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Nicholas County educators attend Bourbon gathering
Group of over 300 hoped to speak with governor

By Julie Pfeiffer
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A teacher's rally in Bourbon County Wednesday hosted about 300 teachers and supporters from seven counties. Four state legislators and several representatives from the Kentucky and National Education Association were present to address Governor Wallace Wilkinson, who was not present.

Before the rally Representative Adrian Arnold expressed concern not only for teachers, but for self-employed farmers and others who are paying higher insurance rates as health expenses rise.

From Nicholas County, Bill and Faylla Gubrie, Sue Kirby, Betty Ballard, Dana Lane, Pat Atkinson, Brenda Rains, Pat Lawrence, and G.C. Myers attended, with signs in hand.

"John Can Read But Wally Can't Read" was one of the Gubrie's signs, followed up by "Education Needs A Recall."

These signs express the gut level feeling of the teachers, Larry Diebold, KEA Executive Director said. Diebold was one of eight speakers at the rally, held in the Bourbon County Circuit Court room.

The evening was full of slogans, as the first of the speakers was introduced it was noted that during the day the court room is a court of law, but tonight it is a court of expression.

David Allen, president of the Kentucky Education Association, was the first speaker. He sported a badge with a slash through the words "Kentucky Kare" the name of the new insurance plan causing so much controversy. Kentucky Kare will be a self insurance plan that will cost more than the Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage, but will cover less.

He told the audience he had been frustrated by Governor Wilkinson's remark that Kentucky teachers had enjoyed Cadillac coverage long enough.

"Governor," he said. "We are not inclined to trade cars this October."

He too added some slogans that he had seen at rallies around the state.

To insure Kentucky's future, insure Kentucky's teachers. And a slogan he had seen on a T-shirt. "It's time to get the government out of education."

Fred Tinsley, president of the KEA Central District

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Nicholas County firemen responded to a house fire, last Tuesday. The home, on Osborn Road, was occupied by the Jerry Garland family. There were no injuries, however, the home was considered a total loss. - Chuck Reed Photo

Kingsolver goes from 1973 English class to author

by Joan W. Conley, former Editor of The Carlisle Mercury

In 1973 Barbara Kingsolver was writing short stories in her English Class at Nicholas County High School

to prepare for graduation in May, and in 1988 she has published her first novel, The Bean Trees, soon to be made into a movie, starring Debra Winger.

A Book-Signing and Reception is scheduled in her honor on Sunday, November 13, from 2-4 p.m. at the

Carlisle Depot, sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society. "I'm excited about getting to do this in my hometown - with people I know, in a place that really means something to me," she said in accepting the invitation.

Highly acclaimed by critics, The Bean Trees was featured as an alternate selection by Book-of-the-Month Club. It was included in the New York Times' editors' "choice" and "summer reading" lists.

The Bean Trees was

named by the heroine's founding baby "Turtle" who, when starting to talk, and fascinated with vegetables, pointed to a Wisteria flower and said "Bean." Taylor Green then questions, "Bean?" Turtle, the baby who had been dumped into her Volkswagen during her long trip from Kentucky to Arizona, by an old Indian Woman, insists "Bean trees." Taylor then realizes that some of the Wisteria flowers had gone to seed, and the long green pods she hung down looked just like beans. Thus, The Bean Trees

was born. It is a light-hearted novel, full of the greatest imagination that any one person can have. It is entertaining, yet touches briefly on almost any subject in which you might be interested - same being sports, gardening, medicine, psychology, yes even sex - all down in VY heading west with fatherless girl who leaves rural Kentucky in a broken down VW heading west with out any definite destination. "Until my car stopped running, and I would stay." It is

certainly not an autobiography but Kingsolver has clearly drawn on some of her own experiences. She was neither fatherless or poor, but she did leave Carlisle after graduation from NCHS and eventually wound up in Tucson, Arizona, where she lives today. Kingsolver was widely travelled in her formative years; Taylor had never been out of Pittman County, Kentucky. You may



Barbara Kingsolver

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Visiting Demos
Kimball Booth, Co-chairman of the Democratic Party in Nicholas County, shakes hands with Bob Babbage, State Auditor. Babbage, Milt Patton and Paul Patton were in Carlisle Tuesday to help stamp for the Democratic Party. - Julie Pfeiffer photo

Queen candidates selected for NCHS; winner picked Friday

The Homecoming Queen for 1988 will be chosen from the following senior girls: Melissa Sexton, Tonya McCarty, Sarah Blount, Christie Padgett and Michelle Kirby.

Her attendants will be: Freshman: Hope Coker; Sophomore: Kami Turpin; Junior: Deana Fryman. This Homecoming Week full of activities in anticipation of the Estill County Game Friday.

Monday was Rock Day, Tuesday Teacher Lookalike Day, Wednesday Crazy Hat and Shoe Day, Thursday Halloween Costume Day. Thursday night will be the Bon Fire Pop Rally at 7:00 p.m. Friday Blue and White Day. Saturday the dance will be held with music by Sound Unlimited.



Homecoming Queen candidates and attendants Hope Coker, Michelle Havens, Deana Fryman, Sarah Blount, Sarah Blount, Melissa Sexton, Kami turpin and Tonya Fryman. - Julie Pfeiffer photo