas County High School football player, signed to play football and run track at Georgetown College on February 6th. Pope is the holder of school records in both scoring and rushing and was one of the top three rushers in the state. "We are really excited and happy for Caleb," said Athletic Director Robert Hopkins.

Mark Hughes, long-time Nicholas County Fire Chief, was dismissed by members of the County's Fire Protection Board following a 6-hour executive session during the meeting on February 10th. Hughes's dismissal

was mostly attributed to maintenance issues within the fire department. Six charges were presented against Hughes, but three of them were dropped. Of the three remaining charges, two charges were for inefficiency on the job and one charge was for misconduct. The members voted 3-2 to dismiss Hughes from his position.

One of many Fiscal Court meetings was held on February 14th to discuss a proposed Nuisance Ordinance for Nicholas County. One of the most controversial issues of the Ordinance was the prohibition of junked, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles in the view of passing motorists. At first, this ordinance was being contested on the grounds of those who operate auto salvage businesses being exempt from these jurisdictions.

March

On March 2nd, several severe storms and tornadoes ravaged parts of Central Kentucky, often leaving total devastation in their wake. Arguably one of the most heavily affected areas was West Liberty, located just east of Richmond, in which residents were left without homes and searched for neighbors and loved ones under the rubble.

Kentucky State Police began investigation of the shooting of a man on March 8 by his son during a domesticated altercation. According to police, Larry Fritts fired a single shot from a 9mm handgun into his son, Eric Fritts's, chest.

On March 15, Stephanie Hutchinson and Stacey Hutchinson were arrested by Sheriff Jeff Sidles following an inci-

dent near their Johnson Road home, which involved a school bus. According to Sheriff Sidles, the couple was blocking the road and not letting the bus, which at the time had children aboard, pass. Stephanie Hutchinson was charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and terroristic threatening. Stacey Hutchinson was charged with terroristic threatening.

During a March 23rd meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, a resolution was signed to grant new hand-held radios for officials in Nicholas County. The digital radios cost approximately \$1,200 each the total of the two grants that made this possible totals approximately \$56,000.

The week of March 24th was a successful one. The annual county-wide cleanup, a free service that is offered once a year to help clean up Nicholas County and use this free service, is provided by the Fiscal Court. Nicholas County residents were asked to use this event as an opportunity to dispose of residential debris at the Nicholas County Convenience Center.

April

A veteran law enforcement officer suffered paid suspension following action taken by Carlisle Mayor Kevin Booth. Reasons for Officer Snedegar's suspension were cited as "leaving the city unprotected. The incident in question came on April 9, when Snedegar responded to two instances in which he assisted Sheriff Sidles.

The Carlisle Police Department responded twice to arguments at a residence on April 6th,

in which an arrest was made. Justin Linville, 22, was charged with one count of Criminal Mischief in the third degree and one count of menacing. Reportedly, Linville was at his father's residence when his wife, whose name was not given, angrily drove off. Linville then jumped on to the car and fell off, injuring his knee. He was transported to Nicholas County Hospital, where his injuries were treated.

After almost nine months of being off of work due to a knee injury, Kentucky News Group Manager Melissa Mitchell resumed her former duties on April 2nd. Mitchell, a lifelong resident of Moorefield, and a familiar face to all the citizens of Nicholas County, said that she was glad her knee was healed enough to return to work and was enthusiastic about providing personal and professional service one again to the citizens of Nicholas County.

The Nicholas County National honor Society held their annual induction ceremony for juniors at Nicholas County High School April 19. Students inducted were: Austin Allison, B.J. Amburgey, Spencer Bailey, Hannah Boykin, Shannon Bretz, Finn Brutsman, Jacob Fryman, Katelyn Crawford, Anthony Gilvin, Toby Howard, Zach Howard, Laurel Hughes, Briana Ishmael, Elizabeth Johnson, Andrew Jones, Adrienne Letcher, Kendra Letcher, Reesa Martin, Anna Mattox, Laura Parrish, Ethan Smith, Sabrina Smith, Jacob Snapp, Arris Stacy, Brooke Tyree, Shelby Wade and Nolan Woosley.

May

Jeff Sidles and Martha Moss were reelected to their positions as Sheriff of Nicholas County and Nicholas County Clerk after a landslide victory on the May 22 election. Sidles garnered almost 70 percent of the votes for the county while Moss received nearly 60 percent of the votes.

Following a three-day suspension, Carlisle Police officer Mark Snedegar resumed his duties following a special called meeting of the Carlisle City Council on May 10th. Snedegar was suspended following two incidents in April, in which he assisted Sheriff Sidles during a drug-related arrest. Snedegar faced eight charges, four of which he was found guilty for.

Following a special-called meeting of the Nicholas County Fire Board on April 26, the County Fire Department was no longer an active entity. Doug French was named as the Nicholas County Fire Chief, much to the dismay of 12 county firefighters with a combined 275 years of experience in the field. Upon the naming of French as the new Fire Chief, each of the fire fighters handed letters of resignation to French, severing their ties with the fire department.

