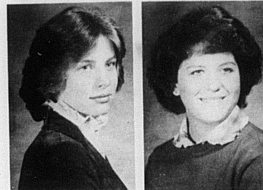


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One will be queen



Missy Hawkins
Missy Hawkins, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hawkins, Carlisle.
She is a 1983 graduate of Nicholas County School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Ecology Club, Library Club, yearbook staff, the National Honor Society, and was on the basketball and track teams. She was named to the Central Kentucky Conference first team in her senior year in basketball.
Many plans to attend Transylvania University in the fall where she will be a member of the Lady Pioneer basketball team. Her hobbies are softball and swimming.

Barbara Ann Payne
Barbara Ann Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Payne, is a graduate of Nicholas County High School.
Throughout high school she was a member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Ecology Club, FHA, 4-H and the Church. She served as a library aide her junior and senior years and also as an office aide her senior year.
Barbara was mentioned in Who's Who Among American High School Students and also participated in the APES program. She teaches Sunday School at the Pleasant Valley Church of God and enjoys swimming, bike riding and tennis.
She plans to attend Mayville Community College this fall and major in business management.

Jennifer Hughes
Jennifer Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Hughes, is a 1983 graduate of Nicholas County High School. She was a cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club, French Club, Pop Club, Student Council, Ecology Club and the Church.
Jennifer was co-valedictorian and received the Bourton-Nicholas County U.K. Alumni Scholarship along with the Blue Grass Chapter of Professional Engineering Science and Math Award. She was also listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.
She is a member of the Carlisle Christian Church and plans to attend the University of Kentucky this fall.



Robba Carol Howard
Robba Carol Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Howard, was a 1983 graduate of Nicholas County High School.
Robba's school activities were the Drama Club, National Honor Society, 4-H Club president and treasurer, APES, Kentucky Girls state, Ecology Club, office aide, library aide, Pop Club, and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.
She received the Drama Club Award, Officer Practice Award, Honor Roll Award, and was the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce scholarship.
Robba has been accepted in the Radiology Department at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, and plans to attend in September for two years. Her hobbies are swimming and roller skating.

Toni Sexton
Toni Sexton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sexton, is a 1983 graduate of Nicholas County High School.
During school she participated in the Ecology Club and Church, was a member of the National Honor Society for two years and was also selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students during her junior year.
She was class president both junior and senior years in high school. Her hobbies include sun bathing, reading and swimming.
Toni will be attending Morehead State University this fall majoring in elementary education.

Farm Bureau Communications award

Greg Kecher, staff writer for The News-Enterprise in Elizabethtown, has been selected as the 1983 recipient of Kentucky Farm Bureau's communications award to a writer.
The award, consisting of an engraved plaque and \$200, has been presented annually since 1961 to a writer who has made an outstanding contribution toward improvement of rural-urban understanding in Kentucky.
The 1983 winner's plaque was presented at a Kentucky Farm Bureau seminar in Berea June 23.
A Boyle County native, Kecher worked as a staff writer for the Advocate-Messenger in Danville for over a year before joining the News-Enterprise in 1982. He holds a BA degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky.
Kecher has specialized in farm news coverage for the Elizabethtown daily, providing a varied and informative supply of agricultural information for readers in Hardin and Letcher counties. "Kecher's stories are highly effective in defining the problems facing farmers because he does such a good job portraying the farm people about whom he writes," said Paul Everman, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau.
With Hardin County's strong agricultural economy combined with a large nonfarm population, Everman noted, Kecher's accounts of local farm enterprises "bridge the gap of understanding that so often separates the farmer from the non-farm urban community."
Kecher's writing has drawn earlier recognition through annual competi-

tion sponsored by the Kentucky Press Association. In 1980 he won a first-place award in the category best sports feature. He received another first place award in 1982 for best feature story.



Mark Matlock, right, volunteer auctioneer for the Hospital Benefit dinner Friday night, starts the bidding for a group of oriental prints donated by the William Jeffries of Lexington. Also pictured are Mrs. Clary Kingsolver,

Director of Volunteer Services for Johnson and Linda Scott, auxiliary members. In front of Mrs. Kingsolver is Beth Scott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tim Scott. —Mercury photo.

And what did I hear?

The unemployment rate in Nicholas County rose slightly in April from previous months, as opposed to a continuing drop in unemployment rates statewide, according to Department of Human Resources statistics.

Unemployment rates of 13.1 percent in January, 14.4 percent in February and 14.9 percent in March rose to a high 20.3 percent in April in Nicholas County. Out of a civilian labor force of 1,171, there were 612 unemployed.

The statewide rate in January was 10.2 percent.

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On look-out Mock disaster July 14

New photo series starts

A new series, "Citizens of Tomorrow," begins this week The Carlisle Mercury. It features the pictures of children taken by Magic Photographers recently in Carlisle, listing the names of the youngsters and their parents.
This newspaper is pleased to publish "Our beautiful children" because it believes our are the most beautiful children in the world and we are proud to show them off. However, The Carlisle Mercury has no connection with Magic Photographers (or any other studio) and cannot assume any responsibility on any matter between that studio and its patrons. Magic has furnished the photographs to this newspaper and we plan to publish them in a weekly series.

Rob Hester, Nicholas County Hospital Administrator, has announced that the hospital, in conjunction with City and County law enforcement, fire, rescue, and ambulance services, will be holding a mock disaster exercise Thursday, July 14, at the Nicholas County Elementary School and the hospital.
Motorists and persons in the above mentioned areas are advised to use extra caution between the hours of 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14.



Workers with W. R. Cole and Associates are shown installing one of the many windows which are being replaced at the high school. (More pictures inside). —Photo submitted

Federal program offers education help for handicapped children

The Nicholas County School District recently prepared an application for the use of federal funds for the education of handicapped children in the Nicholas County School District. This application specifies that a free and appropriate public education will be provided to all handicapped children ages five through 17 who are residents of Nicholas County.

Unemployment soars in April

The application will be on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools for a period beginning June 30 and ending July 13. Interested persons may review copies of the application and make comments concerning the application to Bill Coulter of the Nicholas County School District. Consideration will be given to all comments prior to the submission of the final copy of the application to the Department of Education.

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