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## That big first step!

Tuesday, August 18, marked the first day of school for students in Nicholas County. At about 8 a.m., this young lady and young man made their way off a school bus for their first day. Linda Fleming Photo.

## New members are added to Mercury staff; two leave

The Carlisle Mercury has two new faces. Joining the staff of The Mercury are Linda Fleming as an associate editor and Heather Mathes as a part-time writer/photographer. Fleming, a native of Mason County, will be working in the photography and editorial areas, as her primary responsibility.

Her meeting assignments will include coverage of Nicholas County Fiscal Court and Carlisle City Council.

In addition, she will be writing feature and spot news stories. Fleming and her husband, Tom, reside in Mason County.

Mathes, who is a full-time student at Mayville Community College, will be working in a part-time capacity with The Mercury.

She will have primary coverage responsibilities for the Nicholas County School Board, as well as feature and photo assignments. It will not be unusual to see Mathes at NCCH football and basketball games, taking pictures.

Kathleen Brewer has accepted a full-time position with The Mercury.

Working in the composition area of the newspaper, she will be working on a full-time basis to help in producing the best newspaper possible.

Brewer has been with The Mercury since October of last year. Marsha Mathes, who as been with The Mercury for about a year, has accepted a non-newspaper job in Lexington. She has left the paper.

Janis Dunham, a veteran of 18 years at The Carlisle Mercury, will be leaving to join her husband in the operation of Bobby Dunham Electric.

Dunham will leave The Mercury, effective August 21.

"It is always difficult to see familiar faces go, but we are excited for Marsha and Janis," said Hank Bond, publisher of The Mercury.

"It will be a real challenge for them and I wish them every possible success in their decisions to leave the newspaper business."

"All the while, we are all excited about the new members of The Mercury family. It will be difficult for a while, but we know these individuals will become an important part of the newspaper."

## Tainted ice cream is removed from shelf 12 state warning issued

By Hank Bond  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

As a precautionary measure, certain Primmick's ice cream sandwiches distributed in 12 Southern states are being voluntarily withdrawn by their Jacksonville, Florida manufacturer.

According to a release from Dairyman, Inc., the product may contain bacteria that could be harmful to certain individuals.

Bobby Crockett, operator of Foodtown in Carlisle, said he had only one box on the shelf and it was pulled off.

"Normally, I do not carry that brand, unless there is something special in the case. We usually carry Seal-Off Cold."

The Drumstick brand cones being withdrawn can be identified by nine or 10 digit code numbers ending in 1243 or 1244.

Gayle Kelley, operator of Carlisle Ice Cream, said he did not have any of the recalled product. "My name is Madeline Caldwell. We do not carry carry and do not

have the product line in the store. The product we carry is manufactured in Richmond."

Consumers who may have purchased the product in another section are urged to check the manufacturing codes. If the numbers listed are on the box, the product should not be consumed.

The product can be returned to its place of purchase for a full refund.

Consuming the contaminated ice cream, which is affected by the Listeria monocytogenes, a bacterium, could cause mild to moderate flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache, and/or gastrointestinal upset in certain individuals.

The Listeria organisms present little risk to healthy persons. At greater risk are pregnant women and their fetuses, infants, the elderly and other persons with weakened immune systems.

Consumer inquiries may be directed to the Louisville headquarters, manufacturer, Dairyman, Inc., by telephoning 502-423-6714

## Fiscal Court sets rate; 13.6 rate left in place

By Marsha Mathes  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Nicholas County Fiscal Court set and approved 1987 tax rates during its regular meeting Wednesday, August 12.

Nicholas County Clerk Ross Scott told court it could lawfully raise county taxes \$1.00 per \$100 assessment, possibly generating \$500.

Court members agreed not to take this action, leaving county tax rates at 13.6 cents across the board for real, tangible and tangible motor vehicle.

