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## 31st Blackberry Festival begins July 2

It's almost that time again. Beginning Monday, July 2, the normally spacious Nicholas County Courthouse yard will be filled to overflowing with riders, booths and glances and people as the 31st annual Blackberry Festival gets under way.

American Legion Post 12, sponsors of the annual festival, have planned a week full of festivities, including a dance each evening at 9 p.m., a parade and the yearly Blackberry Festival Queen contest, which will be held Wednesday, July 4.

Candidates for the queen title this year are Pam Bowles, Vicki Bassell, Henta Dampier, Tammy Hale, Letha Hardin, Sandra Lyons and Paige Shumate. The queen candidates will be featured in the parade that begins the festival Monday, July 2.

The schedule for the week is: Monday, July 2 — Parade with queen candidates, honor guard, officers and band. The midway will also open this day. Dance at 9 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 3 — Children's games at 2 p.m. and dance at 9 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 4 — Judging of queens, 2 p.m. and dance at 9 p.m.  
Thursday, July 5 — Parade at 7 p.m. followed by crowning of the Blackberry Festival Queen at 9 p.m. Dance at 9 p.m.  
Friday, July 6 — Children's games at 2 p.m. Dance at 9 p.m.  
Saturday, July 7 — Dance at 9 p.m.  
Members of the committees for this year's festival are: Building — Maxwell Burden, Clyde Ham and Paul House.  
Parade — Dudley Vaughn, Bill Power and Carlmill Lester.  
Utilities — John Kahler.  
Club Room — Clyde Ham and Billy King.  
Band — Norman Ellison and John Price.  
Police — Allen Earlywine.  
Convertible — John Erton.

Children's games — Charles Cox, Calvin Morris, Lee Roy Shoop.  
Advertising — Wayne Hardwick, Carlmill Lester, Dudley Vaughn and Gay Mace.  
Queen's contest — Dudley Vaughn and Taylor Mathers.  
Microphone — Bill Power.  
Ticket prices — Edgar Hawkins, Dudley Vaughn and all members.

### News briefly

#### Free ice cream

The Nicholas County Dairy Association is picking up the tab for free ice cream for all Nicholas County vacation Bible schools this summer. To get ice cream for your church, follow these instructions:  
Each church that wishes to vacate Bible school will receive, complimentary of the Nicholas County Dairy Association, one 15oz. cup for each child enrolled.  
The ice cream may be picked up at C and G Foodways, Church representatives

users should call Bobby Crockett at Foodways, 288-8433, to make arrangements for picking up the ice cream. The grocery will record all pick-ups and bill the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, which in turn will be reimbursed by the Dairy Association.  
A check representing the association's ice cream donation will be presented to Nicholas County Ministerial Association president Mark Prevost at tonight's annual Dairy Night at Nicholas County Elementary.

#### Road contract let

Carter Adams, Inc. of Lexington has been awarded a \$10,321 contract from the Kentucky Department of Transportation for blacktop surfacing on three different Nicholas County roads. Roads to be surfaced are 2.4 miles of the Cornett-Taylor Creek Road from Jackson, Ky. to the Upper Jackson town Road, 5.3 miles of the Cassidy

Creek Road from Ky. 32 to Ky. 27 and 2.8 miles of the Saltwell/Hartsville Road from the Johnson Road to the Buffalo Trace Road.  
Bids were let May 4 in Frankfort and a statewide total of \$38.8 million in contracts was awarded from that letting.

#### Correction made

An article in last week's Mercury stated that John Anderson is chairman of the Johnson-Mathers Health Care. He is board of directors. Mr. Anderson is

secretary of the health care board and Mr. Edgar A. Darrell is chairman. The Mercury regrets the error.

### New doctor coming July 16

On July 16, 1979, Elzer Thompson Fuller Jr. M.D. will begin medical practice in Nicholas County. Dr. Fuller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elzer Thompson Fuller, Sr. of Freds Creek, Pike County, Kentucky and is married to the former Judy Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Harris of London, Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Fuller have 2 daughters, Lori Ellen, age 5, and Parrish Leigh, 3. They will be residing at 107 North Street, Carlisle.  
Dr. Fuller is a graduate of Freds Creek High School, Morehead State University, and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in 1958. He will finish his residency in Family Practice at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine on June 30, 1979.  
Dr. Fuller will be working with Dr. Wendell H. Kingsolver at 101 Chestnut Street.



Dr. Elzer T. Fuller Jr.



#### Break time

The Carlisle Baptist Church is currently holding Vacation Bible School and one class took a recess for some play on the courthouse yard Monday.—Mercury photo.