Tracey Brown was appointed to the Nicholas County Fire Board in May upon the recommendation of Judge Kenny Lyons and several county employees. The appointment of Brown to the board was the latest in several appointments following

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the resignation of a majority of board trustees as well as a majority of county fire fighters. This occurred in the wake of the appointment of Doug French as County Fire Chief.

June

Lois Gates, former employee at Nicholas County Hospital, retired from her position after 50 years of dedicated service. "I thank God for the opportunity to have worked with such wonderful people," said Gates.

Kentucky State Police investigated a number of acts of arson around Nicholas County following several suspicious fires over the course of one weekend in June. It was confirmed by Sheriff Jeff Sidles that at least three fires that occurred from Saturday through Monday mornings were being investigated by the Nicholas County Fire Department and Kentucky State Police arson investigators.

On June 12th, Sheriff Sidles and Deputy Mark Snedegar confiscated 75 marijuana plants on a farm off of Abner's Mill Road in northeastern Nicholas County.

June saw welcoming of a new face at the Nicholas County Cooperative Extension Office. Rachel Abney, a 2010 EKU graduate and former substitute teacher, was named an extension agent at the office. Abney's hiring followed the promotion of former agent Kim Foster to Extension Specialist at the 4-H office in Lexington.

July

The decision was made by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court to enforce the nuisance ordinance following discussion regarding property located on Moorefield Road. The property had become a health hazard to the neighbors in and around Moorefield. It was decided by the Fiscal Court to get someone to clean up the property so that it was no longer an issue. This was one of the earliest known issues addressed regarding the newly passed Nuisance Ordinance by the Fiscal Court.

Following an absolute auction on July 10, Frank Burkhard of Bourbon County had purchased the former Lake Carnico Country Club building for \$75,500.

At the July 9th meeting of the Carlisle City Council, Mayor Kevin Booth commended Fire Chief Jim Biddle and the efforts of the Carlisle City Fire Department for their hard work and response the June 29th fire on North Locust Street that destroyed a very historical building and almost claimed a sizable portion of the entire city block.

August

In August, Kristi Sidles retired from the Carlisle Drug Store after 23 years of dedicated service. It was indeed a tearful last day, as she had known her coworkers for many years.

An accident at the KU Electricity Substation on August 25th left 1,431 citizens in Carlisle and Nicholas County without power for several hours. Due to the tireless efforts of the Carlisle City Fire Department, the fire was

quickly extinguished.

A Carlisle man was arrested following a shooting incident on Arnold Heights on August 15. Jeremy Hughes, 28, was arrested and charged with wanton endangerment in the first degree, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence. Officers were dispatched to the scene and found a mailbox that had been shot and several gun pellets in the residence.

The members of the Carlisle Police Department, as well as the Carlisle City and Nicholas County Fire Departments were able to communicate using digital radios following their purchase using \$56,800 through a grant from the Federal Communications Commission.

September

One person was arrested after police found a large amount of marijuana, including 32 mature marijuana plants, a large indoor grower and several other paraphernalia in the Jackstown area of Nicholas County on August 30. Arnold David Payne, 49, was charged with Trafficking and Possession of marijuana, Possession of drug paraphernalia and cultivation of marijuana. Payne was later released from the Bourbon County Detention Center on a \$2,500 Surety Bond on August 30th.

A motorcycle vs. automobile accident on East Union Road left one man severely injured on the evening of September 7th. Ronnie Arnold, the operator of the motorcycle, suffered severe leg injuries and was airlifted from the scene to the University of Kentucky hospital in Lexington. The investi-

gation was turned over the Kentucky State Police.

October

After being called to respond to a series of fires in rural Nicholas County on October 5th, a Nicholas County fire truck was overturned on Lake Road. Witnesses at the scene of the incident state that another vehicle forced the fire truck off the road. The fires, which have been found to have been a result of arson, carry an Arson 1st Degree charge and could cause the guilty party to serve 20 years to life in prison due to the safety of firefighters being compromised while responding.

After allegedly violating standard operating procedures, Police Chief Darrell Layne was brought before the city council to hold a hearing on the matter. After a lengthy closed session, Mayor Kevin Booth made the decision to fully reinstate Layne to active duty, much to the relief of those citizens present.

Paul May, Joshua Haddox and Russell Sowers were arrested in October for their suspected involvement in a series of fires in Nicholas County that left several buildings devastated and a county fire truck out of commission. This case remains under investigation and the suspects are still on trial.

Crockett's grocery store, a main stay in Carlisle for more than 55 years, opened under new owners in the fall of 2012. The Saver Group purchased the building and property from Carolyn Crockett and converted the building into a Save-A-Lot grocery store.

The Nicholas County Fire Board held a special-called meeting on October 23rd to discuss the spending of the \$96,000 in insurance money received as a result of the recent damage done to a county fire truck. The board decided that the purchase of a new fire truck would best fit the needs of the department.

