

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

For the NCHS Band And the beat goes on . . . for 24 hours

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As the summer living year, Nicholas County High School Thursday, July 9, may have been the last of its kind for a long time.

Nicholas County High School Band held a play-a-thon from 4:30 p.m. Thursday through 4:30 a.m. Friday, July 9, to raise funds to offset the cost of new equipment needed for the band.

According to Shawn Parrish, band director at Nicholas County High School, there were about 15 students participating in the play-a-thon, with several members of the band on vacation and unable to attend.

However, Parrish said the event, which was held in the same manner as a television rockathon, was a success.

Music was played continuously for 24 hours, with participants alternating plaques and donations from the community.



High winds
Homeowners answered a call on U.S. 60 north of Carlisle at the intersection of Old Blue Licks Road, Monday night. Winds, which rippled through the area at speeds of up to 75 miles per hour, toppled a trailer and uprooted trees. Arthur Coleman, a resident in the trailer, was freed and transported by Nicholas County Ambulance Service to Nicholas County Hospital. Other structure damage was reported in the county. Monday's weather area of Kentucky power was off for thousands as the state received a heating from Mother Nature. (See front page.)

Social Security Update

At the other day I received a notice that I was paid more social security benefits than I was due because of my earnings - how could I give them an estimate early in the year.

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Above left, Joe Hutton and right, Jason Poe, keep the beat moving during a portion of the 24 hour play-a-thon by the Nicholas County High School Band. (Marsha Livingston Photo)

regular meeting March 9, asking for funding of new equipment, additional improvements to the band room and new uniforms. The board voted at its May 11 meeting to purchase the new uniforms and 30 music stands, and resound the band room.

The Nicholas County High School Band has held other fund-raising events, such as selling candy and vitalizers, to become self-sufficient as possible.

"We were also paid to teach in several parishes as Christmas," Parrish said.

"This only did us raise money, but we got a lot of public exposure," he added.

"The board has given us a great deal, but the line has to be drawn somewhere, and we have to make money on our own," Parrish said.

Parrish announced the band room is in the process of being renovated.

"The carpet has been laid down and the ceiling should be completed in a week's time," he said.

"The new uniforms have been ordered and are on the way," Parrish added. "We are expecting delivery of them in early August."

Though a complete roster of band members for the 1987-88 school year has not been completed, Parrish is expecting approximately 25 members from grades seven through 12.

A 1985 graduate of Lafayette High School, and a 1986 graduate of University of Kentucky, Parrish is beginning his second year at Nicholas County High School.

A member of the Lafayette High School Band and University of Kentucky Marching Band, Parrish received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from U.K.

"I've been playing in a band since I was in the fourth grade," Parrish said.

"I can play just about any instrument well enough to learn, but the saxophone is my major instrument," he said.

"Since coming to Nicholas County High School we had director in August, 1986, Parrish continues to see considerable improvement in the band.

"At this point in time, we would better that we did at the first football game last year," Parrish said.

"The band has been losing grade since June 1, with sectional practice held on four and a half

with days, and two night rehearsals for entire band held each week. Band camp will be held at Nicholas County High School July 20-24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

"We will have music and work on the field show," Parrish said of band camp.

"From band camp until school starts, we will have two night rehearsals a week from 7 to 9 p.m.," he explained.

Parrish is planning to have an instructor for flag girls and two assistants for band camp, another cost the fund-raising events should help cover.

Along with his position as band director at Nicholas County High School, Parrish also teaches fifth and sixth grade band at Nicholas County Elementary School.

"Eventually, when the numbers are large enough," Parrish said, "I hope to take seventh graders and form a seventh-grade band."

Parrish explained the fifth-grade band, an beginner, give only a spring concert each year.

The sixth-grade band gives two concerts, a Christmas concert and a spring concert.

Parrish said he feels the challenge being made in the band program will result in a sense of pride in the band members.

"Everyone is real excited about the new uniforms and the improvements to the band room," Parrish said.

"I think the younger students will see these modern uniforms and it will give them the incentive to be involved."

"When they hear the band would be better, they'll say they feel and say that maybe the band would be a good thing to be a part of," he mentioned.

"The kids we working hard and they are committed, and that goes hand in hand."

"I take five to seven years to re-teach a program."

"Every good band I could name didn't sound good five years ago."

"As the band improves, more and more students will want to join, and in time, we'll get even better," Parrish concluded.

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