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Court enforces Nuisance Order

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted to enforce the nuisance ordinance at their second monthly meeting.

The decision was made following discussion regarding property located on 5213 Moorefield Road. This known property has become a health hazard to the neighbors in and around Moorefield. This house is giving off a horrific odor from dog feces and rats that are within the house. Neighbors have to smell this and with the hot dry conditions that we have been experiencing creates a health hazard for the neighbors in Moorefield.

"I have a signed complaint and the very day that the complaint was signed the owner passed away." Sheriff Sidles stated.

An official with the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contacted Dawn Letcher, the county attorney of Nicholas County and stated that the individual was not married so there is no spouse to take over the legal matters, according to discussion at the court meeting. There is one mortgage on the property and several liens on the property as well. So legally no one is going to step in until there is a foreclosure.

"This house probably can't be cleaned; it is beyond trying to get it clean." Magistrate Darvin Mitchell said.

Court members pondered if this is one of those situation where they want to step in and place a lien on the property and go in and clean it up to decrease the health hazard issue that this property is causing. And once the mortgage company forecloses on it the county will have a lien on it to

be able to get the money back of what it is costing the county.

"We don't have the authority to condemn the building because it is structurally sound, is what the Air quality people told the Judge Lyons and me" stated Sheriff Sidles.

"I feel it is our duty to protect the citizens around it. And we need to do what we can to protect them." Nicholas County Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons stated.

"I have pulled up to it and it smells like a dead dog, but that is not the case, the odor comes from the house due to dog feces, sewer backing up inside the house, and several other issues." Mitchell added.

Court members agreed to get someone to come in clean up the property to control the

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Photos by Eric Tolson

The 2012 team of the Nicholas County High School Softball became the 10th Region Champs in May 2012. The girls were Bluegrass conference Champs, All A Classic Champs, District Runners up, and 10th Region Champs. The team gathered for a team photo to be placed on a banner for the historical event of winning 10th Region in Softball for the first time in Nicholas County School History. Above Picture are back row L to R- Megan Bretz, Whitney Willoughby, Autumn Martin, Shannon Bretz, Reesa Martin, Sydney Fryman, Johnna Watkins, Superintendent Greg Reid, third row, High School Principal Marty Feltner, Athletic Director Robert Hopkins, Emily Curran, Asst. Coach Bill Martin, Asst. Coach Penny Bretz, Head Coach Barry Bretz, Asst. Coach Mike Johnson, Shania Mitchell, Asst Principal Barbara Allison, Bus Driver Billy Ray Hunter, second row McKenzie Hopkins, Dani Johnson, Laurel Hughes, Shelby Wade, Ashlee Garcia, Jania Wagoner, Tabby Ritchie, front row Cara George, Adrienne Letcher, Morgan Hamilton, Katelyn Smith, Grace Kiskaden, and Katie Stamper.

In the photo below, the softball team, parents, and grandparents presented Billy Ray Hunter with a rocking chair for the fun rides, support, and the good food that he gave the girls as their bus driver. The rocking chair has the Nicholas County Lady Jackets 21-10 record Region champs stamped on the rocking chair.

Emergency Personnel to respond to injury accidents



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A meeting last week initiated by Nicholas County Judge-Executive Kenny Lyons led to the agreement among emergency responders to follow a certain protocol in the future.

Personnel that attended the meeting were City Fire Dept Chief Jim Biddle, Assistant County Fire Chief Bill Denton, Emergency Management director Calvin Denton, Nicholas County Sheriff Jeff Sidles, Dispatcher John Sparks, Acting Fire Chairman Doug McCord, Nicholas County Ems-Med Corp

personnel member Rob Biddle, County Attorney Dawn Letcher, and Judge Lyons.

Judge Lyons did not criticize anyone but did stress the importance of "implementing some rules so everyone is on the same page."

The clarification of protocol came about do to an accident that recently occurred on Moorefield Road the previous.

Some protocols have been established but recent changes among emergency responder entities caused confusion.

An April 9, 2010 letter regarding the dispatch protocol was issued by then Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes,

Nicholas County Fire Chief, Chairman David Smith, Nicholas County Fire Board addressed to Carlisle/Nicholas County Dispatch; Carlisle Police Chief; Nicholas County Judge Executive; Paul Isaacs, General manager; Capt. Nelson Sewell.

The letter stated: "To Whom it May Concern; On April 5, 2010 a meeting of the Nicholas County Fire Board was held to discuss the policy on when, and how to dispatch the Nicholas County Fire Department. The seven-man board voted unanimously 6-0 with one board member absent. The vote was that the Nicholas County Fire Department be dis-

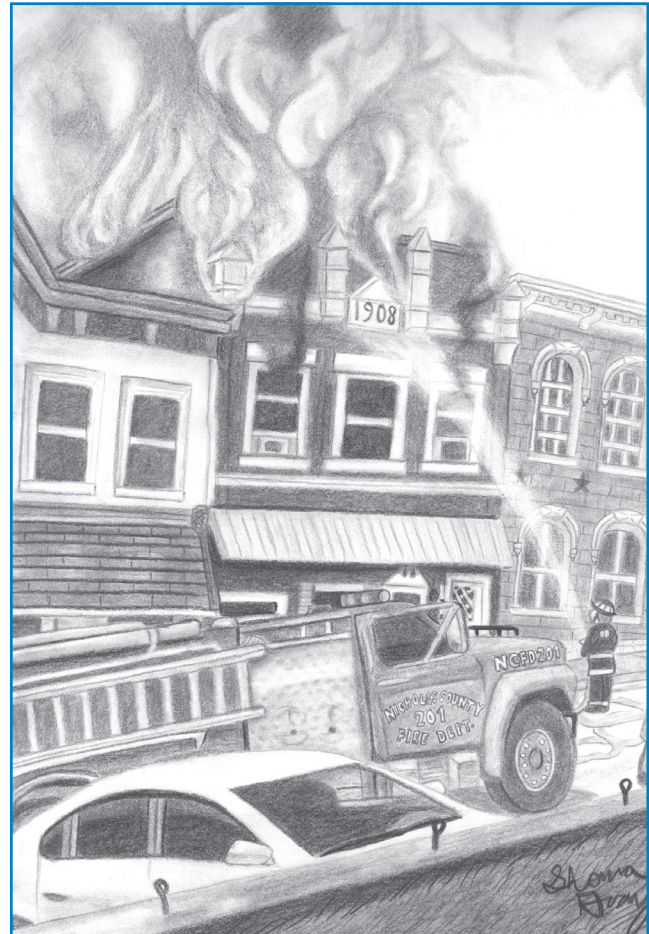
patched immediately on all Injury Motor Vehicle Accidents (10-46) regardless of entrapment or not in Nicholas County. This Policy is effective immediately."

The letter was signed by then Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, and David Smith Chairman of the Nicholas County Fire Board and by all of the fire board members.

Judge Lyons stated last week that he would like to see the protocol cover all injury accidents not just those involving motor vehicles.

"In an injury accident I would like to see the fire department and rescue squad to be dis-

**Protocol
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Shonna Gray, a graphic design artist with the Kentucky News Group and an employee of The Carlisle Mercury, used her drawing skills to capture the activity on Locust Street when a June 29 fire destroyed a historic building and threatened to consume a section of the city, including the Carlisle Mercury Office

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

"And so as tragic as the circumstances of what we've seen today are, as heartbreaking as it is for the families, it's worth us spending most of our time reflecting on young Americans like Allie and Stephanie. Because they represent what's best in us and they assure us that out of this darkness a brighter day is going to come."

President Barack Obama, as he spoke in Aurora, Colorado on July 22, regarding the tragic shooting at the local movie theater.

Allie Young, 19, and her best friend, Stephanie Davies, 21, were sitting just a few feet away from where suspected gunman James Holmes threw canisters during a July 20 midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in the Aurora Mall Theater.

As Holmes started firing into the crowd, Young, sensing she should warn others, stood up and was immediately shot.

"She was shot in the neck, and it punctured a vein and immediately she started spurting blood," President Obama said in a speech Sunday night. "And apparently as she dropped down on the floor, Stephanie -- 21 years old -- had the presence of mind to drop down on the ground with her, pull her out of the aisle, place her fingers over where she -- where Allie had been wounded, and applied pressure the entire time while the gunman was still shooting."

Obama said that Davies, despite being told by her best friend to run in order to save herself, refused to budge and remained by her friend's side until the SWAT team emerged at the scene. Davies, with the help of several others, then carried Young across two parking lots to an ambulance.

Young survived and her body continues to heal.

She survived because her friend's love for her was

strong and she did not waiver in her conviction.

The shooting, just another senseless act of violence in our nation, only reinforces my belief that every moment of every day is a blessing not to be taken for granted.

You can play by the rules, be a good person and a good member of society and still meet an unfair and much-too-early death.

This violent act has also acted as a vehicle for a deeper understanding for me, of what our Kentucky ancestors endured.

Imagine what the folks in Aurora would be thinking if the gunman escaped.

Imagine what they would be thinking if they realized the gunman would return, intent on doing additional carnage, and the next time he returned he would be bringing his psychotic friends with him.

This was the reality that our early Kentucky pioneers and their Native American counterparts lived with for several decades in the late 1700s.

Imagine surviving the devastating 1780 summer invasion of British and Native

IN THE SHADOW OF VIOLENCE

American warriors that left many the central Kentucky settlements of Ruddle's and Martin's Stations destroyed and their inhabitants taken prisoner.

Imagine how the lucky survivors of the Battle of Blue Licks felt after their defeat two years later.

I am reminded of George Stockton, who first explored north-eastern Kentucky in 1776 with his half brother John Fleming, his cousin Samuel Strode and his brother in-law William McCleary. They marked and claimed thousands of acres of land, built 20 small cabins and built their main cabin along the Warrior's Trail where a beautiful freshwater spring flowed from a small hidden cove.

That location would be called Stockton's Spring, and the small cabin would be the first built in what would one day be Flemingsburg.

Stockton, Strode and McCleary, returned east in the autumn of 1776 but Fleming stayed in Kentucky.

Stockton returned frequently, and returned with his family and several other Maryland families in 1787, when the group flotilla came down the Monongahela and Ohio Riv-

ers and landed at Maysville.

Stockton brought his wife, Rachel Dorsey Stockton and their children, Robert, George, Joshua, Phoebe (later wife of Joseph Barnes), and Edward. Michael Cassidy, the fierce little Irishman who first came to Kentucky in 1782 and who saved Fleming's life that same year during the Battle of Upper Blue Licks, had returned in June 1786, to Berkeley County Virginia, where Stockton and Fleming had strong ties. He came back to Kentucky in 1787 and in all probability came with Stockton. The Barnes family and the Williams family also came with Stockton and together they built a wilderness fortress known as Stockton's Station. Isaiah Keith, Stockton's cousin, settled in the station. The Williams family included John, Basil, Jarred, Thomas, Zadock and Laurence Williams.

Robert, Jr., Samuel Barnes, Ephraim Barnes and Joseph Barnes who married Phoebe Stockton on 20 February, 1800, were among the community's earliest set-

tlers.

Fleming built a station in 1788 and Cassidy built one the same year with the three stations being located closely together for mutual protection: But protection was never guaranteed and many early settlers met an early death.

Zadock Williams was killed in 1789 near Stockton's Station as he hoed weeds from his tobacco patch.