November

Sam Terrell was sentenced to federal prison in November 2012. Terrell entered an Alford Plea in Nicholas County Circuit Court on October 16 and was sentenced to 18 years in prison. According to authorities, Terrell murdered his mother, Betty Jo Terrell, on May 13, 2011. He was charged with murder, criminal mischief in the 3rd Degree and terroristic threatening.

At the November 12th meeting of the Carlisle City Council Meeting, Jay Moreford discussed with the council about the paying of the county's fire bill to the city for services performed by the Carlisle City Fire Department in the wake of resignation of several members of the Nicholas County Fire Department. Mayor Kevin Booth had previously disclosed to city and county officials that he would be seeking legal action for the \$4,615 that was being charged to the Nicholas County Fire Department.

Wilbur Burton, a Carlisle Native, was recognized for his service in the United States Army in World War II in the Pacific Theatre. Several medals were presented at the Thompson-Hoot Veterans Center where General Buntin currently resides and were

part of the Veteran's Day Program at the facility.

Dixie Norton, Phlebotomist at Nicholas County Hospital, retired after 57 years on the job. Norton began working at the Nicholas County Hospital at its previous location on Scrubgrass Road. "I'll definitely miss the people I've worked with over the years."

December

In December, Carlisle welcomed two new officers to join the Carlisle Police Department. Mark McClure and Maurice Lykins, both from Paris City Police and having impressive experience in law enforcement, were happy to join the force.

The fourth graders of Nicholas County Elementary raised more than 1,000 items for the Backpack Program, much more impressive than their original 100 item goal. The students decided to do this instead of spending money and exchanging gifts as usual, a very noble gesture.

One of the most controversial issues of the year is also one of the most recent. In the wake of the December 14th shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newton, Connecticut that left 20 children and seven adults dead, it was decided by the Nicholas County Board of Education to implement a more stringent security policy to ensure the safety of the students at Nicholas County Schools. Certain aspects of these new security measures are highly contested among parents. The Mercury will follow this story as it develops.

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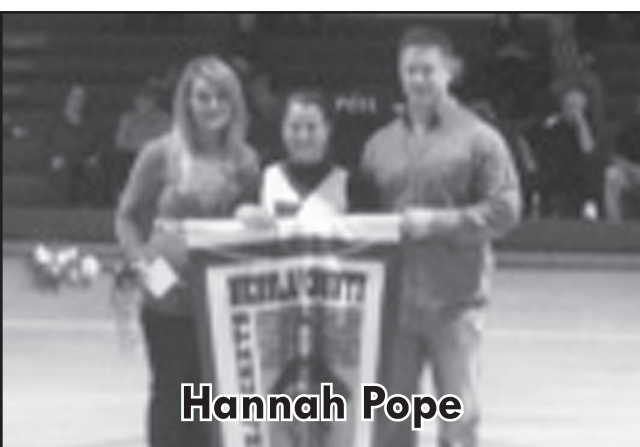
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Kentucky's jobless rate dropped to 8.2 percent in November 2012

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate dropped to 8.2 percent in November 2012 from a revised 8.4 percent in October 2012, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The preliminary November 2012 jobless rate was .9 percentage points below the 9.1 percent rate recorded for the state in November 2011.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to 7.7 percent in November 2012 from 7.9 percent in October 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

In November 2012, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,085,424, an increase of 1,423 individuals compared to the previous month, and employment also grew with the addition of 5,814 jobs.

"For the first 11 months of 2012 the unemployment rate in Kentucky has averaged 8.4 percent or 1.2 percentage points below the same period last year," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "We are now adding jobs at the same pace as the pre-recession period."

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs

in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment rose by 3,800 jobs in November 2012 from the previous month. On an over-the-year basis, the state's nonfarm employment has grown by 2.1 percent with the addition of 37,600 jobs.

Nonfarm data is provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. According to this survey, six of Kentucky's 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors registered gains in employment, while four declined and one remained the same.

Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector rebounded in November with 4,000 more jobs than in October 2012. This is the largest sector in Kentucky with 379,000 positions, and accounts for about 20 percent of nonfarm employment. Since November 2011, jobs in this sector have increased by 12,400 or 3.4 percent.

"The largest gain was in transportation, warehousing and utilities with a month-to-month increase of 2,700 jobs and a gain of 4,600 jobs from a year ago. Retail trade employment was up by 7,300 from the same period a year ago," said Shanker. "Businesses seem to be expressing confidence in holiday sales opportunities by increased hiring."

The leisure and hospitality sector grew by 1,800 jobs in November 2012. Since November 2011, the sector has expanded by 9,900 positions. This sector includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.

The construction sector posted an increase of 900 positions in November 2012 from a month ago. Since November 2011, employment in construction has fallen by 800 positions or 1.2 percent.

