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These are the champions

Eighth graders finish with 16-1 mark



On the eighth grade team, left to right, front row: Jennifer Vice, Tina Fryman, Candy Long, Erin Weaver. Second Row: Coach Penny Breitz, Nikki Smoot, Renee Linnville, Christie Hutton, Gabrielle Fryman, Andrea Garbath and Coach Barbara Kenney. See story on Sports page inside.

Seventh grade team perfect at 14-0



On the seventh grade team, left to right, front row: Rose Ann Farah, Elizabeth Shandling, Shawna Arnold, Julie Caswell, Emmie Ritchie. Second Row: Coach Penny Breitz, Kim Denkins, Kristie Cox, Alicia Sibert, Jennifer Willoughby, Tawnya Livingood, Amanda Abnee and Coach Barbara Kenney.

Nicholas man charged after shooting

Carlisle - Shots rang out at about 10:30 p.m., Friday night, at 1256 Cane Run Road, in Nicholas County. Dead from a shotgun wound to the head is Eddie E. Ashbury, 38, of Carlisle.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, the accused Jimmy J. Willoughby, 61, of Carlisle has been charged with murder by state police and lodged in the Montgomery County Jail with a \$75,000 cash bond.

The shooting occurred, according to the police report, at the residence of Ashbury's wife, Alice Willoughby Ashbury, from whom he was separated. Willoughby is Mrs. Ashbury's brother.

Ashbury was removed from the scene by the Nicholas County coroner. The incident is under investigation by the state police.

Working the case for the state police is Detective Robert Scott, who was assisted by Trooper Jeff Hinkle.

According to the Nicholas County District Court Calendar, Willoughby appeared in Nicholas District Court, Monday, November 7, and entered a not guilty plea before District Judge Wayne Fitzgerald.

The court calendar shows that following a not guilty plea, a public defender has been appointed and a hearing set for the case on November 14 at 11 a.m.

Nicholas system gets awards

The Nicholas County School District will receive two state awards Thursday, November 10, in Lexington.

The awards to be presented are the Flag of Progress and a Special Award for Most Improved Attendance Rate.

The Flag of Excellence/Flags of Progress and Special Awards are sponsored by the Kentucky Educational Foundation and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Donald G. Elder, superintendent, William Hunter, board chairman, Greg Heid, NCBH principal and Les Hardin, student council representative will accept the awards for the district.

Nicholas County is one of 82 school districts to receive the Flag of Excellence/Flags of Progress Awards.

Nicholas County High School will receive the Flag of Progress award for academic achievement and the promotion of academic excellence.

This is the second year a Flag of Progress has been awarded to Nicholas County. Nicholas County Elementary received this distinguished award in 1986.

The district will be awarded a walnut plaque containing a special certificate for being one of the top 21 districts with the most improved attendance rate for 1987-88.

The district attendance for the year was 96.07 percent.

This percentage exceeds the state average.

Elder commented, "The awards represent a great deal of hard work in the part of the administration, the faculty, the students and parents."



Saluting the champions
The student body of Nicholas County Elementary School, along with teachers and administrators formed the school orchestra for a city recognition of the city basketball team's success this season. The spirit award went to the eighth grade. - Bill Gurnie Photo



Counting the vote
G.A.T.E. students are shown counting votes from parents in a mock election at Nicholas County Elementary. They are (seated l-r) Justin Abnee, Johnna Griffin and Jennifer Galvin. Standing is Melissa Manley. - Bill Gurnie Photo

Change approved on close vote

The members of the commission were silent for several minutes at a time, mulling over the information from the previous meeting as well as the information presented by Hopkins.

Extra meetings can be called by the City Council, Hopkins noted.

"I like to see things prosperous," John Ring said as he usually voted in favor of rezoning. Clarence Cord was not present for the special meeting.

Jerry Galbraith however found that it was not in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and voted nay to the rezoning request. S.R. Barlow however said "We need something there, we need another filling station in town" and broke the tie.

County water rates increase

By Julie Pfeiffer
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

It was business as usual as November's Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting.

The county water rate will raise as of November, in kind with the city water rate hike, Water Commissioner Doc Allison reported.

The first 1,000 gallons will cost the consumer \$6.80, according to the County Clerk Rose Scott. The cost will be \$1.95 for every 1,000 gallons after. These price changes will take effect as of November 1.

Philip Howard, from the landfill, asked the court for a new metal building to house the bulldozers. Presently they are unable to get the larger bulldozer into the building.

A building for that purpose would also need a concrete floor, Magistrate Melvin Fryman pointed out. No action will be taken until Judge-Continued on Page 6