The warriors who killed and scalped Williams (and they did this within sight of the station) deliberately left a war club on his body to let Stockton know who had done this and to no doubt send a subtle message of terror to him.

"We'll be back," the subtle message no doubt meant, though Stockton told his young son George, Jr., that the war club was left because the warriors were scared and left hastily.

But he knew better, as he had been raised in a Seneca village near Niagara Falls following his captivity by Native American warriors as a youth.

Stockton grew into manhood among

these warriors and his close friends in his later life told historian John Dabney Shane that Stockton "had become a famous warrior."

Although Stockton returned to colonial life in the late 1760s he retained many Native American habits. Two years after Zadock Williams was killed the warriors returned and killed Robert Stockton, the eldest Stockton child.

It was within that looming shadow of violence that our Kentucky settlements, and many of our Kentucky ancestors, were born.

I do not know how we can stop acts of mass violence. I do not think the answer lies in broadening or restricting our technology or even in radically changing our current gun laws. I think the root of the problem is not guns.

It is fear and hatred.

Our citizens have suffered because of fear and hatred since before our country was even a country. But I do believe that love has been a stronger and more-stable force that continues to shape our destiny.

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County Clerks Birdhouse Project to benefit our Kentucky Veterans



Darwin Kirby Beaty, Jr.

Darwin Kirby Beaty Jr., 48, of Ewing passed this life on July 21, 2012. Kirby was a carpenter working in building construction. He was born in Albany, Ky. Jan. 6, 1964, to Darwin Kirby Beaty Sr. and Betty Sue Zachary.

Kirby is survived by his companion Terri Werline, siblings Richard (Cherrie) Beaty, Ricky Delaney Beaty, Danny Beaty, Patricia Brewer, Ruby (Randy) Johnson, Eddie (Andrea) Choate. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Kirby was preceded in death by parents and step-father, Kelly Claude Choate, niece Amber Choate, and great-nephew Mason Curtsinger.

A memorial reception will be held by the family at the Ewing Fire House on Friday, July 27, 2012 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family have asked for donations to Price Bros. Funeral Home to help with cremation cost.

County Clerks across Kentucky are participating in an endeavor to support our Kentucky Veteran residents of the three Veterans Nursing Home in Kentucky by selling birdhouses made out of discarded or returned license plates. The birdhouses are made to resemble a mailbox and may be made using any of the dozens of plates available in Kentucky.

This project was started by Winston Meade, Letcher County Clerk, and has spread across the state as a funding mechanism for our local Veterans Nursing Homes. This project has already put thousands of dollars in equipment and

services or opportunities in our Veterans Nursing Homes in an effort to allow our Kentucky Veterans to have a more enjoyable and fulfilling life.

So the next time you visit your County Clerk's office ask about the

birdhouse project and for a \$20 donation you can take your choice of which beautiful birdhouse you want to take home, or maybe to give as a nice gift.

Some of the designs of the birdhouses are UK, Butterflies, Car-

dinal, Sunshine, Horses, and others. The birdhouses are \$20.00 and with a limited supply and can be ordered so be sure to hurry and call the Nicholas county Clerks office at 859-289-3730 to get your birdhouse today.

Wagon Train



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serve the age-old traditions of days passed.

The Community Draft Horse and Mule Association is a group of individuals who enjoy gathering several times a year to participate in a wagon train. In the wagon train, they assemble a team of horses to each wagon and embark on 55-mile trips, each one taking approximately three days, and join other enthusiasts while socializing and enjoying each other's company.

One of the more recent drives of the association took place on Wednesday, July 18. Homer Rader of the Community Draft Horse and Mule Association planned the trip, leaving Columbiana Farm near Paris, Kentucky traveling through Moorefield and down by the river to continue on through

Fleming. The wagon train ended on the farm of Danny Crawford in Grange City, Kentucky.

It was from here, that the next event was scheduled to take place. At Mr. Crawford's Farm, all participants were invited to enjoy a complimentary dinner and campout, accompanied by bluegrass music.

The 55-mile drive, formerly 100 miles, was held in order to gain interest in hopes of reviving the 100-mile drive once again. The Community Draft Horse and Mule Association currently have more than 40 active members and has been operating since the late 1980s. Hoping to gain the interest in those outside of the organization, including younger people, the Community Draft

Horse and Mule Association hopes to be holding these kinds of events for years to come.

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COMMUNITY

Is College in Carlisle Possible?

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A college degree is one thing that is becoming increasingly important in our society. Not only is it written proof for one's accomplishments, some jobs can't be attained without one.

One of the main conflicts that college-bound individuals encounter is that there are no colleges within the immediate vicinity of our community. This forces students of surrounding colleges and universities to travel 20 or more miles. Due to this long commute, this often discourages students from even attending college. Wouldn't it be much more convenient if there was a way to earn a degree or certification without having to drive too far?

Last Saturday, the Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce met at the Neil Building, located on Main Street, to discuss the possibility of Maysville Community and Technical College establishing a campus in Nicholas County. The Industrial Development Authority and Nicholas County Judge Executive Kenny Lyons have been working diligently to get the ball rolling on this project.

First to speak on the matter was Bruce Florence, the Director of the Licking Valley Campus of Maysville Community and Technical College. Mrs. Florence, who left a full-time job, started out as a volunteer armed with her love for education, has been working with the project for 22 years. Florence stated that, five years ago, the Harrison County campus for the Maysville Community College started with a single person. Now, the campus has more than 1,000 enrolled students from Harrison County, Bourbon County, Nicholas County and Pendleton County.

"There is no reason that a town, no matter how small, should not have a facility for higher education," Florence stated. "Forming partnerships with local churches, media, the local Lion's Club, American Legion and even retired teachers is critical for this idea to work."

Mrs. Florence also stressed the importance of volunteers, stating that they are the backbone for this idea to become a reality. Whether a volunteer can donate their money, time or even interest is very critical to this cause.

"The community of Carlisle currently stands head and shoulders above the rest," explained Florence. "You currently have a large, unused building (the currently vacated Jockey Building on Concrete Road) that would make a perfect establishment for a



college campus." Mrs. Florence stressed that college is not only for young people. Anyone that has the need or desire for higher learning needs only the motivation and drive to pursue higher learning. With college, you can walk away with something

that you can be proud of.

The next person to speak on the matter was Kay Seither, the coordinator at the Paris extension of the Maysville Community and Technical College. Miss Seither stated that, while some citizens are in disbelief of



this endeavor, the need for this was stressed by both Judge Executive Kenny Lyons and Carlisle Mayor Kevin Booth.

Miss Seither said that having a campus in Carlisle would not only be beneficial to high school graduates, but also those who

have been out of work since the Jockey plant closed and also those who have lost their farms.

Seither also stated that, with the support of the community, there could be a space available by October, or possibly September. Waiting until January

Photos by Eric Tolson to have space available would be very detrimental to the project.

"The last thing that we want to do is have condensed classes. We really need the community to pitch in and help any way that they can" said Seither.

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Soper's Family Drug Store, in honor of its 10th anniversary, sponsored a customer appreciation day in front of the store last Friday. The event was held by Soper's Family Drug Store to show appreciation to all of the dedicated customers who showed their loyalty over the years. Throughout the day, customers were treated to free food and music, as well as free giveaways every hour.

Carlisle Resident Austin Allison Helps Build Habitat for Humanity Home in Louisville

On July 14, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer joined Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville at 2609 West Madison Street in the Russell neighborhood to celebrate construction of the organization's 377th home in the Louisville area.

High school students from the Governor's Scholars Program -- including Carlisle resident Austin Allison, who attends Nicholas County High School -- constructed the home in four weeks. Established in 1983, the Governor's Scholars Program celebrated its 30th summer in Kentucky by partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build the home as a service project.

"This collaboration between Habitat for Humanity and these young Governor's Scholars is something our entire city and state should celebrate," Fischer said. "Two of our top goals are for Louisville to be a city of lifelong learning and to make it an even more compassionate community than it already is by encouraging community service. It's exciting that Habitat gave these students an opportunity to learn the value of service and continuous learning, and carry that spirit back to their hometowns across the Commonwealth."

This project supports the Governor's Scholars Program's mission to nurture Kentucky's future civic and economic leaders. This summer, 360 Governor's Scholars lived and studied on Bellarmine University's campus. Allison and other students, representing 93 Kentucky counties, joined the 50 members of the program's faculty and staff to volunteer 2,025 hours to build the home.

"This great achievement demonstrates that the Governor's Scholars Program continues to achieve its goal of building Kentucky's future, not only by enhancing the leadership skills of our Commonwealth's future generation, but most importantly by helping others achieve their goals," said Aris Cedeño, the program's executive director.

The new homeowners, Omar Muse and Ubah Adan, are originally from Somalia. They completed more than 400 sweat equity hours by working on their home and the homes of others as a requirement for becoming Habitat homeowners. On Saturday, project leader Chuck Sgro presented the family with keys to their new home, after which Muse and Adan invited visitors inside for a tour of the home.

"Our new home will make it possible to gain the freedom we lost when we started living in rental housing," Adan said. "We also plan to continue volunteering with Habitat from now on. Our greatest accomplishment will be helping others who are less fortunate. One day, we will establish our own organization, whether it's building houses or doing relief work locally and internationally."

"We thank God for this opportunity, and for all the people who make it possible, for the homeowner program, and for the volunteers who contribute their time, money and sweat to Habitat in order to build affordable homes," Muse said.

Through donations of money, materials and volunteer labor, Allison and Habitat for Humanity were able to build the home in four weeks and sell it at an affordable price. Muse and Adan purchased the home with a zero interest loan, and their monthly mortgage payments will be used to build more Habitat houses.

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Rep. Overly, Sen. Palmer, Magistrate Hamilton pleased to see Upper Jackstown Rd. resurfaced

Frankfort -- Drivers who use Upper Jackstown Road should find traveling much easier now that a nearly two-mile section has been repaved, state Rep. Sannie Overly, state Sen. R.J. Palmer and Nicholas Co. Magistrate Steve Hamilton said last week.

"It means a lot to see this project completed," said Magistrate Hamilton, whose district includes the road. "I want to thank Rep. Overly and Sen. Palmer for working together

to help make this happen, and to see the Transportation Cabinet move so quickly to get the job done."

Rep. Overly -- who represents Nicholas County and helps oversee state highway spending as chair of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation -- said she appreciated Magistrate Hamilton's effort to bring the road's needs to her attention. "After talking with him, it became clear that we needed to make this a priority," she said.

Sen. Palmer, whose district also includes Nicholas County, has a

been understanding of roads as well as a member of his chamber's Transportation Committee and the Senate's counterpart to Rep. Overly's budget subcommittee. "I agreed with Steve and Rep. Overly that this project needed to be done, and I'm more than glad I could help make it happen," he said.

The \$147,636 recently completed project covers 1.86 miles, beginning at Lower Concord Road and extending to the northern end of Brush Creek Bridge. Since it is a state route (Ky. 3316), the Transportation Cabinet covered the cost.



Photo by Eric Tolson

Several local children came out last week to the Family Life Center, located behind the Carlisle Christian Church, to attend Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School is held annually in surrounding churches to give young children a positive activity, as well as to learn lessons taught from Bible stories. After the day's lessons, the children participate in games and make crafts based on the lesson.