"This year the mild spring spurred construction activity in the early part of the year. After that for eight successive months employment has declined in the construction sector compared to the same period a year ago. In spite of low mortgage rates, the housing overhang hasn't cleared and is still dampening employment," said Shanker.

The number of jobs in the other services sector, which includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services, and religious organizations, rose by 300 in November 2012. Compared to a year ago, there has been a gain of 900 jobs.

The educational and health services sector grew by 200 jobs in November 2012. The sector has posted a decline of 500 jobs since November 2011.

"The recent month-over-month decline in health care jobs is related to consolidation in health services and an increased effort at cost management," Shanker

said. Employment in the mining and logging sector went up by 200 positions in November 2012. The number of jobs in this sector has dropped by 1,400 or 6.3 percent since last November.

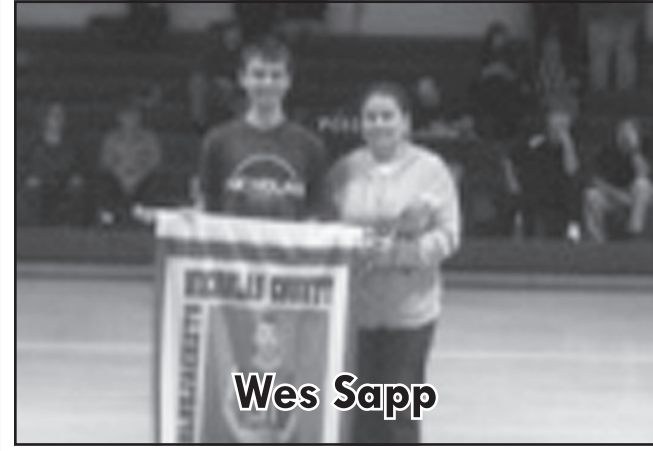
Kentucky's professional and business services sector remained the same from October 2012 to November 2012. This category includes establishments engaged in services that support the day-to-day activities of other organizations, including temporary employment services. Since last November, jobs in the sector have increased by 13,800.

"Compared to a year ago, the professional and business services sector has had the largest overall employment gain among all industries in terms of the number of jobs and in the percentage increase with a gain of 7.2 percent," said Shanker.

The financial activities sector lost 500 jobs in November 2012. Compared to November a year ago businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing added 1,000 jobs.

The information sector dropped by 500 jobs in November 2012. This segment has 100 more positions compared to November 2011. The industries in this sector include traditional publishing as well as software publishing; motion pictures and broadcasting; and telecommunications.

The government sec-



Wes Sapp

tor, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, decreased by 500 jobs in November 2012. The sector had 300 fewer jobs compared to November 2011.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector lost 2,100 jobs or 1 percent in November 2012 compared to the previous month. Since November 2011, employment in manufacturing has increased by 2,500 jobs or 2.1 percent.

"A few unusual monthly fluctuations in manufacturing employment have been the result of unexpected shut downs and some production line glitches. But the over-the-year trend has held steady for 28 months," said Shanker.

Civilian labor force sta-

tistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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Shop with a trooper



Photo by Eric Tolson

On Wednesday, December 19th, Masquerade Jewelry held a jewelry sale at Nicholas County Hospital in support of charity. Several Nicholas County Hospital employees, as well as many other Nicholas County citizens, came to the sale to contribute to the cause and even to pick up some last-minute Christmas gifts.



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Several students from Nicholas County Schools will have a Merry Christmas, thanks to members of the Kentucky State Police.

Similar to the "Shop with a Cop" program, "Shop with a Trooper" allows elementary school children to go to Target in Florence, Kentucky with members of the Kentucky State Police and purchase Christmas presents.

The "Shop with a Trooper" program is funded from donations from across the state. During their trips to Florence, the children went to see Santa Claus and even got to meet two members of the Cincinnati Bengals football team.

Afterward, they were taken to Target to purchase their items for Christmas. "All of the students who attended had a wonderful time," said Paula Hunter, Family Resource Center Coordinator.

Unified juvenile code task force wraps up its work for 2012

A state task force that has spent months looking at the state's juvenile code approved a final report today but is not making recommended changes to the code until the issue can be studied further. Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, who is the House co-chair of the Task Force on the Unified Juvenile Code, said discussion about what changes should be made will likely continue after the 30-day regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly, which begins Jan. 8. "This is not an area of the law, of course, with the creation of a task force, that we deemed an easy fix," Tilley said today. "Even before we had our first meeting, we anticipated the reauthorization of this task force to move on into the interim after this short session." Tilley said continued discussion will allow more voices—including those of consultants, officials from out of state, and representatives from mental health agencies—to be heard.