#### Cancer workers

Bonnie Clines, representing Fibre Glass Industries, presents a check to Mrs. Dorothy Kamberling, treasurer of the Nicholas County Cancer Fund, for \$100 in donation to this year's drive. Each of the women pictured from left to right was responsible for gathering donations from one building in the factory. Others pictured are from left: Bill

Damon, chairman of the local drive; Joan Trussell; Howard McFarland; Bethina Lou; Patricia Markland; Anna Sinker; Shirley Fryman; Shirlie Brize; June Wagoner; Vicki McLeod; Ethel Shook; Bonnie Clines; Dorothy Kamberling.—Mercury photo.

### County assessment is \$90 million

The tax revolt in Nicholas County is either played out or sleeping, if the number of assessment appeals filed this year is any indication.  
Only 11 appeals were filed according to Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Rose Brady's office. The appeals hearings were conducted last week and the county's assessment had already been certified by the state.  
Total assessment for this year is \$90,000,000 compared with \$82,397,422 in 1978.

Road estate assessments have increased almost \$3 million since last year. The 1978 figure was \$61,969,309. This year the total valuation of real estate in Nicholas County is \$64,891,245. The increase in the real estate figures is almost entirely due to growth and recent sales according to Mrs. Brady's office.

City assessments were not available at press time. Mrs. Brady's office said they were expected to arrive sometime this week. The City of Carlisle uses her assessments for tax bills.  
The city council recently approved a tax rate for 1977, the year of the tax suit, based on a city assessment of a

little more than \$21 million.  
This year's assessments break down as follows:  
Tangible personal property includes motor vehicles, mobile homes, aircraft, merchant's inventory and boats — \$12,543,990.  
Manufacturer's machinery and materials — \$1,506,400.  
Intangible includes stocks, bonds, notes, mortgages, liens — \$5,456,100.  
Bank shares — \$163,642.

Warehouse property — \$1,375.  
This summer marks the first time in two years that Nicholas Countyans have not met in groups advocating tax reform because of what they considered high assessments.  
The 1977 assessments resulted in a tax suit that was only resolved early this year. The 1978 assessments also brought numerous appeals, including many to the state board of tax appeals, but no suits.

If the tax revolt is a sleeping giant in Nicholas it isn't so quiet elsewhere. In Pendleton County taxpayers there are preparing to enter into another round of appeals for this year's assessments. Warren Shwert, publisher of the Falstaff newspaper and head of a tax reform group, urged taxpayers in an ad in his paper last week to file appeals if they have not done so.

Shwert, acting for the group, reached an agreement for a 15 percent across-the-board assessment reduction that was signed by Revenue Commissioner Maurice Carpenter in December of last year.

### First year rough but Booth survived

Damon Booth once dreamed of flying helicopters for the army. Now his future plans include flying United States Air Force transport planes and getting a degree in engineering from the Air Force Academy.

Damon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Booth of Carlisle, is in the last week of a three-week vacation following his first year at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Col. Soon he will leave for three weeks of on-the-job training at Mountain Home, Idaho and then back to the Academy for a short course called SERE — short for Survival, Evasion and Escape.

Some of his predecessors used the techniques they learned in SERE to escape North Viet Nam POW camps. "They say it's tough," he said, "but I'm sure it's not as bad as the real thing."  
That could describe Damon's feelings a year ago. He was set to leave for his first year at the Academy where he would lose all of his hair for a short

while and most of his freedom. In exchange, he would take 21 hours of college courses and undergo strenuous physical training, as well as become a "doodle," the Academy's term for a new recruit.

Damon became interested in the Air Force Academy from a family friend who flew helicopters. The 1977 NCHS graduate once entertained thoughts about an army career as a helicopter pilot until his friend told him about the Air Force Academy.

Wen said: "There are several ways to enter the Air Force Academy but only one course was open to Damon: Congressional appointment. Each Congressman has five appointments to the Academy to disperse each year. But the applicants must be able to pass the entrance exam and physical."  
Last year only two students in Rep. Carl D. Perkin's Seventh District

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### School roof under study

That much-maligned, often discussed Nicholas County Elementary school roof is currently undergoing study by architects and a roofing specialist to determine what actions can be taken to correct the problem of water leakage into the school.

Representatives of Luckett and Farley Architects have been in Carlisle twice in the last three weeks to inspect the roof and confer with school officials.

Supt. Don Elder said the corrective measures will probably include reconstruction of part of the roof. He stressed that all reports and inspections of the roof so far indicate that the structure itself is in now way weakened by the problem.  
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School officials have been making daily checks on the condition of the roof and have called in state inspectors from time to time. All agree that the building is in no way weakened by the problem.

The situation was most serious during the winter snows, Elder said. The heat from the building caused the lower layer of ice on the roof to melt. Having nowhere to go up, it was forced down through the roof by the weight of the snow on top of it, causing the

leakage.  
Tests made on the roof by the architect's representatives include cutting a section of the roof out and water leakage from the roof. Those checks on the roof itself and taking soil samples from around the building.

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