Nicholas Co. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and Fish Fry Thursday July 26 6:30 p.m. at Vice Community Center \$3.00 per person

Notice
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for blacktopping Hickory Ridge Road and portions of South Lakeshore Drive in Nicholas County. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on August 14, 2012 in the county Judge/Executive office, Courthouse, Carlisle, KY 40311. Bids will be opened at 6:00 p.m. on that date. For specifications please contact the Judge/Executive's office, 859-289-3725, or by email judgeex@qx.net

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NOTICE
Beginning August 1st the Dead Animal Removal Program sponsored by the Nicholas County Conservation District will have new terms. The District will cover the cost of the first 10 animals for one producer for one year (8/1/12-8/1/13). Every animal after that will be paid for by the producer. The cost is \$87.50 per cattle and/or any other farm animal and \$125.00 per horse. If there are any questions concerning this change please contact our office at 859-289-5165

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 26

Second Chance Kids Consignment Sale hosted by Sunshine Sisters of the Carlisle Christian Church on July 26, 27, & 28 2012. Please call Patty McClure at 859-289-5865 or Trish Stone 859-289-7590 for more information.

JULY 29

Doxology singers to perform at Millersburg Methodist Church

Doxology will once again be performing for the 5th Sunday night program, July 29th at 6pm at the Millersburg United Methodist Church. The groups have been performing a number of years and has been at this church a number of times, always by popular demand, as their music is so enjoyable. Mark your calendar for Sunday evening July 29th to come hear this entertaining group. We as a church family look forward to seeing you there. Remember, Sunday evening July 29th at 6pm.

Reunion Jesse and Allie Hughes, William J. Curtis Shelter July 29 Sunday. Potluck at noon.

JULY 30

High School Schedule changes for Juniors & Seniors: Monday, July 30th - 10am-2pm

JULY 31

High School Schedule Changes for Freshmen & Sophomores: Tuesday, July 31st - 10am-2pm

AUGUST 1

High School New Student Registration: Wednesday, August 1st - 10am-2pm

AUGUST 4

CHS Alumni Banquet Saturday August 4, 2012 Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by July 30, 2012. Contact Bill Guthrie for more information at 859-289-5934.

AUGUST 7

Open house for 7th graders and their parents at 6:00 p.m. on August 7. Parents and students are welcome to walk through the middle school wing and meet their teachers.

Readifest at the Elementary School, August 7th Schedules are Preschool - 2nd at 6 p.m - 7:00 p.m. 3rd - 6th grade 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST 8

Headquarters School Reunion will be held at Blue Licks State Resort Park on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. The reunion will be held in the Arlington Room at the park. The hours are as follows: Reunion Hours 10am-3pm; Registration opens at 10am-11:45am; Lunch 12pm, noon (buffet or menu); Short Meeting following the meal; Silent Auc-

tion 10am-2pm; Socializing 10am-3pm. If you plan to attend please notify one of the following no later than August 3, 2012. Also if you are donating an item for the silent auction (not required), please let us know when you call to confirm attendance. 3 \$50 gas cards will be given away. Byron & Ann Fryman-859-289-2012; Calvin & Reba Wills-859-289-5528; John & Jorita Anderson-859-289-7587; Eugene & Martha Sibert-859-289-2948.

AUGUST 9

Back to School, first day for students.

AUGUST 12

Earlywine Reunion The annual Earlywine Reunion of the descendants of the late Lewis Frank and Sarah Wagoner Earlywine and their children, Richard Earlywine, Dora Earlywine Reeves, Jessie Earlywine, Harley Earlywine, Jimmy Earlywine, Ethel Earlywine Whirls, Roy D. Earlywine, and Mandy Earlywine Mynear will be held Sunday August 12th at the Blue Licks State Park in the Lower Shelter. Potluck lunch will be served at 1 p.m. All relatives and friends are invited. Need more info contact Shirley Earlywine Willoughby at 859-588-0163.

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.

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 (HIPAA).

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.

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 Shrust 289-5174 or 749-7986 or Martha Taylor 289-5592 or 749-1948. Sponsored by Tourism Inc.

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DAUGHTER LODGE #65 F.A.M.

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BLUE LICK LODGE #495 F&A.M.

The Blue Lick Lodge #495 F. & A.M. meets the last Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All master Mason are welcome to attend.

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 Thursday at 7 p.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.

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 Culbertson 866-75WEDCO or 859-298-4899.

NA & AA

NA meeting Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. Joe Bernardon 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 Courthouse.

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 Rotary 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

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SPORTS



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The "Little Jackets" coach pitch travel team placed 2nd place at the Paris Grandslam Promotions tournament on July 21, and 22, 2012.

Bottom Row L to R - Branson Sosby, Blake Cobb, Bryce Watkins, Jason Hunt, Tate Letcher, Jacob McVey

Top Row L to R- Ryan Johnson, Lincoln Morris, Dalton Davenport, Andrew Watkins, and Jordan McVey. Not present in pic Drew Anderson.

Jackets to face East Carter in EKC Grid

CARLISLE - The Nicholas County High School football team is busy practicing in the preseason, preparing for a season-opener against Lewis County in the Montgomery County Recreation Bowl on Aug. 17. However, prior to facing Lewis County in the bowl game, Nicholas County will play East Carter in a preseason matchup on another neutral field. The Jackets will face East Carter in the Eastern Kentucky Conference's annual grid-o-rama in August.

Nicholas County, which is picked to finish third in Class A, District 7, exited the 2011 season 7-5. East Carter struggled throughout the 2011 season, finishing 0-10.

East Carter hasn't had a winning season since the 2005. But the Raiders are expected to be much-improved this season. First-year head coach Zack Moore as also to have East Carter within striking distance against both Mason County and rival West Carter, both of whom are district foes.

Senior running backs Blake Mayo and Conner Staton are the top returnees for the East Carter football team. Staton carried the biggest offensive load for East Carter last fall as he rushed 98 times for 566 yards.

East Carter competes in Class 3A, District 6 along with Russell, Lewis County, Fleming County, Mason County and West Carter.

Nicholas County and East Carter share several common opponents but aren't scheduled to meet during the regular-season.

Allison, Pope touted as Players to Watch

CARLISLE - Two members of the Nicholas County High School football team are listed as Class A, District 7 Players to Watch in The Cats' Pause's 2012 Kentucky Football Yearbook. Nicholas County senior running back/linebacker Austin Allison and junior quarterback/safety Dalton Pope are both listed as Players to Watch in Class A, District 7.

Allison rushed 75 times for 561 yards and six touchdowns in 12 games during the 2011 season. The versatile Allison ranked second in both rushing and receiving for the BlueJackets. Allison, who also ranked second in scoring for the Jackets, hauled in 15 receptions for 274 yards and a team-high four touchdowns.

Nicholas County's top defender in 2011, Allison registered a team-best 114 tackles (63 solos). Pope finished just shy of 1,000 yards passing, completing 48-of-130 attempts for 985 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Nicholas County starting quarterback also contributed on the ground, rushing 63 times for 274 yards and five touchdowns.

Defensively, Pope recorded a pair of interceptions and 55 tackles, 36 of which were solo stops.

Fairview running back Chris Brewer is honored as the 2012 Class A, District 7 Preseason Player of the Year. Brewer has rushed for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons. Others listed as Players to Watch are Daylin Beach (Raceland, Jr., WR/DB, 6-0, 180), Mac Boggs (Raceland, Jr., LB/RB, 6-4, 215), Adam Elkins (Raceland, Jr., QB/DB, 5-11, 170), Mark Fannin (Paintsville, Jr., RB/CB, 5-10, 175), Prater Helton (Paintsville, Jr., FB/LB, 6-0, 220), Cody McPeck (Fairview, So., OL/DL, 6-2, 250), Connor Messer (Raceland, So., WR/DB, 6-0, 150), Devin Thomas (Raceland, Sr., OL/DL, 5-11, 238) and Devon Turner (Fairview, Sr., RB/DB, 5-9, 170).

Nicholas County, which is picked to finish third in Class A, District 7 according to the preseason publication, concluded the 2011 season 7-5.



Photos Submitted

Five new converts from God's House of Prayer were recently baptized in the Licking River-- Nicholas Brown, Randy Stapleton, Bob Fite & not pictured were Hannah Boone & Mike Makato.

Jackets picked to finish third in district

CARLISLE - Nicholas County is picked to finish third in Class A, District 7 by The Cats' Pause 2012 Kentucky Football Yearbook. The Jackets, under the direction of veteran head coach Robert Hopkins, completed the the 2011 season 7-5. Nicholas County, after dropping its season-opener to Lewis County, notched five straight wins.

Reigning champion Fairview is favored to captured the title. The Eagles reeled off 12 straight wins before suffering their first loss in the 2011 season. Fairview exited the campaign 12-1 following a loss to Pikeville in the second round of the Class A State Playoffs. The Eagles fell to Pikeville after opening the contest with a commanding 18-0 lead. Pikeville edged Fairview 20-18 in the post-season matchup.

Raceland is picked to finish second behind the Eagles. After opening the season 2-4, Raceland battled back to finish 6-6. The Rams, who beat longtime rival Russell for the third straight year, returns several key players for the 2012 campaign.

Nicholas County is ranked ahead of the fourth team in the district. Paintsville, a newcomer Class A, District 7 and the Eastern Kentucky Conference (EKC), occupies the fourth-place spot. Legendary Kentucky boys' high

school basketball head coach Bill Mike Runyon is set to begin his second stint as Paintsville football coach.

Nicholas County's non-district opponents for the upcoming season are Lewis County (at Montgomery County Recreation

Bowl, Aug. 17), Fleming County (away, Aug. 24), West Carter (home, Aug. 31), Berea (home, Sept. 7), Paris (away, Sept. 14), Ludlow (home, Sept. 28) and Bath County (away, Oct. 26).

The Jackets outscored opponents

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Thank You, Carol Powers

Headquarters School Reunion

Headquarters School Reunion will be held at the Blue Licks State Resort Park on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. The reunion will be held in the Arlington room at the park. The following times will be in effect:

- Reunion Hours - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Registration - open at 10:00 a.m. close at 11:45 a.m.
- Lunch - 12:00 noon (Buffet or Menu)
- Short meeting - Following Meal
- Silent Auction - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Socializing - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We need an accurate head count so the park personnel can properly prepare. If you plan to attend, please notify one of the following no later than August 3, 2012. Also, if you are donating an item for the silent auction (not required), please let us know when you call to confirm your attendance. Three \$50.00 gas cards will be given away.

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MERCURY MEMORIES

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The Nicholas County High School Marching Band members have been braving the summer heat of the past two weeks at band camp on the elementary & middle school parking lot, preparing their competitive program for the 2002 marching season that begins in early September. Director Debbie Hale told the Nicholas Countian this year's program, Pandora's Box, will be very different from recent years. It moves the band from the music of classical composers such as Beethoven, Mozart and Tchaikovsky to music by Key Poulan, a resident of Fresno, California.

The Johnsons Mathers Nursing Home in Carlisle received its annual inspection by inspectors from the Office of the Inspector General, Division of Long Term Care, May 21-23. During their survey of the facility, the inspectors identi-

fied an area that they deemed to be a "Jeopardy with Potential for Harm" and issued a citation. The inspectors believed that there was a potential for residents to be harmed by bed-rails. No harm had been done, but the inspectors deemed JMHC's lack of a policy regarding bed-rail assessment and the use of bedrails for any resident who desired them, rather than only for medical reasons, to present a potential for residents to be harmed.