Task Force reauthorization would have to be approved by the General Assembly during its legislative session. The four top issues that have been discussed by the task force over the past several months include how to best deal with "status offenders" (children who have committed offenses that would not be considered crimes if committed by an adult), risk assessments, information sharing, and "financial mapping"—essentially tracking where the money goes. "Whether it relates to financial mapping or assessments, those pieces have not been done yet...in order to properly take what may be legislative action at the appropriate time, we have to have information from those two pieces," Tilley said. Kentucky Department for Community Based Services Commissioner Teresa James said any recommendations for a change in delivery of mental health care to children need to be made carefully so that "10 years from now, we're not looking back and having regrets in the decisions that we made." As far as financial mapping goes, James said grant writing and other financial planning needs to be done with all stakeholders involved, including the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Justice Cabinet, Department of Education, and others. A consultant who has done financial mapping work in states that include Wisconsin and Maine will be brought in early next year to assist in the effort, she said. Task force member and veteran public defender Peter Schuler said he felt the report, which was approved by the task force later during the meeting, "does not reflect the work that we have done." He then presented written proposals for the task force members' consideration that the understood would not be brought up today for a vote. Tilley explained the proposals would be valuable as the discussion on amending the code moves forward. "This is what the process should be about," said Tilley. "We all want to do what's

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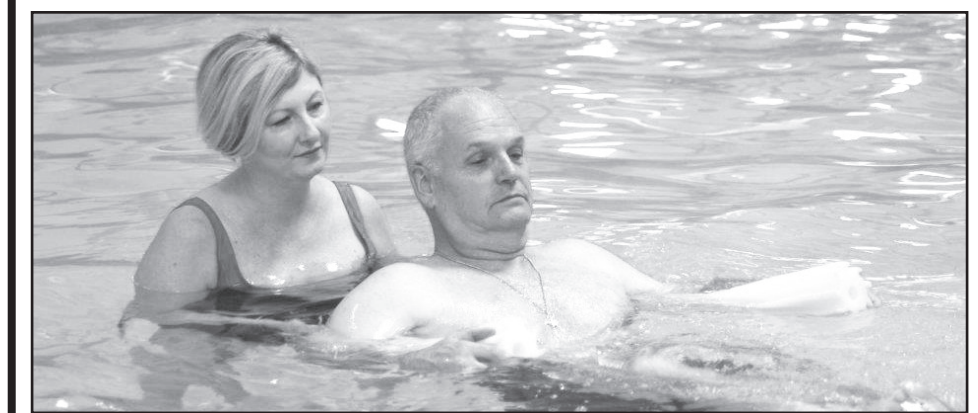
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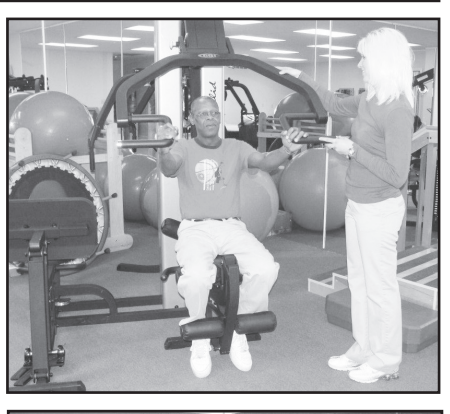
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Winterfest 2012



Photos by Eric Tolson
Students from all around Carlisle and Nicholas County came to Nicholas County Elementary School last Thursday's Winterfest to enjoy an evening of fun and games. Several Holiday-themed events were provided for the children, with many of the booths being operated by Nicholas County High School students

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and malnutrition. "They told us in another 24-48 hours that dog would have had no chance at survival," Johnson said. "To me, it's kind of a miracle it survived anyway, as bad as it looked."

The dog, which is a white Siberian husky, is recovering and gaining weight-about eight pounds thus far and is now being lodged at the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society facility.

The dog was named Snow Chief and has responded lovingly to his saviors, according to Johnson.

"The dog seems like it's healing now and is

friendly," Johnson said. "This dog sure is a lot more forgiving than I expected. We see the things that people do to animals and it is no wonder the horrible things we see them do to one another."

The problem of mistreating animals is not isolated to Nicholas County.

Johnson, a former Fleming County Deputy, whose wife Staci is the animals control officer in Robertson County, said the problem is regional.

For several years in a row, Kentucky has led the nation in having the weakest animal protection laws and has ranked last in punishing offenders.

Johnson recalled an incident several months

ago in the small rural community of Hilltop in southern Fleming County where a group of young adults were suspected of a random shooting of a world class Walker coon hound.

"The owner had a GPS tracker and asked me to help locate his dog so I did and I found him shot in the head in a creek, just a few hundred yards from where a group of young adults were. They were just laughing about it and since we couldn't find a gun we couldn't charge them, but I'm almost 100 percent sure they did it, they denied it, but they were laughing about it and this gentleman had permission from the landowner to be there and the dog was on the landowner's prop-

erty when he was shot. The young men were on adjacent property. This was a world class bred coon hound worth several thousands of dollars and it was just killed for no reason. It's pretty pathetic."

Johnson said animals in deplorable condition are sometimes brought to the Robertson County Animal Shelter and although the condition of Snow Chief was terrible, Johnson said he did see one dog in even worse shape that was dropped off.

