

Festival Queen candidates



CONNIE HOPKINS
Miss Connie Hopkins is a 1978 Nicholas County High School graduate, and the daughter of Mrs. Della Loville and Albert Hopkins.
Clubs and activities she has been involved in are: class treasurer, Girls' State, SPOKE Conference, a n u s a staff, Student Council, FHA, Math and Chess, Pop Club, office worker, and Science Club. She was also a 1977 Snow Queen candidate.
Miss Hopkins plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond in the fall.



LORA BRETZ
Miss Lora Marie Bretz, a 1978 Nicholas County High School graduate, is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Bretz and the late Herbert Bretz.
Miss Bretz was in the following clubs during high school: Science, Photography, Speech and Drama. She played Minnie Hooley in "Pina Suite Act III", and Magara in "Androcles and the Lion". She was also a member of the Drill team and Student Council.
She enjoys swimming and playing tennis.
Miss Bretz plans to go to Mayville Community College for one year, then will attend the University of Kentucky for three years majoring in Fashion Merchandising.



DARLENE HARDWICK
Miss Darlene Hardwick is a 1978 graduate of Nicholas County High School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hardwick.
She is a member of the following clubs: Science, FHA, Student Council, Math and Chess, and Pop Club. She was also a worker in the principal's office. She was a member of the high school band for three years. She is a member of the Carlisle Christian Church.
This fall Miss Hardwick plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.



ELIZABETH ANN STEWART
Miss Elizabeth Ann Stewart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Stewart. She is a 1978 graduate of Nicholas County High School and a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church where she is secretary of her Sunday School class, and participates in youth activities.
During high school, she was involved with cheerleading, FHA, editor of the Newsletter, and received her State Degree; National Honor Society 1978; layout editor for the annual staff, and member of the Student Council.
She was also selected as FFA Sweetheart, Snow Queen candidate, Who's Who In American High School Students, Cood correspondent. She received the national high school award for excellence, Chamber of Commerce scholarship, and was class Salutatorian.
She has served as vice-president of the Junior class and as president during her Senior year.
Miss Stewart plans to major in Nursing this fall at Mayville Community College.



WANEUCA HICKS
Miss Waneuca Gaye Hicks, a 1978 Nicholas County high school graduate, is the daughter of Aven Hicks.
During high school, she was involved in the following clubs and activities: FHA, Math and Chess, Chorus, Pop Club secretary, Photography Club, Annual staff, Student Council, and office worker.
In her spare time she enjoys swimming and reading.
Miss Hicks plans on attending Central Kentucky Vocational School in Lexington to become a secretary/bookkeeper.



JADENE BOW
Miss Jadene Bow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bow, is a 1978 graduate of Nicholas County High School.
Clubs and activities are: FHA (song leader and assistant treasurer), national Honor Society (bookkeeper, chairman and Senior years), Student Council, member of the annual staff, representative at Girls' State at Morehead State University, attended the Science Symposium at the University of Louisville, attended Outstanding Senior Women's Day at the University of Louisville, delegate to SPOKE Conference, contestant in the state preliminaries to the Miss National Teen-Ager pageant, and Snow Queen candidate.
Awards Miss Bow has received are: Library aid, Office aid, D.A.R., and Junior, Chapter, State Degree in FHA. She is a member of the First Christian Church where she is a Primary Sunday School teacher, pianist for morning church assembly, member of the Fishermen's Club, and member of the church choir.
Her interests include piano, photography, bicycling and church activities. She will be attending Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond in the fall, majoring in Nursing.

RONDA C. GOODMAN
Miss Ronda Carole Goodman is 1978 Nicholas County High School graduate and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodman.
Her activities during high school include: cheerleader for four years; active in Student Council (secretary); FHA (secretary and vice-president); class officer; Science Club; Math and Chess; and Pop Club. She was in Who's Who Among American High School Students, attended SPOKE Conference, was runner-up in the Miss Harrison County RECC contest last summer, and



Miss Goodman enjoys playing the piano, drawing and swimming.