Millersburg Military Academy (MMA) is increasing its recruitment of day students. The academy has been a boarding school since 1893 and has always had a small number of day students, who do not live on the campus but come to classes each day and return home. The tuition for day students is about half that for boarding students.

1997

Look Good... Feel Better Workshop
Bourbon Community Hospital in conjunction with the American Cancer Society will be offering a new program for women undergoing cancer treatment. Look Good... Feel Better is a nationwide program for women receiving chemotherapy, radiation, and other cancer treatment. In the FREE, two-hour workshop, caring volunteer beauty professionals teach simple beauty techniques to help women feel better about themselves, just when they need it the most. Cancer can rob a woman of her energy, appetite, and strength. But it doesn't have to take away her self-confidence. The program teaches women how to cope with skin changes and hair loss using cosmetic and skin care products donated by the cosmetic industry. Women also learn ways to cope with hair loss with the use of wigs, scarves, and other accessories.

The FREE Workshop will be held on July 31, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the hospital's Community Room, Hopewell Medical Complex, 8 Linville Drive, Ste J (Lower Level). Please RSVP to Diane Wagoner 987-1001 or e-mail her at diane.wagoner@lpnt.net.

10,000 to 15,000 vintage cars heading for Louisville

Between 10,000 and 15,000 street rods, classics and muscle cars will be on hand at the Kentucky Exposition Center within the next three weeks as the National Street Rod Association presents its 43rd Annual Street Rod Nationals® Plus. The dates for city's largest vintage car show will be August 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2012.

This will be the eighteenth time the NSRA Street Rod Nationals have been held in Louisville and an all time high number of participants and spectators are expected this year. All of the Expo Center grounds will be utilized for the event as well as most of the buildings, which will house over 350 manufacturers, dealer displays and other attractions.

Why the added "Plus" you may ask? "Plus" means more! More vehicles, more excitement, more people, more fun! In addition to the street rods that have been the mainstay of the NSRA and the organization over the years, this year's event will again include custom and collector cars. Don't miss the addition of the muscle cars, factory produced high performance machines from the 60s and 70s along with the classic cars and customs of the 50s. This creates a unique mix of old and new vehicles and is truly a national gathering of rods, customs and collectors of every description. The NSRA Street Rod Nationals Plus promises to be the area's largest participation event and many vehicles from around the area will attend.

This is truly an international gathering of fine vintage automobiles of every description as well. The NSRA Street Rod Nationals Plus of one of the world's largest vintage car participation events and spectators from around the world attend the event annually.

The NSRA Street Rod Nationals Plus is an excellent event for spectators and the 70,000 who are expected to attend will be treated to the sights and sounds of some of the most beautiful, best constructed vintage vehicles ever assembled in one place.

One of the special attractions for the spectators is that they can walk right up

The management audit outlining the corrective actions being taken by Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Everly will be hand delivered by Everly to the Kentucky Department of Education on Friday. Although referred to by the board and School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher as a corrective action as well as a management audit, Everly said it's really a document "done to see if the school system in being mismanaged."

Clark Funeral Chapel Director Bill Clark came to that conclusion Monday morning after contacting a family to help pay burial expenses of their father. They said they couldn't pay and Nicholas County Fiscal Court had already declined to reimburse Clark his out-of-pocket funds of \$325.

A kindergarten teacher wants to know why several teacher's aids were hired by the district instead of another

teacher. At Monday night's regular Nicholas County Board of Education meeting, kindergarten teacher Susan Roberts expressed dismay to the board and asked questions about the re-staffing process.

1992

Chris O'Hearn, assistant basketball coach for Barren County High School, has been unofficially hired as head basketball coach for the coming season. Official word from Nicholas County Superintendent Ceibert Gilbert has yet to be given, but according to Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid, the meeting with Gilbert will be a formality.

Airborne Blue Mold spores have been present in Nicholas County for weeks. Farmers should already be checking their tobacco crops for blue mold infestations, Nicholas County Extension agent Mike

Phillips said. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, two weeks ago, approved the use of Dithane M45, a fungicide, for use in the control of an outbreak of blue mold in Kentucky tobacco crops for 1992, Phillips said.

With assurances that the Myers water line would be the Nicholas County Water District's first priority, members of the Carlisle City Council said they would support the district's loan application with the Farmer's Home Administration for line extensions and a water tower into the Barterville area.

1987

The City of Carlisle has accepted the \$734,700 Community Development Block Grant. The grant will aid the city in funding the proposed \$1,894,000 sewer project. Monday night at a special called meeting of council,

members voted three to two to accept the money.

If you are driving down Short Stoney Road one afternoon, you may very well see an uncommon sight in this day of modern technology. That sight is Phil Hillcock and his farmhand, Herbert Higginbotham, using horses to plow a tobacco field. Hillock raises two acres of tobacco on his 103-acre farm, and five acres of tobacco on John Soper's farm also located on Short Stoney Road.

There were 155 crimes reported in Nicholas County during 1986, according to a report just released by the Kentucky State Police. Of that number, Nicholas County's highest reported numbers appear in the Part II designation. Of the total, 48 arrests were reported for drunkenness, with 36 reported arrests for driving under the influence accounting for 54 percent of all arrests in the county.

4-H Teen Club Appoints Temporary President



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A meeting of the 4-H Teen Club was held last Wednesday at the Nicholas County Extension Office. The regular meeting was held not only to discuss issues with the 4-H club, but also the appointment of a new president of the Teen Club.

Due to the resignation of recent 4-H Teen Club President Charles Poe due to personal reasons, the 4-H has been forced to appoint a new President. According to 4-H Teen Club bylaws, the appointed president will act as president until the election for new officers in September. Under the section pertaining to membership in the bylaws, the president shall be the chief executive officer of the teen council. A member must be in their senior year of high school to serve as president of the teen council, and must preside over all

meeting of the council. The president is also the official representative to the Nicholas County 4-H Council and must attend all council meetings, or arrange for the vice-president to attend in their absence. He or she must sign all documents requiring the president's signature and perform all duties incidental to the office of president.

Kendra Letcher, formerly the vice president of the Teen Council, was sworn in as the interim president until the election in September.

Due to Miss Letcher's new duties as president, this leaves her former position of vice president of the 4-H Teen Council vacant. It was reached by unanimous decision by the council to appoint Dylan Watkins the vice president of the Teen Council. Watkins accepted the appointment of his new position. A member of the 4-H Teen Council must be in their Junior or Senior year of high school in order to hold the office of vice president. The vice president will assume the duties of the president in the event of the president's absence. Also, the vice president will assume the office of president in the event of the resignation or death of the president.

Both Mr. Watkins and Miss Letcher were very optimistic about their new offices and promise to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.



Photo by Eric Tolson
Tryouts for the Nicholas County High School Golf Team were held last Thursday morning at the Lake Carnico Golf Course. "We've got a very talented group of young men and women this year," says Coach Phillip French. "Our first tournament is at the end of the month. We will practice diligently until then, and we hope to return from the tournament with a win."

to the vehicles and check each one out up close, as they are not roped off or otherwise confined. All are in the open and can be examined top to bottom, front to back, inside and out. While the exquisite paint and other features of the car should not be touched, spectators are free to look to their heart's content.

The big street rod show will be at the beautiful Kentucky Exposition Center and is open to the public Thursday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 5th. Make your plans now to attend the 43rd Annual Street Rod Nationals Plus in Louisville. It promises to be one of the biggest vintage car shows in the city's history and you can enjoy every part of it. Those of us at NSRA know you won't soon forget it.

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Sealed Bids will be received, opened, and immediately read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 for the Sycamore Hill Apartment Building for Carlisle - Nicholas County Housing Commission. The bids will be received at the Sycamore Hill Apartments, located at 100 Sycamore Court, Carlisle, KY 40311.

The project site is located at 100 Sycamore Ct., Carlisle, KY 40311. The bid is to furnish all necessary labor, materials, tools, machinery, warranties, and all other items required to alter the interior of the building. Work to include new restrooms, laundry and meeting spaces according to the contract documents.

Contractors are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at the site, 100 Sycamore Ct., Carlisle, KY 40311, on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening. Each bid must include a bid security in the amount of 10% of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety company bond made payable to the Carlisle-Nicholas County Housing Commission.

If a bid security in the amount of 10% of the full bid amount is submitted with the bid, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and labor and material bond from an acceptable surety in the amount of 100% of the full contract amount. If a bid guaranty bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid is submitted with the bid, no additional performance and labor and material bond will be required.

The contract documents have been prepared by DS2 Architects (107 W. 2nd Street, Maysville, KY 41056). Additional information for bidders can be found on their web site at www.ds2architects.com. Plans can be obtained by contacting the office of DS2 Architects at 606-564-0961 or on the web site for a nonrefundable payment of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per set plus Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per set for shipping and handling. Contractors must purchase contract documents from DS2 Architects in order to be placed on the plan holder's list, which is a requirement in order to be eligible to submit a bid.

All provisions of the Kentucky Revised Code as it relates to bid guaranty's conditions, liabilities, and withdrawal of a bid are applicable to this contract. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable. The owner also reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the owner: Carlisle-Nicholas County Housing Commission

Adv: July 25, August 1

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OPINION

TRIANGLE NEWS HEADQUARTERS~SALTWELL~BARTERVILLE

A nice baby shower was given by the Nicholas County Homemakers on Thursday at the Extension office for our new county agent, Rachel Abney. A meal was served following the opening of her many gifts and cards, and also a pretty cake and punch.

Sympathy is extended to the large family of Mary Dampier Wagoner Snapp of Headquarters Road. Her nice funeral was held by Rev. Wayne Tolson at the Carlisle Clark Funeral Home and a nice meal from friends and his church was served there in the big house by the funeral home.

A good crowd enjoyed the Woodmen of the World pig roast on Friday night held at the Elk's Shelter, Cynthiana. Jeff Doyle, Woodmen Representative and Financial Services, gave a

short talk and the blessing. Charles and Shelby Doyle cook the meat, etc. and it is also potluck.

Get Well wishes go to Ann Green of Headquarters Road, who is not well and also to Norman Ritchie of Carlisle, and Bro. James Gaunce and Phyllis.

Sharon Feeback and Phyllis Brady enjoyed the Ruggles Camp Meeting on Saturday night and a good message by Rev. Gene Pillow and special singing. Then Diane Barbee, Phyllis Brady, and Fay Letcher enjoyed the Mt. Vernon Christian Holiness Camp Meeting, located between Flemingsburg and Morehead on Sunday night by Rev. Mike Blanton, a very good evangelist and singing by "Evidence". Mildred Gifford reported such a wonderful week of

preaching and singing, there all week.

The Headquarters Church gained two new members on Sunday, Paul and Sandy Hamilton. Rebecca House, Phyllis Brady, Paul & Sandy dined together on Sunday at Tracks.

The new pastor of Oakland Mills Church, Rev. Kenneth Hill, brought a good message on Sunday morning. He is the son of the late Rev. H.T. Hill who held revival at Headquarters years ago and he is the nephew of the late Rev. Randall Hill who pastored Headquarters for 2 years.

Phyllis Brady spent Monday afternoon with her brother, Donnie & Melba Doyle near Poinexter then enjoyed a visit in Cynthiana with niece, Beverly Brunner Bean and family from Georgia who'd spent the week here.