"We tried to save it, but it was just too far gone, heartbreaking. We had to put the dog down. We couldn't save it and it was suffering."

Mason County Sheriff Patrick Boggs has been

investigating a similarly deplorable act allegedly committed by a Mason County High School juvenile male who posted an image to Instagram which depicted himself dressed in a what appears to be a Mason County FFA jacket, with his hands around a beagle's throat, the beagle having just been shot in the head, appears to be still alive and the youth is shown glorifying over the animal while chocking it, with a disturbing look in his eyes at the camera. This image was sent to many people in Mason and Fleming County with the tag line stating that what the image depicted would be what would happen to any animal on the property.

"The person is a juvenile so I can't say much about it other than it is currently being handled in juvenile court," Sheriff Boggs said.

Bath County citizens have faced animal cruelty charges recently regarding abuse of horses, so the problem appears regional.

But the love and care and concern to help and protect abused animals seems just as prevalent.

Snow Chief has received mass support from all across the region, state and even out of state. Nicholas Officials who work with the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society say that over \$4,095 has been donated to the society to help Snow chief.

Fiscal Court Cont. from Page 1

internationally have heard about the dog and we've received more than 30 donations because of him. This has allowed the organization to have greater visibility than it has in the past."

"I don't see a problem with granting NCAWS greater access to the animal shelter at all," said Steve Hamilton. "I just don't want to go back to the negative ideal we had before."

It was suggested by members of the Fiscal Court that this matter could be reviewed further with a decision to be made in January.

Jimmy Wells made a motion to table the matter until January's meeting. Jeff Randolph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the 2013 Sheriff's Office budget as well as the salaries of the Deputy Sheriff and the Office Assistant.

Jeff Randolph made a motion to approve the salary of the Deputy Sheriff and the Sheriff's Office Assistant for the 2013 calendar year. Darvin Mitchell made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Webb then made a motion to approve the Sheriff's budget for the 2013 cal-

endar year. Jimmy Wells made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

The next matter of business was the approval of the salaries of Office Assistants and budget of the 2013 calendar year for the County Clerk's Office.

"Through the end of November, \$1,157,336 was spent in 2012 in the office," said Nicholas County Clerk Martha Moss. "We were budgeted at \$1,173,976. We spent an average of about \$50,000 per month, with an influx of spending during November."

The proposed budget for 2013 was reported to be approximately \$1.2 million.

Darvin Mitchell made a motion to approve the budget for the County Clerk's Office for the 2013 calendar year. Mike Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Steve Hamilton made a motion to set the maximum salary at \$106,000 for County Clerk Office Assistants for the 2013 calendar year. Jeff Randolph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Another item of business was acknowledgment of committee reports.

One of the issues in this was the matter of people digging through dumpsters at the county landfill.

"The building at the

landfill isn't in the greatest shape," said Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons. "There aren't any windows to the building that allow them to see people unloading their trash."

"Maybe we can explore the possibility of constructing a small building for the employees at the landfill," said Jeff Randolph. "That way, employees will be able to see the people who dispose of their trash so that theft and accidents can be prevented."

The members of the fiscal court discussed the possibility of putting a sign that prohibits people past the building without accompaniment from an employee.

After discussing this briefly, the fiscal court members moved onto new business.

"Bluegrass pride has a \$5,000 grant that would allow for playground equipment," said Judge Lyons. "I would like to apply for this grant in January. Additionally, there are two other grants due in January that would benefit the county."

These two grants are the Rubber Tire Grant and the Recycling Grant, both through the Division of Waste, are due on January 31st.

"As long as we're inclined, I see no reason not to pursue these grants," said Jeff

Randolph.

A motion was made by Jeff Randolph to approve the application of these grants. Jimmy Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next matter was the building of a four-unit

apartment on Sycamore Hills in Nicholas County.

Before construction can begin on this apartment, the county must sign off on the project.

Darvin Mitchell made a motion to approve the project. Jeff Randolph seconded

the motion. The motion was passed.

After discussing these matters, Jimmy Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darvin Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

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Deming GEARUP Students Visit Mason County Area Technology Center

On November 30, Deming GEARUP students traveled to Maysville to tour the Mason County Area Technology Center. The primary purpose of the area technology center is to serve high school students by enhancing and expanding student career options that lead to continuation of education at the post-

secondary level and/or successful employment upon graduation from high school. The role of the area technology center is vital in the overall scheme of economic development and provides an additional avenue for business and industry personnel to be trained.

Students were able to view different areas at

the technology center. These areas offer programs such as automotive technology, electrical technology, health sciences, and welding. Students who take classes at the area technology center learn technical education, hands-on training in program areas, as well as student placement assistance

and cooperative education, clinical, internship and practicum experiences.

Pictured are students who learned how to perform the Heimlich maneuver while visiting the health sciences department at the Mason County Area Technology Center.



