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## School officials pleased with skills tests results

### Students, teachers responsible for ranking

"We were surprised, but not shocked," was the reaction of School Superintendent Donald G. Elder to the news that Nicholas County Schools had been ranked in the top 25 percent in the state on the Kentucky Essential Skills Test, according to data gathered and prepared by a Lexington newspaper.

"Our students and our teachers deserve the credit for this. We have known all along that our students could score this well and that our teachers were capable of preparing them to score this well."

"The entire staff worked diligently to establish a good basic curriculum for our students, the instructional staff worked to see that this curriculum was taught, and our students took advantage of the opportunity to learn these basic skills," Elder said.

The data shows Nicholas County Schools rank 44th in the state in essential skills, up from 144 of 180 districts in 1985. This can be compared to surrounding counties of Bath (48th), Bourbon (73th), Fleming (45th), Mason (68th), Harrison (49th) and Robertson (51st).

Nicholas County's average score of 63.3 Normal Curve Equivalents (NCE) was only surpassed from Bourbon County's 65.6 by 2 NCEs, less than one-third of a point, but the two schools were seven places apart in the rankings. This is the reason many local school officials were opposed to the ranking system used by the State Department until last year.

The national average on the KEST is 50 NCE.

Bill Guthrie, Federal Programs Coordinator for the district noted that among the top 10 districts in the state are:

Richmond (9th), Jefferson (10th), Shelby (11th), Madison (12th), Boone (13th), Lincoln (14th), Taylor (15th), Grant (16th), Hancock (17th), and Adams (18th).

At present, James R. Anderson, incumbent in District 2 had no opposition.

District 2 includes voters in Ruffery and Mayor's Office precincts. District 3 is Moorefield and part of Englewood.

Deadline for filing with the county clerk's office is today, August 28. Terms of office is four years, with election every two years. District 1 and 3 were contested in 1984.



### Free at last!

A total of 1,291 Nicholas County students poured out of classrooms and onto walking buses or other transportation following the opening day of school last Wednesday. Of the total 925 were in elementary grades and 366 in high school, an increase over last year. Photographer Bill Guthrie did the snapping from atop the elementary school building.

## Tender Loving Care center opening here

Tender Loving Care, a center for kids ages 2-12 will open its doors Monday, Sept. 8, this filling a void created last December when the day care facility closed at the Community Center.

Two of the instructors involved there, Mrs. Stephanie Duncan, a three-year veteran, and Mrs. Beulah Children, with two years experience have filed for license to operate the Monday-Friday center. It will be located in the basement of the First Christian Church on Catherine Street. The building is being brought up to code by a state fire marshal, Duncan said this week.

"The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of \$1.50 per day per child (second child in the same family \$1.00) full or part time. This price includes breakfast, a lunch from the Hot Dish and an afternoon snack. Hot meals nutritionally balanced include a main dish, two vegetables, roll and milk.

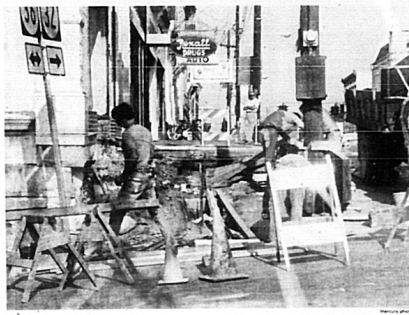
School age youngsters may stay before and after school for \$1.50 each session or \$3 per day, including assistance on and off school buses.



### Honored for service

The 1986 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was presented to Mrs. Clouse Finch, center, by Mrs. Doreen Wall (Seagraves), right, Chairman of Board and Chief Executive Officer of Jockey International, in ceremonies Friday morning at

Jockey's Carlisle Sewing plant. Also recognized were past DSA winners, from left, Mrs. Florence Wilson, Mrs. Betty Foy and Mrs. Judy Hardin, in back is Plant Manager Rick Drwitz. (Other pictures on page 11.)



### City installing ramp

Workers for Jim Terrill Contracting were tearing out the steps and sidewalks in front of the C.C. Cole building on Main and Broadway last week in advance of installing a ramp for

handicapped persons. The city is having the ramp built as a convenience for handicapped and elderly people with business to transact on the south side of Main Street. Total cost is \$7,350.

## Young but eager Jackets open play

### Madison foe at local field

Richmond Madison comes calling tomorrow night as the Nicholas County Bluejackets open the 1986 football season.

And if hard work is an indication, the boys in blue will be ready to play despite being short on numbers and reserves, second year head coach Bob Barr said.

"We have to be very careful about injuries this year. The injury to our backfield will simply destroy us," he said.

Posting up inexperienced, should Day be injured, the only other quarterbacks listed on the roster are from the junior high ranks. Jabron Brown is 5-4, 115, while Duane 5-9, 190 at center; Kevin Hagbes, 6-0, 225, right guard; David Williams, 5-11, 180, left guard; Dwight Curran, 6-0, 190, left tackle; Rob reserves was transferred to the McCluttry, 6-0, 225, left tackle, and Terry Hill, 6-2, 215, left end.

ON DEFENSE, Ledford and Har-



COACH BOB BARR

## Rescue unit frees man pinned in car

The Nicholas County Fire Department worked about 20 minutes to free the man who was taken to the Nicholas County Hospital, where he was arrested at 11:17 a.m. by Trooper Bill Hayes.

Hayes charged Whalen with driving under the influence and released him to the custody of his parents.

IN ANOTHER incident investigated by state police, Trooper William Harst reported that Mary Holmes, 34, of Paris, a passenger in a car driven by Ronald W. Dean, 30, of Nicholas, N.C., suffered head injuries in an accident Aug. 25, about 12:15 a.m., on Ky. 1244, 11 miles from Carlisle.

A second passenger, Robert Summer, 36, in another given, as well as Dean, escaped with minor injuries, the tanks.

The situation in the city is another story. Water supplies for cattle and other livestock are at the critical stage, said extension agent for agriculture Mike Phillips.

Farmers are either hauling water to replenish supplies or hauling cattle to market, he said.

Quite a bit of rain - three to four inches - is needed to get streams running again, Phillips figures it will take most of the water to get dried up reservoir unit and a passing motorist whose automobile headlights picked up the tip of the vehicle.

"A few little showers won't get it done," he said Monday. "On the other hand, we don't want too much all at once, which could be damaging. Just 10 to 15 p.m. Aug. 28, on the East Union Road. He apparently lost control of his car, a 1973 Volkswagen, which left the road.

There has just about passed for any rain to be beneficial to the tobacco crop in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McDonald.

A passing motorist, Fred Whaley, water from the #11 Camp Lake gully, who lives nearby, happened to see the accident. He called the fire department and stopped to investigate, lowered the lake level several feet. Whaley said he didn't think anyone last week in advance of removing cypress in the car until he reached in and