BREAD OF LIFE

God wants you to know that He has redemption for you through the blood of Jesus, a change from darkness to light. This blessed salvation through the blood of Jesus, will free you from the power of Satan and make you joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Christ can make us overcomers, destroying the power and passion of sin and dwelling in us by His mighty power. He can transform our lives that we will love righteousness and hate sin. He can make us Holy, because just as God dwelt in His son by the power of the Holy Spirit, so God can dwell in us through Christ. When the Holy Spirit comes and lives inside of us, it transforms us into a new creature in Christ. Old things are past away all things become new. When you invite the Holy Spirit to come in and live, you are governed by the Spirit. Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. We should renew our minds daily by the washing of the WORD. Jesus is the light and the life of men; no man can have this light and still walk in darkness. John 8:12 Then Jesus spake unto them saying, I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. God expects us to obey Him and be doers of the Word of God. James 1:22 But be ye doers of the Word and not

hearers only deceiving your own selves. The Bible is Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth, Jesus said follow Him. The Bible tells us no to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching, Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day and He tells us in His word to do likewise. Mark 8:34-38 And when he had called the people unto Him with His disciples also he said unto them, whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lost his own soul 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy an-

gels. Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some apostles and some prophets, and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers 12 For the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ In Revelation 3:15-16 Jesus is speaking to the Lukewarm Church. Verse 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou were cold or hot 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. When God comes into your heart He says you will be glad to worship Him in His House. Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. I Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the House of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? God says we should be glad to go into the House of the Lord that's the heart of Jesus. Do you have it? Trust, Believe, and Obey 24hr prayer line 859-473-2600 Bro. Phillip

Thoughts from the Pastors Study

Bro. Steve Smith
Carlisle Christian Church

Quite some time ago, someone sent me a little "internet thing" titled, "Ten Things God Won't Ask You." They are clever and somewhat insightful. The more I thought about it, I began to wonder about the "things" God actually asked people. So before I pass on the "Ten Things God Won't Ask You,"

Here are some of the "things" God did ask (according to a brief computer search on my Mac, using the NIV translation).

God asked Adam and Eve, "Where are you?"

God said to Eve, "What is this you have done?"

God asked the same of Cain, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground."

God called to Hagar from heaven and asked, "What is the matter, Hagar?"

God said to Moses, "What is that in your hand?"

God said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face?"

Jesus, God's Son, asked the disciples, "But what about you?" "Who do you say I am?"

Jesus also asked,

"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Jesus also asked a demon possessed man, "What is your name?"

Obviously, this could go on for quite some time, so here is the "internet thing" "Ten Things God Won't Ask You."

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

3. God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

4. God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

5. God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

6. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

7. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask

how many you helped to clothe.

8. God won't ask the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.

9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of hell.

10. God won't have to ask how many people you forwarded this to. He already knows whether or not you are ashamed to share this with your friends. [Don't you love articles that end this way?]

In all honesty, there are probably two questions everyone will have to answer on judgment day:

What did you do with my Son, Jesus?

What did you do for my Kingdom?

May God bless you, as your life bears witness to the answer to these two questions!!!

Bid Notice

The Carlisle-NC Ind. Develop. Authority is seeking bids for installation of electrical service to Suite D of the Authority's Industrial Building located at 2477 Concrete Road, Carlisle, KY 40311. Specifications can be mailed or picked up at C-NCIDA offices. Bids must be submitted by August 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The board has the right to accept or reject all bids and may not select the lowest bidder. Phone numbers are 859-289-2040 or 859-289-1283.

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HORSE SHOW RESULTS



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Photos by Eric Tolson

As with most small towns in our area, there is a large portion of our community whose primary source of income lies with farming. A very difficult line of work, farmers must wake up early in the morning, and care for all of their animals and tend to all of their crops. It is a very demanding job with very difficult hours.

With an occupation like this, one rarely has the time to enjoy themselves.

Last Saturday evening, several members of our community gathered at the Nicholas County Fairgrounds to enjoy 4-H horse show. It was a highly competitive event, which was free for all attendants. The show contained several classes, which was sure to pique the interest of even the most cynical spectator.

The first class to compete was the stick horse class. A crowd favorite, this class consisted of several young people in the Nicholas County area riding stick horses around the competition area. This was a very exciting class, so much so that the judge could not make a decision on a winner. A blue ribbon

was awarded to all participants.

The next class to compete was the youth pleasure walk/favorite gait for riders 17 and under. Another class enjoyed highly by the crowd. Again, this class contained many competitive riders, again forcing the judge to award blue ribbons to all riders.

The next class was the Country Pleasure for riders aged 11 and under. Although this class contained few competitors, it was ultimately decided to award the blue ribbon to Carla Crouch.

The next class to compete was the Western Pleasure Class for riders 17 and under. First place for this class was awarded to Shelby Flannigan. Second place was awarded to Dustin Parker. Carla Crouch took third place and Anthony Treadway and Candice Zornes took fourth and fifth place, respectively.

The next competitive class was the Western Pleasure class for riders 18 and over. The blue ribbon for this class was given to Rebecca Marcum. Second place went to Ashley Crouch, Mike Eldridge won third place, Kenton Holbrook came away with fourth place and Mike Berry won fifth place.

The next class to compete was the Youth Pleasure Walk/Favorite Gait for riders 17 and under. The blue ribbon in this class was awarded to Dustin Parker. Shelby Flannigan won second place in the class, Page Adams won third place, Anthony Treadway won third place and fifth place was awarded to Makayla Watkins.

The next class to compete was the Nicholas County Walk/Favorite Gait for riders 18 and over. Don Stacy came away with the blue ribbon for this class, with second place being awarded to Mike Berry. Third place was awarded to Nancy Newby and fourth place was awarded to Mike Eldridge.

Men's Favorite Gait was the next class to compete in the evening. First place for this class was awarded to Tony Parker. Second place was awarded to Don Stacy. Mike Berry walked away with third place, and Anthony Treadway and Cody Smith won fourth and fifth place.

Ladies' Favorite Gait

was the next competitive class of the evening. McKenzie Rule came away with the blue ribbon with this event, winning first place. Ashley Crouch won second place for her class. Pam Parker won third place and McKenzie Watkins won fourth place.

The next class was Spotted Pleasure for riders 18 and over. The blue ribbon for this class was awarded to Tony Parker, who claimed first place. Don Stacy claimed second place, and Ashley Crouch won third place. Danny Smith took fourth place, while Logan Holbrook walked away with fifth.

The next class to compete was the Spotted Pleasure Class for riders 17 and under. First place for this event was awarded to Justin Parker, with second place being awarded to Kenzie Rule. Third place was presented to Carla Crouch, with Page Adams and Anthony Treadway winning fourth and fifth place.

The next class to compete was the Good Ol' Boys and Girls Trail-

blazer Class. Tony Parker was awarded the blue ribbon for placing first in this class. Kenzie Rule won second place, while Ashley Crouch won third place. Kenton Holbrook and Makayla Watkins were awarded fourth and fifth place, respectively.

The next event of the evening was a Catalog Race. This event required a rider to race their horse to the opposite end of the track and retrieve a predetermined page of a catalog, which was placed on a barrel. The rider then had to close the catalog, remount their horse and race their horse back to the starting point. The rider with the quickest time, and winner of first place, was Shelby Flannigan. Second place was awarded to Kenton Holbrook.

Next in the list of the

evening's events was the Passenger Pickup class. This event involved the rider racing their horse to the opposite end of the track, picking up their passenger and returning to the starting point. Shelby Flannigan earned the blue ribbon for this event.

The next event of the evening was the Style Rack event. Tony Parker won first place on the event. Richard Martin walked away with second and Phillip Smith with third. Shane Smith and Mike Eldridge won fourth and fifth place, respectively.

The final event of the evening was the Speed Rack event. The blue ribbon for this event was awarded to Tony Parker for coming in first place. Kenton Holbrook carried home second place in the event. Phillip Smith took third place, with Anthony Treadway winning fourth.



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In support of the local farmers market, agents of the Nicholas County Extension Office appeared at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park last Friday. The farmers market is present at the park every Friday afternoon.

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James Myron Thomas
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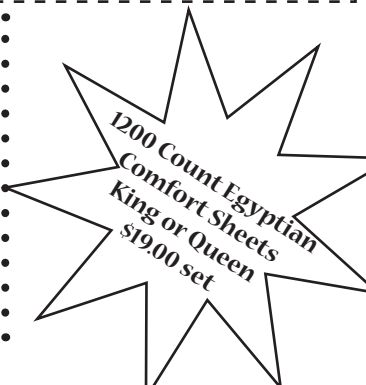
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Produce auction draws interest from far and wide

Congratulations



Photo by Cecil Lawson

There was a big selection of produce available one recent evening during the Bath County Produce Auction as buyers and sellers gathered around to start the bidding. The auction takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at the big hoop barn behind the Bath County Ag Center on U. S. 60 East.

By Cecil Lawson
News Editor
cecil@kynewsgroup.com

The Bath County Produce Auction is under way once again for the 2012 growing season.

The produce auction is now in its 9th year and remains highly successful.

It is held every Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the giant green hoop barn at the Bath County Ag Center at 2419 East U. S. 60, Owingsville, located just off I-64 exit 123.

The auction is being managed by the Joe Girod family, and auctioneers are Bobby Rogers and Vernon Stamper.

Local farmers and gardeners have the opportunity to sell their produce to the highest bidder.

Susie Girod, whose parents manage the auction, said that the auction sold around \$80,000 in 2010 and about \$100,000 in 2011. She added that the

amount of produce sold this year is greater than last year, mainly largely of the weather.

The auction remains a centerpiece of the spring, summer, and fall seasons at the Bath County Ag Center, alongside the Farmer's Market, which starts at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and runs through October 31.

Susie said that sellers at the auction come from all over the Commonwealth,

and last year there were a few sellers that came from Ohio and West Virginia.

She also said that she has talked to a number of people who are confused about the auction. The auction allows all produce to go to the highest bidder, and produce comes in a variety of quantities, for buyers who want anything from a pallet of cantaloupes or just a sack of corn and few tomatoes. There is something for everybody.

All sellers pay a %12 fee on all produce they sell.

All produce growers are encouraged to sell their fruits and vegetables at this auction.

For more information, call 606-336-0103.