Court members approved tax rates for the county hospital, \$11.7 cents real, 17 cents tangible and 17 cents tangible motor vehicle; county fire department, 2.8 cents across the board; county health department, 2.5 cents real, 2.4 cents tangible and 2.2 cents tangible motor vehicle; state, 21.4 cents real, 45 cents tangible and 45 cents tangible motor vehicle.

Scott informed court the Nicholas County School Board left tax rates at 21.2 for real and tangible, but raised tangible motor vehicle 4.9 cents, from 40 cents to 44.9 cents per \$100 assessment.

Fiscal court approval was not required for the board of education to establish the new tax rate.

Second reading and adoption of the tax rate ordinance is set for the next fiscal court meeting.

Court voted to adopt a health and life insurance plan from LifeGuard Insurance Company for county employees.

Christa Walkins of Central Kentucky All Risk Crop Insurance Agency in Paris attended the meeting to answer any questions court

members had concerning LifeGuard insurance.

On the recommendation of Nicholas County Judge Executive Howe Smoot, court voted to appoint Horace Marshall to the Nicholas County Library Board, replacing Bob Harten.

Landfill manager John Etten came before court to request permission to have the bulldozer at the landfill repaired, costing the county approximately \$2,400 in parts and \$1,300 in labor.

"The bulldozer at the landfill has quit on us, with the load cracked in four or five places," Etten said.

The board granted Etten permission to have the dozer fixed.

Court members voted to give Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center \$4,000 from general fund, the amount set in the 1987-88 budget.

Smoot informed the court Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley would be meeting with the solid waste department in Frankfort later in the week.

"The county may receive a penalty," Conley said.

Based upon a February inspection, Conley said the solid waste department may fine the county for having no signs up at the landfill, and dumping illegally into the rock quarry.

"There are two signs up at the landfill, and the illegal dumping has been stopped," Smoot said.

Court members voted to authorize Smoot to sign contracts with Nicholas County Water District for the county road department and landfill.

Court also voted to enter into contract with the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center in

Frankfort to place juveniles from Nicholas County when necessary, at a cost of \$45 a day per child.

Since the closing of the juvenile detention center in Robertson County, Conley said the county had no other options.

"This is all we have right now," Conley said.

"It doesn't happen in a flash, but we have to have a place to put these children when it's necessary to lock one up," he added.

Court members voted concern over the cost of transporting the juveniles to Prestonburg.

"The state in the process of developing grant counties can apply for to pay for the transportation of juveniles," said Shirley Gardner, secretary to Smoot.

Magistrate Orville Atkinson brought to the court's attention several people had questioned him over the possibility of the county adopting an ordinance preventing someone from obtaining a permit to haul hazardous material into the county, Atkinson said.

There was the possibility of someone hauling hazardous material into the county, Atkinson said.

Conley told court legislation on this matter is scheduled to take place during the next session of the general assembly.

According to Smoot, the Nicholas County Landfill is not breaking even financially.

Court members discussed raising Nicholas County's cost of dumping in Nicholas County's landfill.

Atkinson suggested a court of times Bourbon County dumps in the landfill be recorded, with a report sent to Gardner to be considered at the next fiscal court meeting, set for September 2, 8 p.m.



Last Wednesday evening, this Sikorsky S-76 Helicopter landed near Nicholas County Hospital to mark the beginning of regular, direct health care to Nicholas County. - Hank Bond Photo.

## Healthcare from the sky available in county on fulltime, 7-day, basis

By Linda Fleming  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Wednesday, August 12, at 6:20 p.m., residents of Carlisle witnessed the arrival of health care from the sky, better known as U.K. Health Care Med I (Acromed).

The aircraft can travel at 165 miles per hour and the approximate time from Lexington to here should be no more than 15 minutes.

Ronald McHarris, operator of the Carlisle, Nicholas County Ambulance Service, and Hughes plan to serve as an intensive care unit during transport operations.

According to a release from Chandler Medical Center the program has been established with the University Hospital in Lexington.

The service will be available 24 hours per day, seven days a week. All hospitals within a 150 mile radius of Lexington will have the opportunity to benefit from this service.

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