Photo Submitted
 Carson Case recently took his first buck, the ten pointer was taken in Robertson County.



Photo Submitted
 Traffic is flowing and so is the water on the new Grassy Creek bridge in the Kentontown area of Robertson County. Grassy Creek bridge has been under construction for several months. People in the area are glad all that is left to do now is the cleanup as traffic will pick up as family and friends come home for the holidays



Photo Submitted
 These Deming Juniors are experiencing the excitement of receiving their high school class rings last week. Pictured left to right are: Chris King, Tyler Burns, Darrin Edwards, Kenzi Graves, Hannah Gifford, Katie Stewart, Jenna White, and Victoria Pack

2012: A year in review

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The year of 2012 has been quite an interesting one to say the least. While this year will always be one to remember for heartache and joy, it will always be instilled in us the memories that we have shared. With 2012 coming to a close, let's take a month-by-month look at some of the memories that have stood out.

January

The Bracken County Polar Bears wouldn't be denied in the second round of the FNB Classic. Deming fell victim to a determined Bracken County team as the Polar Bears prevailed in three overtimes. Bracken County outlasted Deming, defeating the devils 69-61 in triple overtime.

Tori Fields of Mt. Olivet left Robertson County and is currently attending Ole Miss University. Fields attended Deming High School before transferring to Bracken County where she was a recent graduate. She has been known for

her singing abilities for many years. Fields sang the National Anthem at the January 18th Ole Miss game in Oxford Mississippi.

Darlene Gifford of Mt. Olivet was elected Zone Director for the Kentucky State Fair Board. Gifford represented the Germantown Fair Board, which also received the All Kentucky Fair Award for the 2011 season.

Teresa Anderson, 49, of Mt. Olivet, was one of eight individuals who pleaded guilty to SSI fraud. Anderson admitted that she made false statements on SSI eligibility forms and other documents to receive an increase in SSI payments. Reportedly, Anderson falsely represented to the Social Security Administration that she and her husband were separated and living apart so she could receive an increase in SSI benefits, when the two were actually living together. From August of 2004 to April of 2011, Anderson reportedly defrauded the SSA of \$48,967.00. She pled guilty on December 9th.

February

In February, Deming students decided address the ongoing issue of bullying by taking a stand against the issue. In an effort to stop bullying in the school, Marina Vitatoe and Travis Miller designed a bulletin board in their school to inform their fellow students on the dangers of bullying.

Deming School in Robertson County was visited by a team from the Kentucky Department of Education in February. They met to observe and discuss best practices to share around the state about how to improve education throughout the state.

In February, the Deming Lady Devils won their first 38th District title since 1980 after defeating longtime rival, Harrison County by a score of 49-47.

March

The Deming High School girls' basketball program was well-represented when the 10th Region announced its honorees for the 2011-12 season last week. Deming senior guard/

forward Jessica Mitchell was named All-10th Region Third team. Senior forward/center Kelsey Carmack was named honorable mention following her final season with the Lady Devils.

Deming Senior Kelsey Carmack committed to play basketball and to further her education at Midway College. She carried on a family tradition as her mother Adrienne did before her in 1984 and 1985.

Two Deming School students had the opportunity to serve as pages in Frankfort, Kentucky on March 6. Jessica Mitchell, a junior at Deming High School, served in the House for Representative Tom McKee and Keeley Massey a sixth grader at Deming Elementary School, served in the Senate for Senator Robin Webb. They were given this opportunity to represent their school at the Capitol through the Family Resource and Youth Service Center Legislative Page Days.

April

The Mason County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sup-

ports Bracket, Mason and Robertson Counties, participated in Celebrity Server Night at Tumbleweed restaurant in Maysville on March 29. Participants included: Rod Rivera, David Cartmell, Rebecca Cartmell, Jamey Johnson, Allison Parker, Dwayne Rice, Gerald Curtis, John Parke and Hope Price.

Business Professionals visited Deming in April to stress the importance of education in their daily lives on the job at Deming High School's annual Job Fair.

Robertson County 4-H Teen Ambassadors participated in the Great American No Bull Challenge in April. The challenge requires groups to develop a video against cyberbullying and up-

load the video to the campaign's website. Robertson County's video, entitled "Robertson County 4-H," was voted in the top 100 videos.

May

In May, it was reported that Robertson County had donated 129 units of blood through 5 local blood drives over the course of the past year at the time. Deming FCCLA coordinates with Kentucky Blood Center to host the drives, which are held at the Deming School.

On May 18th, Deming High School held their last graduation. With the construction of the soon-to-be Robertson County High School, 2012 was the last year

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that the facility will be known as Deming High School.

Iconic lookalikes of famous musicians such as Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and Michael Jackson were seen at Deming School on May 15th as English 9 students portrayed musicians they had researched the previous week. The students presented their characterizations to the 8th graders, staff members and visitors in the library.