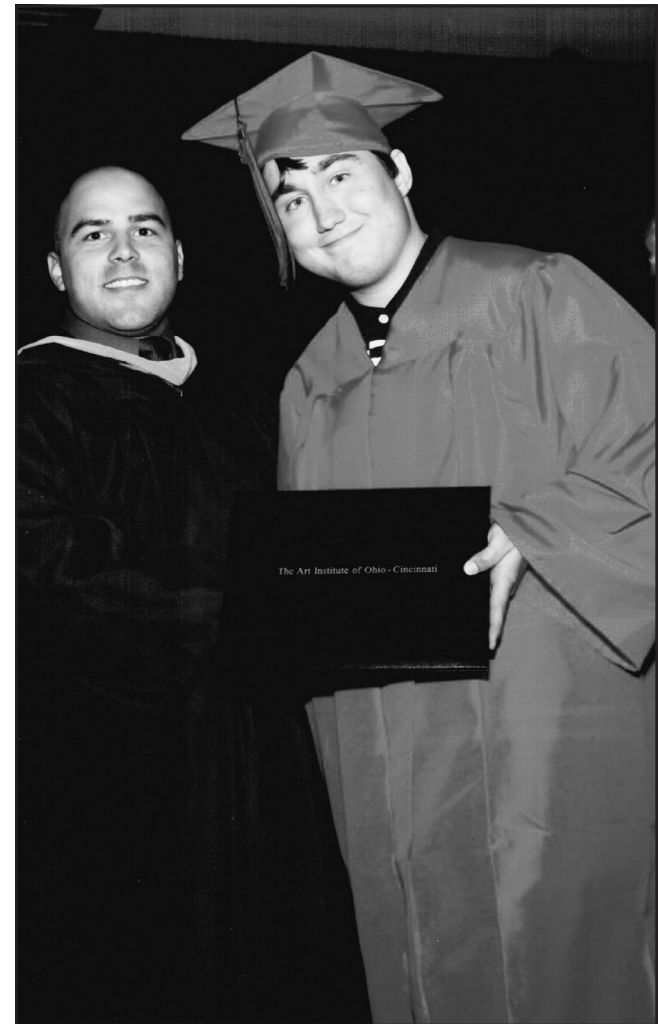


Photo Submitted

William Joshua Rawlings graduated from the Art Institute of Ohio-Cincinnati on June 15th, 2012. The ceremony took place at Sharonville Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Joshua received an Associate of Arts degree in Media Production, specializing in Film and Video Studies. Joshua's portfolio received a "Best in Show" award. Joshua, a 2010 graduate of Nicholas County High School, is the son of Cheryl and Mike Rawlings and the grandson of Virginia Herrin. After graduation, Joshua hopes to work for a local television station.

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Birth Announcement



Grayson Raymond Blain McKinney
5lbs 5oz
18 3/4 inches
July 9, 2012

Addison Brooke would like to announce the birth of her little brother Grayson Raymond Blain McKinney. Born on July 9th at St. Joe Hospital in Mt Sterling, Ky. He weighed five pounds and five ounces, was 18 3/4 " long. Mother Sierra McKinney, grandparents Kathy and Alvin McNabb and Ray McKinney.

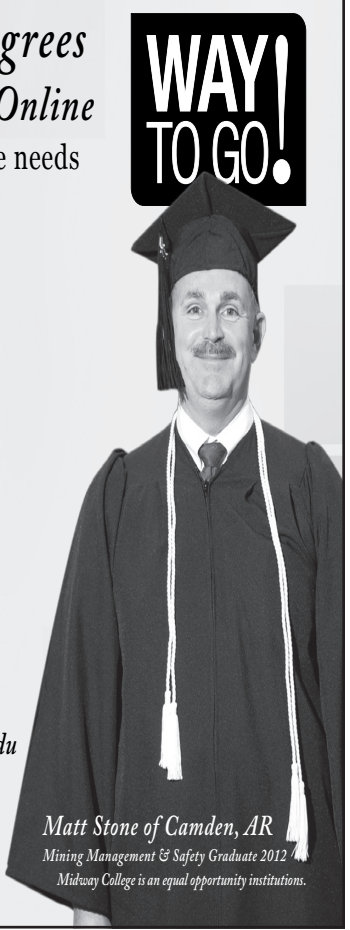
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Letter to the Editor

Editor,
As magistrates of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, we feel the need to respond to the numerous letters to the editor that have appeared recently in local newspapers and to the petition "Commissioners vs. Magistrates" that has been circulating in Nicholas County.

First of all we want to say thank you for all who have supported us and who continue to do so. To those who have started up the petition, we appreciate your concerns but would like to ask a question. Why didn't you come to us?

Magistrates work for the people of Nicholas County, not for the government. The purpose for running for office is to take a stand for the people and to bring the voice of the people to the table. We feel that we have been doing that very thing.

Our beautiful little town has a down-homey effect on everyone here. People have moved from bigger cities to be a part of our little town and we should be proud.

In response to the petition, we have done some checking around and have found that the citizens of counties with commissioners do not seem to be very supportive of this form of government. They would prefer to have a magisterial form of government instead, because having more local representatives produces a larger selection of ideas.

Some have claimed that going to a three commissioner government, rather than having five magistrates, would save about \$27,000, along with benefits. Through research and speaking with other county governments, we discovered that commissioners get an average of \$1000 per month, while magistrates make an average of \$700 per month. Our magistrates hold two regular fiscal court meetings each month and sit on various boards and committees to ensure the best for

this county. For example, Bath County has 3 commissioners, elected from their own districts, and they making \$1000 per month, plus benefits and Montgomery County has three commissioners elected from their own districts and make \$1200 per month, plus benefits.

Clark County actually wants to return to a magisterial form of government instead of having commissioners. It like the old saying:

"The grass is not as green on the other side as it is perceived to be."

We feel that it is our job to do what we feel is in the best interest of your county and to do everything that is in our power and that the state and Kentucky statues allow us to do.

Our magistrates are always open to suggestions and concerns, and we are easy to get in touch with to discuss any issues that any citizen of Nicholas County feels that we as magistrates should question or be in favor of. We not only base our decision on what our districts are in favor of, we look at the county as a whole, to serve this county to the best of our ability. We encourage all citizens to attend the fiscal court meetings and take part of the decisions by letting the magistrates know what they feel.

We have been faced

with several topics in the past year, and we would like to address those individually:

1. Raising Taxes- speaking as magistrates, we can honestly say that we spoke with citizens in and out of our districts about this, and everyone felt that it was not the opportune time to raise taxes due to the bad economic times. There were other ways that we could help fund the county without burdening our citizens.

2. Nuisance Ordinance- we all want to help clean the community/county but want to ensure that we are fair to everyone in the county. That is why we took several steps to ensure that we implement an ordinance that would best suit the county and be able to be enforced without questions.

3. Mandatory Trash Pickup- In relation to questions over the landfill, it does cost a dollar per bag for trash pickup. The landfill does have its conveniences such as the white goods (stoves, refrigerators, etc.) that are dumped there at the landfill for free and each month we sell the scrap material to Freedom Metal company that the fiscal court has a one year contract with and as of right now the court has collected \$6,200-\$6,300 by using this service. This is a service to help prevent the scrap from

being dumped over an embankment. With the mandatory trash pickup, some felt that it wasn't fair for them to have to be made to take a service and pay for it if they didn't want it. They felt that we were taking their freedom away. The magistrates listened to the citizens of Nicholas County and voted in the manner that they felt their people wanted.

4. The Jail Fund - we moved from sending prisoners to Montgomery County, which was costing \$35 per day, to sending them to Bourbon County for five year contract with it being \$28 for 2010, \$30 for 2011, \$30.00 2012, \$32.00 for 2013 and \$32.00 for 2014. By having this contract we have been able to save money. We have worked out a deal with the Bourbon County Detention Center and the court to allow workers to come in to the county and receive credit for their fee in order to help reduce the charge.

5. Road Funds--In January of each year, a representative from the Transportation Cabinet comes down to the fiscal court meeting with a list of (R/S) Rural Secondary Roads for the court approval on the roads they pick. The flex money that is approximately \$150,000.00 is for the magistrate to develop a list of roads that need repair and present this to the Transportation Cabinet for their approval. Road Aid is from the gasoline tax that amounts to several thousand dollars to be used for repairs of the roads. The fiscal court does not know what the total amount will be until the Transportation Cabinet sends it to the Fiscal Court.

We ask that you speak to us with any concerns or questions that you may have. We will provide you with the answer to the

best of our knowledge. We ask that you as voters take a stand and keep your government as a magisterial form of government in order for your county/district to be represented with five magistrates to give you the best representation that you as a citizen/voter should have.

Thank you and we appreciate your time and support.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court Magistrates
Jeff Randolph
Mike Webb
Darvin Mitchell

Dear Editor,

Education is not a qualification for magistrate, commissioner, state representative, state senator, U.S. representative, senator, or president. The latter handling billions and trillions of dollars.

I believe a magistrate is accountable to everyone in their district. The voters should demand this and hold them accountable. This is not to say everything can be done for everyone. There are times when something can't be done because of constraints. These may be time, money, manpower, or law. Still it should be told to the voters.

If a judge executive could stack an election with 5 magistrates. He should have no problem with 3 commissioners. It seems to me

the way commissioners are elected, it would be easy for a dedicated group of power hungry people to stack an election.

Now onto savings and diversity by use of commissioners. I think diversity would be less because you are consolidating power to fewer people. As for savings why not just judge executive since the commissioners are elected by the whole county. Taking this farther, why not 1 governor instead of 120 judge executives. One president instead of 50 governors. Now I have saved billions of dollars and really diversified. You should be happy now that people in California get a new interstate, but we have no money to clean your road or fix a pothole.

Would you rather have a magistrate to take care of your problem or a commissioner who owes you nothing and is answerable only to the county?

There was a statement made about one vote winning the magistrate race and this left people unhappy. With commissioners all it would take is one vote to win. Would not this make people unhappy too?

I dare say that when President Andrew Johnson was up for impeachment and one vote saved him, a lot of people were unhappy.
John Snapp

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**Nuisance Order
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odor and clean up the yard, until it goes into foreclosure to protect the citizens near and around the Moorefield area. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, in accordance with the county nuisance order to proceed and to authorize the Nicholas County Judge Executive to take measures within reason to rectify the situation to the satisfaction of the court.

Letcher will contact the mortgage company to notify them what the fiscal court is going to do. Judge Lyons said he would check with a service that is trained in this type of situation to come in and clean up the property. The court is not cleaning this up to be presentable for resale. They are just trying to make it where it will not be a health hazard.

"The smell may not go away without tearing the walls out, this house is pitiful and beyond livable," Mitchell replied.

The conditions of the Bluegrass Trailer Park on Concrete Road were also discussed with magistrates expressing concern over the tall weeds and burnt out homes that remain on the location. Court members will be in contact with the property owner and try to find a resolution mutually beneficial to all.

Members of the fire board asked the fiscal court for assistance in trying to resolve an issue of an outstanding invoice from the City of Carlisle Fire Dept. Board members Jay Morford and Tracy Brown stated that they felt that it is more of a misunderstanding in regards to the bill.

The City of Carlisle Fire Department and Mayor Kevin Booth agreed to assist the County during their time of need when the firefighters resigned from the County Fire department at a fire board meeting that took place on April 26, 2012.

The invoice that was submitted to the fire board in the amount of \$4,615.00 during that time of assistance, the fire board members have questions regarding this invoice.

"I feel that this is more of a misunderstanding instead of a disagreement," Morford said.

Morford explained to the court that the board felt that it was necessary to bring it to the fiscal court due to a misunderstanding that the city fire department thought that the fiscal court was going to pay it but the fire board thought that the court could not pay it due to a liability. The fire board stated that the charge within question is the usage of the county fire trucks. There is a \$75.00 charge per run for the use of the trucks.

Members of the fire board don't have an issue with them using the trucks but with the charge of the usage is what is questionable. Both Brown and Morford stated that they were glad that the City Fire Department stood up to assist and appreciated all of their efforts that they made.

Morford explained, "Ronnie Clark stated in one of our fire board meetings that it was set up through the city that if a person within the city limits called for the city fire department that the fire department would then bill the homeowners insurance for the \$75.00"

Morford said that they felt that majority

of the bill of \$4,615.00 was for truck usage at \$75.00.