County Dairy meeting held; Moo moo named

The Nicholas County Dairy meeting was held Thursday night, June 22, at Blue Grass Industries Cafeteria. Miss Gim Glover, State Dairy Princess was an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. Her subject: "Drinking milk makes a better you."
The Dairy Dolls inspired the audience by singing "Jena Loves Me" and were led by Mrs. Judy Hardin. Children's games were enjoyable, but the game that entertained the audience was five wives spoon feeding five husbands ice cream — while all were blindfolded. The couples performing were the Cliff Vices, Gordon Sargentis, Tom Hardin, Billy Ray Hunters, and the George Kayes. Mr. Kayes is manager of Cudday Cheese Manufacturing of Cynthiana.
Miss Debbie Fryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fryman was recognized as Mr. Moo Moo's daughter. First place winner in Moo Moo Contest, receiving a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond, was Mrs. Margaret Hunter. Second place

winner, receiving a silver tray, was Mrs. Helen Sobly.
Rev. Eugene White, representing the Nicholas County Ministerial Association received the \$200 check for the Vacation Bible School Ice Cream Fund. Rev. White was also a contestant in the cow calling contest.
The Junior Dairy Princess, Miss Vicki Bassel, was interviewed by Nicholas County Agent Mike Phillip. Miss Bassel will be an excellent, competitive Nicholas County Dairy Princess next June.
The grand door prize, a portable General Electric TV, was won by Jimmy Letcher. The 30 door prizes were donated by local merchants.
The butter contest cakes were served at the dairy buffet. The cake contest winners were: white, Mrs. Harold McClanahan and Mrs. Paul Titcher; jam cakes, Mrs. Clay Fryman and Mrs. Harold Crowe.
Some out of town guest were: Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Hunter. Second place

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30th Blackberry Festival begins Monday, July 3

The schedule for the annual Blackberry Festival, sponsored by the local unit of the American Legion is as follows:
Monday, July 3: parade of Queen candidates, past Queens, officers and Honor Guard at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 4: children's games at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5: judging of Queens at Nicholas County Library at 1 p.m. Children's games at 3 p.m.
Thursday, July 6: parade and crown the Queen at 8 p.m.
Friday, July 7: children's games at 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 8: to be announced.
Street dancing with live music will be held each night from 9 to 12 midnight, possibly going to 1 a.m. on Friday night.
Rides and concessions will be on the courthouse yard nightly, Monday through Saturday.

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Ernest Myers, 58, killed by neighbor Billy Sparks

Ernest Russell (Ota) Myers, 58, was shot and killed Monday, June 26, in his neighborhood. Mr. Myers was shot in his neighbors doorway. In an official statement Billy Sparks, 31, of Route 4, Carlisle, has admitted the shooting.
Nicholas County sheriff J. W. Esten was summoned by Mrs. Sparks at 6:50 p.m. Monday asking him to come quick, "we have trouble." The trouble allegedly stemmed from a lawnmower that Mr. Sparks and Mr. Myers had picked

up that day and which Mr. Myers wanted unloaded from his truck. Mr. Myers who owned both his house and the Sparks residence next door, came into the Sparks' yard with his fists raised as the Sparks family sat in the car waiting for Mr. Sparks as they planned to go to Lexington. Mr. Sparks was inside the house. As Mr. Sparks reached the outside doorway, Mr. Sparks allegedly pressed his 30-30 rifle against Mr. Myers heart and pulled the trigger. Nicholas County coroner Taylor Mathers affirmed that the cause of death was due to the shooting. Mr. Sparks has been charged with the playing and is in the Nicholas County jail under bond.
Mr. Myers' funeral has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Mathers and Showers Funeral Home. Visitation will be permitted after 8 p.m. Wednesday. He is survived by a sister and a brother.