Mt. Olivet resident Donnie Kin received the 2012 Robertson County Leadership award. The award is given each year at the Spring Fling, held at the Robertson County Library. Each year, this award is given to someone who has contributed to making Robertson County and Mt. Olivet a better place to live.

June

Eli Dotson and Brady Boyd of Robertson County played for the Harrison County Stallions Travel Team this summer. The Stallions placed second in the Germantown 7U Coach Pitch Tournament that was held Memorial Weekend.

Travis Miller, a senior at Deming High School, was the 2012 recipient of a college scholarship from Kentucky Farm Bureau. A \$400 scholarship was awarded to Miller.

July

Joshua Underwood, Physical Science teacher at Deming High School, was the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Underwood, one of only 97 national recipients of the award, received the science award for the state

of Kentucky.

One-hundred pink balloons were released in honor of Elizabeth Gay's centennial. Ms. Gay, who was born on June 30, 1912, was honored on her 100th birthday at the Robertson County Health Care Facility.

On July 7th, Robertson County hosted a mock showmanship clinic where livestock kids in the county were trained in show ring ethics and showmanship skills. Participants in the show were Clay Cox, Julia McCloud, Ian Simpson, Ross Becker, Justin Becker, Savannah Marsh, Jackson Marsh, Garrett McCloud, Wesley McCloud, Carter Tuel, Abri Roberts, Reece Roberts and Cane Roberts. Cloverbud Grant Dischar practiced with hogs.

Despite threatening rain clouds, approximately 200 people came out for the free Johnny Wallace Memorial Concert on July 20. The concert was sponsored by Marvin Stewart and family in Mt. Olivet.

August

Ashley Gifford of Mays Lick was crowned the 2012 Miss Germantown Fair. Ashley is a 2012 graduate of Mason County High School. She has been a member of the Robertson County Tap Cloggers for many years.

Angie Schalch was announced as a Certified Community Action Professional by the National office of the Community Action Partnership.

The 1962 Deming High School class had their 50th reunion at Blue Licks State Park. Of the 26 members of the graduating class, 24 are currently living. Seventeen class members attended the reunion.

Deming High School

golfer Daulton Schalch qualified for the 2012 All "A" Classic State tournament.

September

Travis Miller of Deming High School was named a Senator Jeff Green Scholar by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority for outstanding academic performance in high school.

Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Michael Ross, a resident of Mt. Olivet, Kentucky, received his promotion certificate from Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown and KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer.

Robertson County welcomed a new business into town in September. Strut Your Cut is a hair salon owned by Jackie Hester and is located across the street from Robertson County School in Mt. Olivet.

Kentucky State Representative Tom McKee presented Robertson County Judge-Executive Billy Allison and the Fiscal Court with a \$200,000 on September 19. The money went on to be used for road repair and maintenance in Robertson County.

October

The Robertson County Coach Pitch teams "Devils" and "Reds" celebrated the end of their 2012 season with a picnic and hayride.

A two vehicle collision resulted in the death of a Mount Olivet man on October 4. According to Kentucky State Police, Clyde Brown, 52, struck and earth embankment after leaving the roadway on the left side. His vehicle came to rest on its side. Passenger Mary Littleton, 52, was unresponsive at the scene of the accident and was

later pronounced dead by the Robertson County Coroner.

Gary Barnett, 64, of Nicholas County, entered guilty pleas to the charges of terroristic threatening, criminal attempt to commit burglary, wanton endangerment in the second degree and manslaughter in the first degree. Barnett was charged in connection with the December 2011 death of Angie Spencer, 71, of Kenton Road in Robertson County.

November

In February, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer announced that the proceeds from the farm license plates would be divided equally among 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud. This was the first time that these proceeds would be divided among these organizations.

James Hay, 50, of Beechburg, was killed of inflicted gunshot wounds as a result of a

police shooting. Police said that they had tried for over an hour to reach a peaceful resolution. When Hay drew a weapon and pointed it at police, they were forced to engage Hay with gunfire.

Robertson County Community Center hosted the 17th annual Veteran's Social Luncheon. Following the luncheon, a wreath laying ceremony was held at the Veteran's monument, which is located in the Robertson County Courthouse yard.

Deming High School honored its 38th District girls' basketball championship team on Monday at the Devils' Dome during halftime of its season-opener versus Bourbon County.

December

The Robertson County Women's Club had a successful 2012 Christmas Parade. The Overall winner for the best float from any category was the float for Fosters

Chapel. Other winners in the parade included: Kentontown Christian Church, Piqua Christian Church and Mt. Olivet Christian Church. Winners in other categories included: Gingerbread Friends, Robertson County Tourism, Tyler Lippert, Frosty Friends, Harley Flack and family and Dewey Miller and family.

Robertson County Farm Bureau received the 2012 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville. This award honors county Women's Committees for active participation in leadership development programs, agricultural promotion, educational incentives and numerous other aspects of support.

Robertson County voted to pay \$5,000 in assistance to Nicholas County for their assistance in EMS runs for the year of 2013.

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