Brown said that she could see that they needed to pay some but felt that it a little bit much.

Morford said he and Board Member Doug McCord thought about going to the City Council but felt that they needed to approach the fiscal court to see if they would be willing to help them with this issue.

"I feel that it might be better to have a member of the fiscal court such as the judge and the fire board members to go to Mayor Booth and the City council to get this matter resolved," Morford said. "I believe it is time to get this issue resolved and move forward. It is sad to say that there are still some hurt feelings over this County fire issue still within the county and I am unhappy to report that. I feel that there are times that we are placed in the middle of the issue of the past and I know as myself and even Tracy (Brown) are trying to put the pieces together. We just want to get this resolved and put it behinds us for the best interest of the county."

Morford added that he thought it was stated at the fire board meeting on April 26, 2012 that the city would step up and help out during this time of need, but no conversation was discussed on the compensation of the trucks.

"I think that they were counting on history, there was a non-written agreement but there was a verbal agreement, that neither entity billed the other," Letcher said.

"I will say the city stepped up and helped us out in a tough situation, and it all needs to be weighed out," Magistrate Steve Hamilton said.

"I feel that this is where the voice of reasoning needs to come into play with regards to the bill," Morford replied.

"Unless there was some agreement back when it was first started out, but it really is between the fire departments. But the county did have to formerly request assistance to make sure that the county was covered," Letcher stated. "Because we had to step in and declare an emergency situation it would not be a bad idea for the court to step in to help get this resolved."

The members of the court agreed to have Letcher write up a friendly correspondent to ask the Mayor and City Fire Chief about the expenses on the invoice for the County Fire Department.

"The City stepped up and took full control of the fire department. Ran the show so to speak, it's a little different than the mutual aid," Hamilton stated.

The court agreed that a private meeting should be set up between the fiscal court, fire board members, along with the Mayor, and City Chief of Fire to get this misunderstanding resolved.

"Is it fair to say that the board sentiments are that some money is owed?" asked Letcher.

Morford replied that it was fair to say that.

The court approved for Lois Gates to replace Alex Kazunas on the hospital board. A motion was made by Steve Hamilton seconded by Jimmy Wells with all approving.

In the old business, Judge Lyons stated that he and Road foreman Mike Watkins went out to look at the roads

that were placed on the list by magistrates who thought they needed work. All of the roads on that list needed repair, and there was an advertisement placed for bids to get the roads repaired. Once the bids are in and the court approves the person to do the job, Judge Lyons will then turn the roads, in order for them to be approved for repair.

In other business Dorsey Watkins and Gladys Shrout addressed the court in regards to the Old Hildreth School being moved. R. J. Palmer stated to Judge Lyons that the previously allotted \$65,000.00 could be used to the move of the school, the court would use it to repair the roads, and then in return will give the Historical Society \$65,000.00 for the move. It cost the county nothing.

Shrout, from the Historical Society, stated that they were given this money about six years ago, when Carolyn Belcher was in office. The old school was built in 1890, it was used for making a movie about Huckleberry Finn, the bell has been moved, and the foundation is ready for the building to be moved and has been for some time now. Tourism will be solely responsible for bringing the school back for presentation to the public and the school has agreed to accept it for educational purposes and there was a mutual agreement in writing that the Tourism is allowed to use it. The court agreed to have Letcher speak with Senator Palmer in regards to this money, to clarify if the funds that are earmarked for the two purposes of the roads and moving of the Hildreth School. Senator Palmer is waiting on the approval of the court. Letcher is to contact Senator Palmer to be able to get this cleared up to make sure that the court understood the issue of the money. Court members will be discussing this in more detail during their next scheduled monthly meeting on August 14.

Judge Lyons stated that Melissa Hill told him that Comp Care wants to come back, but the musky smell at the old health department is an issue and holding them from coming back.

Before the fiscal Court could rent the building out, the carpet would need to be replaced and cleaned. Judge Lyons asked the court members if they would be in agreement to have someone to come in and clean it up so they could rent the building. A motion was made by Hamilton, seconded by Wells and unanimously approved to proceed with the maintenance of the building.

Another item discussed was for the complaints about damage and manure on roads caused by Amish buggies.

Some counties ask the Amish to use bags on the horses for collecting the manure. Other counties in Indiana and Pennsylvania are requiring that the Amish use rubber wheels instead of iron wheels. The wheels and horseshoes breaks the seals on the roads, and county officials said this might be a issue that they need to look into it.

Letcher said she would research the issue and be ready for additional discussion for the August 14th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the next schedule meeting being August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

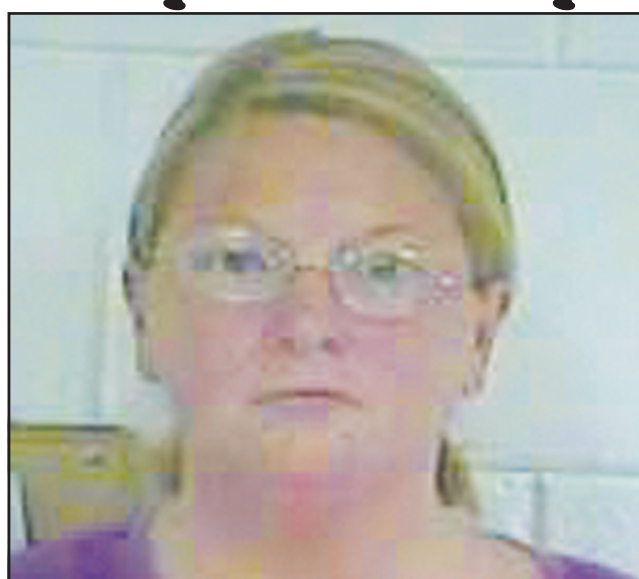
Carlisle woman charged with using minor to purchase dope

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A Nicholas County woman was recently charged with unlawful transaction with a minor after allegedly using a juvenile "to purchase marijuana" for her.

Julie Gillespie, 39, of Carlisle, was recently charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, 2nd degree, following the issuance of a criminal complaint signed by Kentucky State Police Trooper Chris Lairson and Nicholas County Attorney Dawn Letcher.

According to the criminal complaint, Gillespie allegedly "transported a juvenile on at least 6 (six) occasions to the apartment of one Josh Cunningham, 149 Green Valley Road, Carlisle, for the purpose of purchasing marijuana, knowingly inducing or causing a minor to engage in illegal controlled substance activity involving marijuana," the complaint states.



The complaint also states that two, other juveniles aged 13 were in the Gillespie vehicle "during many of these transactions."

Gillespie was arrested on July 17 and released from jail the next day.

Cunningham was arrested June 22 for the unconnected charges of terroristic threatening, 3rd degree, assault, 4th degree; resisting arrest, menacing, theft by unlawful taking, disorderly conduct, 2nd degree, and

fleeing/evading police, 2nd degree.

It remains unclear if Cunningham has had additional new charges of drug transaction or unlawful transaction with a minor as The Mercury goes to print.

According to court sources, Gillespie is due to appear in Nicholas District Court on August 8.

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty.

Protocol

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patched out," Judge Lyons said.

Rob Biddle asked what would be classified as an injury accident.

"If a person falls down the stairs is that an injury accident?" Biddle asked.

Bill Denton replied that memo specifically stated a motor vehicle accident.

Letcher said if it's not related to a motor vehicle accident normally the county wouldn't respond to the scene. Rob Biddle stated that as far as Med Corp, they didn't care if the court wanted to send the fire rescue out with every single run that was fine, but that if it is a medical emergency run to many people on the scene could be a problem.

Dispatcher John Sparks asked about protocol for a Landing Zones (LZ). He stated that he knew in Robertson County that the fire department was responsible for the landing zone if a helicopter is needed.

Rob Biddle replied that he spoke with Stephen Keith from Air Methods (an entity affiliated with medical air transport), "they don't require fire departments to set up LZ's," Biddle said. "They don't want to get in the middle of it, that if there was a fire department to set up the LZ's fine and if they don't have a fire department that is fine too."

Sparks stated that when the recent call, which caused the concern, came in after 3 p.m. and that dispatch was notified that Nicholas County EMS were going to respond to a call on Moorefield Road, and were needing a helicopter he stated that he sat there wondering if he needed to dispatch County Fire for a landing zone, but he didn't know what the protocol called for in this type of situation.

Calvin Denton, Emergency Management, stated that if you have a medical run, which requires for a helicopter, the EMT's don't have time for setting up a landing zone. Their primary care is to take care of that patient. Rob Biddle agreed that primarily they don't have time to set up a LZ for the helicopter.

Letcher said that it seems clear that a landing zone is needed for a helicopter that the county fire should

be called out. Biddle explained why that didn't happen.

"This very incident I didn't take the time to see if I needed to call more help to land a helicopter. I had plenty of help, because I was taking care of the patients, we had one medic at the top of the hill sending supplies down the hill, and one that knew how to set up a LZ. I am treating serious injuries and didn't take time to think that someone's feelings might be hurt if I didn't call them," Biddle said.

Letcher stated that no one is pointing fingers at anyone. "We just want to have this meeting so everyone is on the same page," she said.

Biddle added that any direct calls will respond immediately and notify dispatch by phone or radio and have the person calling the direct call to hang up and call dispatch to give the information. In reference to motor vehicle collision, farm accidents and ATV's, county fire should be dispatched out.

Letcher asked Sparks at what point he thought that the county fire should be called in for help.

Sparks also added that there are times when a call comes in for dispatch sometimes the caller will say that the victim is out of the car, but sometimes they are not out of the car.

"I don't want to make that call of whether we send county fire or not," Sparks stated.

Sometimes county fire not only assists at entrapments, or landing zones, but to help with directing traffic.

Biddle said he would like to have the county fire at every run involving an accident.

"That way we have enough people to help with the accident," he said.

Asst. Fire Chief Denton stated that he thought if dispatch took a call about a fender bender at a store normally EMS wouldn't need to respond, but if a call comes in about a wreck at the Traffic Island (any roads) and an ambulance needs to be sent, then the county fire should be dispatched out.

Several agreed that the policy should read that county fire should be dispatched out at every motor vehicle collision, farm accidents, and ATV's accidents. That any time the ambulance is called out then county fire will be dispatched out as well. And in addition that if a LZ is needed then

county fire is to be dispatched.

"Traffic control is a great thing and the county fire helps out with that while the officers are working the scene. There are times that other accidents will occur while working a wreck scene due to people coming out to look," Sheriff Sidles added.

City Fire Chief Jim Biddle stated that the city is a little different from the county.

"We don't have that many wrecks and we can get there quicker with being in town to where county fire has to travel farther," he said.

Radio frequencies and call signs were also discussed.

The departments use the following numbers: Police and Sheriff Departments 100 numbers, County and City Fire department's 200 numbers, EMS use 400 numbers; Emergency management operates from a 200 number as well. Whichever group you work for then you use the number of the group you work for. It was pointed out in the meeting that when people use numbers that are not within the group it causes confusion for the dispatch when an incident occurs. Judge Lyons stressed that the policy was to keep things safe and as good as it can be made. Letcher is going to type up an official protocol.

Members of the Emergency personnel would like to see a monthly meeting so things can be discussed.

"We are too small of a community to be separated, we need to work together," Calvin Denton said.