Tax settlement...? Hearing date set

The court of appeals has announced that on August 23 they will hear the oral arguments of Joseph J. Leary for appellants; Christine Layson, Hisel Rule, Roger C. Womack, Robert Anderson, Robert Faulk, David Zachary and William B. Parker and a Kentucky Department of Revenue lawyer for

appellees, Rose Brady, Property Valuation Administrator of Nicholas County and the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Kentucky over the fouled tax assessments of 1977. The hearings are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Frankfort at the John C. Watts building on Broadway.

Jail inspector tells Court renovation a waste

Jail Inspector Edgar Estes told the Fiscal Court at its regular meeting June 21 that renovation of the Nicholas County Jail would be a waste.
He did suggest that the county apply for a \$100,000 State Council grant, and if the county should receive it, to apply the money to try to satisfy the Fire Marshall County Attorney Jack Conley said the grant has been applied for and he has been told that it is contingent on Mr. Estes' rating of the local jail. He also read some of the Fire Marshall's list of requirements including: fire escapes, approved lighting system, fire doors and exit signs.
Estes estimated that the two fire doors alone could cost \$7,000. These doors should be able to withstand fire for a one-hour period.
He also added that the jail problems are not unique to Nicholas County. Some jails have already been closed in the state because counties cannot afford to renovate or build new ones. He stated that in his opinion, the state will eventually be forced to adopt the

regional jail concept. (The Mercury previously supported this regional concept in an editorial written in our March 30 issue).
Mr. Conley also read a lengthy list of Health Dept. deficiencies at the local Jail.
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bowles were complimented by Mr. Estes and the Court for keeping the jail so clean. And, Mr. Estes said he had talked with two prisoners earlier who stated that they had never been treated nicer.
Nine friends and neighbors of Magistrate Melvin Fryman, who has been accused by Hinton Caswell for Conflict of Interest, visited the Fiscal Court in support of Mr. Fryman. They presented Judge/Executive Hesse Smoot with the names of over 500 persons supporting him. Judge Smoot informed the group that the case was scheduled to be heard in District Court on Tuesday of this week (June 27), and that Fiscal Court had no jurisdiction over the matter at all.
County Road Supervisor Joe Smart reported that the cost of materials also to repair the rock crusher at the quarry is now estimated to be over \$28,000. The Court had declared an emergency and approved the expenditure of \$7,000 for labor and materials at a called meeting on June 13. The consensus of the Court is that the county must repair the crusher, so the motion was passed unanimously to increase the emergency cost. This cost is now estimated at over \$30,000.
Ruger Womack suggested to the Court that a county-city tax committee be appointed to discuss the tax problems the local taxing units are facing. He said he especially was concerned in light of the fact that the tax assessment case, filed by local taxpayers, may be several years in litigation. Mr. Conley announced that the court of Appeals has set Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. for a hearing of the case in Frankfort. It was pointed out that there is no way of knowing for certain how much longer, after Aug. 23, the case will remain in the courts.
Clifton Waugh discussed with the Court several problems existing at the Recreation Park. He was informed that the county is in the process of establishing a city-county park board. The board will have four city-appointed members and five county appointed members whose responsibility it will be to oversee both the park and the old money. The city Council and present park board members will be asked by Judge Smoot to attend the called June 29 meeting of Fiscal Court to finalize these plans before July 1. Magistrate Bus Adkinson, a park board member, suggested that Mr. Waugh attend the July 11 meeting of the board to discuss the problems.
Tommy Vaughn, hospital construction supervisor, said that the hospital construction remains behind schedule although the steel is now going up. He said he made some of the contractors let down and rebuild last week in order that a good job be done. It could be July 1, 1979 before the building is ready to occupy, he said.

Daily Night Pictures on page eight and nine.

Waste collection boxes approved

FRANKFORT — Commissioner Ralph Ed Graves, Department for Local Government, has announced approval of an application for area development funds for Nicholas County. Please turn to page 12



Bible School ice cream
Rev. Eugene White, representing the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, accepts a check from Mrs. Christine Stone and Mrs. Bernice McClanahan to go toward ice cream for the students at Vacation Bible School this summer. — Jim Smith photo