

SCHOOL

Nicholas students, teachers to be involved with statewide drug task force

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Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Nicholas County School System not only cultivates learning but also hopes to generate leadership qualities as well.

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An extracurricular activity providing those involved with journalism and English experience at Nicholas County High School has some professional touches.

NCHS newspaper's name (THE JACKET BUZZ) was taken by a vote involving the student body.

Carol Bond, Buzz editor, said, "Everyone has been very supportive, especially Mr. Reid (Greg Reid, Principal at NCHS)."

Financing for the venture has been provided by selling popcorn at school, along with advertisements for the publication.

A goal for the student newspaper is producing three newspapers this year. Two have already been made available to students.

The next edition will be received by the student body in May.

Although material for the paper is completely produced by the staff, the finished product is produced on Macintosh computers and Apple Laserwriter at The Carlisle Mercury.

The newspaper staff, an extracurricular activity with no school credit, is sponsored by Pat Massey and Bobby McCord.

Jacket Buzz staff includes: Carol Bond, editor, Patrick Dale, assistant editor, Sarah Blount, fourth editor, Teresa Oakley and Tina Green, both club editors, Cindy Miller and Sandy Warren, both sports editors, Nita Villafra, entertainment, Bekah Jones, librarian, Leela Lutes, exchange editor, Donna McCord, student representative, Pam Leonard, circulation and Todd Guenne, business manager.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
NAME: James Hill
Age: 16
Grade: Junior
Parents: Mrs. Rachel Hill
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Student Council, Ecology Club, Track, Project Graduation
Interests: Sports
Plans after High School: College
Major Business Reasons Chosen by Faculty: A most honest, trustworthy young man. He is looked up to by his friends and teachers as well. A leader in his class. James is respected by everyone.

The Regional Action Task Force consisting of five Kirby, Dr. Sparks, Rose-Marie Parah in coordination with "Champions Against Drugs" is planning a Teen Leadership Conference.

What will be the basis for choosing students to represent Nicholas County at the conference?

Students will be chosen on a basis of leadership abilities and dedication to the drug free program and a drug and alcohol free life, plus an ability to relate to peers and get across to them to just say NO, Kirby said.

The state level conference will be held at Berea College, the top academically in the state and in the country, for four and one half days in June.

According to Kirby, sponsor of the student representative, the conference will be a mixture of learning and fun which cultivates leadership qualities and address the problems that teenagers meet face in this day and time.

The students will receive training and learn more about such subjects as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and dating abuse in a seminar-type atmosphere, Kirby said.

Twelve students will represent a region that includes Franklin, Anderson, Bourbon, Scott, Woodford, Harrison and Nicholas.

Two students will be taken from each school, but many will not send anyone," Kirby said.

More immediate activities planned by the Regional Action Task Force will be a play involving a teenage drug situation in which peer pressure plays an important part called "Down With the Sky."

The production, a professional musical, will be presented April 26 in the student body at Nicholas County High School.

Two students from NCHS, Chris Knazka and Teresa Oakley, attended and pre-

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NCES eighth grader, Victor Watkins, earns state award

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Many people may overcome surmounting problems in their life, but very few of those can bounce back with an attitude that brightens and lifts the spirits of whomever that person encounters.

Last week, the State of Kentucky's Parent Teachers Association (PTA) found one Nicholas County student to meet the proposed requirements.

Victor Watkins, an eighth grader at Nicholas County Elementary, was awarded the Rising Star Award in honor of Christina McAuliffe for a student who has conquered obstacles in his or her life and continued to work hard and

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Victor received the award at the State PTA convention held in Lexington at the Continental Inn, April 26.

Mrs. Barbara Williams, resource teacher at NCES and also Victor's instructor, said, "I cannot think of a student more deserving of the Rising Star Award than Victor."

She explained, "I mean, when things get down in the class, everyone is grumpy and just, just leave it to Victor to pick up the mood saying something that gets everyone back on the right track."

"Overall, Victor is a young man with a sweet disposition and also a caring individual—even though he hates to fuss up to it."

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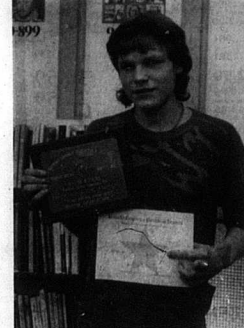
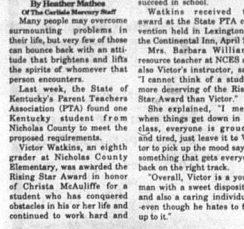
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Recipe For A High School Drop-out

Take one poor American boy, give him as little love as possible, kick him around a bit at home, put him in an academic classroom with a subject centered verbal curriculum, a "scholarly" teacher who sees no hope for him, fall him once or twice, never give him more than a "D" and never praise him.

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