At the end of the meeting all agreed that if a call comes in that requires an ambulance during a motor vehicle accident, farm equipment, or ATV accidents, county fire is to be dispatched out. If a landing zone is to be set up, county fire is to be dispatched out to set that LZ's up. It was also agreed that no emergency responders are allowed to use the call sign numbers of a group they didn't belong to.

Once the County Attorney gets the protocol prepared, it will then be distributed to each emergency personnel office and published in the local newspapers so that everyone is on the same page and prevent the confusion and give the best assistance that the emergency personnel can give.

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Officials discuss new tax

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An insurance premium tax looms on the horizon for Robertson County citizens.

Members of the Robertson County Fiscal Court met July 20 at the justice center and during the two hour meeting discussion settled on the increasing cost of maintaining county services and the lack of revenue to do so with.

"There's no kicking the bucket around it, we're going to have to look at an insurance tax," Magistrate Terry Craycraft said.

A \$50,000 Cash Deposit (CD), which the county had in the bank was recently cashed in \$40,000 of that is now gone.

Court members started the month of June with \$157,992 in the general fund and ended the month with \$117,505 in the general fund.

The road fund appears fairly strong with \$534,335 in the road dept. fund at the beginning of June and the month ended with at \$503,461.

Discussion during the meeting indicated that at some point approximately \$88,000 was transferred from the

road fund to the general fund and that money will need to be reimbursed at some point in the near future.

Court members discussed tightening the financial belt immediately and unanimously voted in favor of having all elected officials and anyone else who gets "incentive pay" to start paying for their training out of their own pocket and also pay any required dues to any memberships out of their own pockets.

"If you run for office you should know what you are running for," one magistrate said.

"Some of the fat has got to be cut," County Attorney Jesse Melcher said matter-of-factly when looking at the pending financial dilemma.

Some county employees and elected officials have been taking measures on their own.

"I never turned in a bill (for the cost of obtaining) my CDL (commercial driver's license)," County Road Supervisor David Carmack said. "I always just thought it was kind of part of my job.

An occupational premium tax, which has been in place will start being closely monitored, particularly where

workers engaged in the construction of the new Robertson County School are concerned, according to discussion.

The county is slated to receive \$20,000 reimbursement from the state for the recent purchase of an emergency generator (to be used in the case of severe inclement weather), but the jail fund continues to grow along with all other expenses.

"We need to try to do whatever we can do before we start discussion on implementing any new taxes," Robertson County Judge-Executive Billy "Hammer" Allison said.

Court members also discussed the renting and leasing of county owned property and specific policies that should be put in place. The utility bills the county pays has often exceeded what they collect for renting or leasing their property.

Small and aggravating expenses, such as those incurred with the replacement of road signs was briefly discussed.

Road signs are frequently stolen and removed across the county. The signs have no redeemable value for scrap metal but are largely taken as county



Photo by Charles Mattox

Magistrate Sue Conley, forefront, discussed financial concerns during the Robertson County Fiscal Court meeting last week as L-R, Magistrates Troy Martin, Terry Craycraft, Dee Whitaker, Ricky Myers and County Clerk Stephanie Bogucki, listened.

tokens or as pranks by bored teens, according to court members.

"Is it worth making them?" A court member asked at one point.

"Yes," Judge Allison said

"They're probably not to going to stay there long though," Craycraft added.

Carmack agreed saying various tactics to preserve the signs have failed in the past. County road workers had even tried bolting two posts together to place the road signs higher in

the air, but that failed.

"They just back their truck up to the sign post and bend it over and then break the sign off and leave."

A suggestion was made to put some signs on trees near road intersections.

"They won't climb a tree to get a sign, that's too much like work," One member of the court said.

Magistrate Sue Conley suggested painting the road signs onto the road surface and the idea seemed to garner

interest though no specific action was taken.

Things are going smooth at the animal shelter according to animal control officer Staci Johnson. Johnson approached court members about finding a place to initiate some local ZUMBA classes. There was some discussion on the subject but no specific action was taken.

The county is in the process of leasing property to Jackie Hester for a salon and discussion focused on the specifics of the agreement as well.

200 Attend Courtyard Concert



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

The First Christian Church minister, Seth Adamson and Methodist Church minister, Bill Henry opened the event with a word of prayer and an impromptu choir from the crowd who came forward and sang

Victory to Jesus.

Janelle Pitts, emcee for the evening then introduced local entertainers, Avery Workman, Jonathan Allison, and Lupi Ginn who each entertained the crowd with a variety of songs for the first 40 minutes.

About 8:30 PM Domino Band of Lexington took the stage and had the crowd clapping, singing along and some dancing to their two hour collection of such songs as "Love Chain", "Drift

Away", Bobbie Magee", "Mr. Big Stuff", "Your Momma Don't Dance", "Higher", and "My Girl".

Back To School

- August 13th – Deming Schools Open House 4:00 – 6:00
- August 13th – Deming Schools Block Party 5:00 – 7:00
- August 15th – Deming Schools First day of school



Photo by Toni Curry
Some of Mt. Olivet's youngest enjoyed running thru the sprinklers on a hot July day. This proves that the swimming pool is not the only fun place to be on a sunny hot afternoon.

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Picture Right: Haley Flack, Jacob Burden, Taylor McIntosh, Lily Johnson, Annaraye Insko, Reece Roberts, Vivian Cummins, Natalie Massey, Adult Counselors were Jay and April Myers and agents Terry Whalen and Shannon Farrell.

Pictured Left: Carson Case, Austin Knipper, Dakota Moore, Neil Coy, Madison Fryman, Aletha Thomas, Ceseily Myers, Cari Linville, Chloe Conley, Abri Roberts, Emma Moore, Wyatta Cooper, Adult Counselors were Kara McCoy, April Myers, and Mark Woolums. Agents Shannon Farrell and Terry Whalen were also in attendance.



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Community members lead Courtyard Concert attendees in "Victory to Jesus" last Saturday to open the event.

JAN WATSON BOOK SIGNING AT THE ROBERTSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Robertson County Public Library will be hosting a book signing/reception for local author Jan Watson on Thursday, July 26th, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. Jan will be reading from her latest novel "Skip Rock Shallows" and signed copies will be available for purchase.

Jan Watson won the Jerry B. Jenkins 2004 Christian Writers Guild Operation First Novel contest for her first novel, "Troublesome Creek". "Willow Springs" and "Torrent Falls" are the sequels to "Troublesome Creek". Her fourth book, "Sweetwater Run", published in 2009, continues with some of the characters from the "Troublesome Creek" series, but also stands alone.

Although she has always loved books, she had no intent to write one of her own. As a child, Jan often visited her grandparents in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. One summer day, as she and her grandmother sat in the porch swing breaking beans, her granny told her the true story of the terrible flash flooding of Frozen Creek and of the tiny baby who was swept away never to be seen again.

Jan carried the story in her heart for fifty years before she decided to save that baby, if only fictionally. This became the basis for a series of books: "Troublesome Creek", "Willow Springs", "Torrent Falls" and of a spin off, "Sweetwater Run".

Jan's latest novel, "Skip Rock Shallows", follows the story of Lilly who is featured in Jan's fifth inspirational fiction novel, "Still House Pond".

"Skip Rock Shallows", has been given the following re-



view: The people of Skip Rock, KY, are hard, and they believe they know a woman's place. Lilly Gray Corbett has just graduated from medical school and has accepted an internship in Skip Rock. With her own stubbornness, she's determined to win over the people—and she does after saving a young miner. Lilly's fiancé is in Boston, and she quickly becomes torn between returning to him and exploring her attraction to the man she saved. VERDICT: Great plot development and skilled character building make Watson's latest historical a sure bet for fans of Karen Kingsbury. (Library Journal)

In all of her books, Watson artfully draws on the folklore and culture of times long past to create colorful characters living their faith in a world that offers comfort and peril in equal measure. Written with a dollop of romance and a smidgen of suspense, Jan's award winning historical novels, are uniquely set in the Appalachian Mountains.

Jan is currently writing her seventh book for Tyndale House Publishers, "Tattler's Branch".

Jan was recently voted 2012 Best Kentucky Author by the readers of Kentucky Living Magazine. Her other awards include a nomination for the Kentucky



Literary Award in 2006 and second place in the 2006 Inspirational Readers Choice Contest sponsored by the Faith, Hope, and Love Chapter of the Romance Writers of America.

Former registered nurse and perinatal loss counselor, Jan lives in Lexington, near her three sons and her daughter-in-law. She also enjoys her two grand-cats, Buddy and Lily B. Most mornings you'll find her at the keyboard with her Jack Russell terrier, Maggie, on a pillow in her lap. Her work day lasts as long as

Maggie will allow. When Jan isn't writing or entertaining Maggie, she enjoys reading, taking long walks, and collecting out of print medical books, which she reads "like other women read cookbooks".

Please come to the library to welcome Jan and enjoy the reception following the book signing. If you need more information, please call the library at 606-724-5746 or 724-2015.

Information for this article is from Jan Watson's website: janwatson.net

Mount Olivet Resident Krista Smithers Helps Build Habitat for Humanity Home in Louisville

On July 14, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer joined Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville at 2609 West Madison Street in the Russell neighborhood to celebrate construction of the organization's 377th home in the Louisville area.

High school students from the Governor's Scholars Program -- including Mount Olivet resident Krista Smithers, who attends Deming High School -- constructed the home in four weeks. Established in 1983, the Governor's Scholars Program celebrated its 30th summer in Kentucky by partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build the home as a service project.

"This collaboration between Habitat for Humanity and these young Governor's Scholars is something our entire city and state should celebrate," Fischer said. "Two of our top goals are for Louisville to be a city of lifelong learning and to make it an even more compassionate community than it already is by encouraging community service. It's exciting that Habitat gave these students an opportunity to learn the value of service and continuous learning, and carry that spirit back to their hometowns across the Commonwealth."

This project supports the Governor's Scholars Program's mission to nurture Kentucky's future civic and economic leaders. This summer, 360 Governor's Scholars lived and studied on Bellarmine University's campus. Smithers and other students, representing 93 Kentucky counties, joined the 50 members of the program's faculty and staff to volunteer 2,025 hours to build the house.

"This great achievement demonstrates that the Governor's Scholars Program

continues to achieve its goal of building Kentucky's future, not only by enhancing the leadership skills of our Commonwealth's future generation, but most importantly by helping others achieve their goals," said Aris Cedeño, the program's executive director.

The new homeowners, Omar Muse and Ubah Adan, are originally from Somalia. They completed more than 400 sweat equity hours by working on their home and the homes of others as a requirement for becoming Habitat homeowners. On Saturday, project leader Chuck Sgro presented the family with keys to their new home, after which Muse and Adan invited visitors inside for a tour of the home.

"Our new home will make it possible to gain the freedom we lost when we started living in rental housing," Adan said. "We also plan to continue volunteering with Habitat from now on. Our greatest accomplishment will be helping others who are less fortunate. One day, we will establish our own organization, whether it's building houses or doing relief work locally and internationally."

"We thank God for this opportunity, and for all the people who make it possible, for the homeowner program, and for the volunteers who contribute their time, money and sweat to Habitat in order to build affordable homes," Muse said.

Through donations of money, materials and volunteer labor, Smithers and Habitat for Humanity were able to build the home in four weeks and sell it at an affordable price. Muse and Adan purchased the home with a zero interest loan, and their monthly mortgage payments will be used to build more Habitat houses.