

FEATURE AT - 6

Mother, daughter view hobby now, as a potential business

Josh Hayward
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Cynthia Bowles and Felice
Burton started craft making



Cynthia Bowles displays some of her shirt paintings she is preparing to sell in California November 1. Josh Shepherd Photo.



Cynthia Bowles surrounds herself with an entire clan of stuffed rabbits and cows in her living room. But, she said, they will soon be moving on to California and, hopefully, to a new home. Josh Shepherd Photo.

Pictures being sold as fundraiser

The Nicholas County Fire Department will again be holding a fundraiser this year surrounding the sale of pictures.

Individuals representing the department will be circulating throughout the Nicholas County area selling advance certificates.

The funds realized from the sale of the pictures will be used to retire a portion of the debt on the new fire truck and to purchase other essential equipment for the department.



The Carlisle Mercury Photo by Hank Bond
Total loss - Nicholas County firemen were called to East Union Road, 8:10 p.m., September 7, to a car fire. The 1988 Chevrolet Camaro, owned by Bobby Watkins, was a total loss, according to Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, pictured above right.

is a hobby that has suddenly blossomed into a potential business. At least they'll find out after their work is put up for sale in California.

Bowles said her interest in crafts began when she visited stores and saw something she wished she could buy.

"I saw wood signs in these craft stores and I really wanted to buy them, then I saw the prices. But looking at the prices, I know if they could do it, I certainly could," she said.

With that resolve firm in her mind, she began painting woodcuts and old crumpled and straight saw blades. Using patterns from any source available, from books to old food sacks, she said.

Interest in her work grew rapidly until now the demand was almost overwhelming.

"I'm selling stuff as fast as I can make them. So many requests came in for me to paint old saws and create some of my woodcuts I've had to put a temporary hold until I can get some things out to California to sell," Bowles said.

Wandering around the side room where they work, those who stop in are treated to a look at where they make them and several of their pieces on display. Shirts with a wide variety of designs, both simple and complex, hang waiting to be moved.

"Since we made plans for the California sale, we have both needed to put a halt on our production here because each time we make something new, it gets sold," Burton said.

Cost to make the shirts run a bit because of the price of acrylic paints and the shirts she uses to paint. But Bowles guarantees the designs do not wash off, nor will the shirts shrink because they are made of a polyester and cotton blend.

Burton's cost to produce runs quite a bit lower. Her materials include acrylic paint, cork from the old clothes and material which hangs by the bolt, food at auctions, flea markets and yard sales.

"Every piece I make may have come from a pattern. But when I am finished with the piece, there is something in it that is distinctly mine. I have taken a short, simple board and turned it into something with personality. So much so, I name every piece I make," Bowles said. "If I don't like a piece, I won't sell it."

Both women have approached their work as something more than a hobby. Both said they put too much time into it to be merely a pastime. But they aren't ready to call their crafts a business.

"It really depends on how we do in California," Bowles said. "My sister lives in California and she has a group of other craft makers run a boutique."

A craft boutique in Keller

is run similarly to a craft bazaar, Bowles said. Anywhere from 500 crafters sell where from a home, usually using the entire house, save for the bathrooms. There is virtually no competition because every craft maker has something different to sell. Bowles is sending painted shirts she has recently begun making and Burton is sending up as many of her shirts as she can make before November 1.

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Carlisle, KY 40311

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Until this time, both have never said anything beyond the Bowles' greenery where they both work.

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Insurance must be a resident of Mason, Lewis, Bracken, Nicholas, Fleming, Putnam, or Robertson Counties in Kentucky, or Boone or Adams Counties of Ohio.

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Public Notice
The Fiscal Court of Nicholas County, at a meeting on October 10, 1989 at 9:00 A.M. to be held at the Courthouse, Carlisle, Kentucky, will consider for passage the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Levy for 1989 Property Taxes in Nicholas County, Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the 1989 Nicholas County property assessment has been certified as follows:

Real Estate	86,033,378
Intangible Personal Property	6,200
Motor Vehicles	16,159,870
Public Service Companies	16,077,870
Bank Deposits	5,969,279

HOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Nicholas County, Kentucky:

SECTION ONE: There is levied for the year 1989, the general ad valorem tax rate of \$100, assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Special District or other fund as indicated.

Category	Real Estate	Personal Property	Motor Vehicles	Public Service Companies	Bank Deposits
(a) General Fund	13.2	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4
(b) Fire District (County only)	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
(c) Board of Health	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

The above figures do not include franchisees.

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the County Judge/Executive between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

It is certified by the Fiscal Court that the above summary is an accurate narrative of the main points of the ordinance.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court
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Sometimes if she likes it, it may be just as hard to get," Burton quips.

Bowles said she hopes to develop a mail order business and she and the country crafts are big everywhere.

"All we need to find out is our things sell, and if they sell well enough, we know where it can lead," Bowles said.

September 11, 1989
Date Signed

PART I
STUDENT DATA

TABLE 1
DISTRICT MEAN NCE SCORES ON BASIC SKILLS - CTBS4

GRADE	READING	MATH	SKILLS AREA				NO. & PERCENT OF ENROLLMENT TAKING TESTS	
			SPELLING	WRITING	REFERENCE	ORAL-TOT BATTERY	N	%
K	N/A	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	105	100
1	58	49	n/a	49	n/a	51	91	100
2	49	56	49	49	n/a	51	90	100
3	41	43	42	41	n/a	41	100	100
5	46	49	46	45	45	47	85	100
7	40	48	38	43	40	43	87	100
10	54	52	53	60	52	56	96	100

TABLE 2
ACT-SAT SCORES

DISTRICT	AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST - ACT					NO. & PERCENT OF GRADUATES TAKING TESTS	
	ENGLISH	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	NATURAL SCIENCE	COMPOSITE	N	%
DISTRICT 1989	18.6	15.5	15.6	21.5	17.9	36	41.9
STATE 1988	18.6	16.1	16.8	20.7	18.2	25,013	62.6

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST - SAT

DISTRICT	VERBAL	MATH	NO. & PERCENT OF GRADUATES TAKING TESTS	
			N	%
DISTRICT 1989			-0-	
STATE 1988	475	515	4,512	11.3

TABLE 3
PERCENT OF STUDENTS RETAINED IN EACH GRADE

SCHOOLS	GRADE												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Nicholas Elem.	5	0	2	6	2	0	0	1	1				
Nicholas High										12	13	2	0
DISTRICT	5	0	2	6	2	0	0	1	1	12	13	2	0

TABLE 4
DROP-OUT RATE STUDENTS QUITTING SCHOOL AS A PERCENT OF ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

GRADE	NO. 1987		NO. 1988		NO. 1989	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
7	0	0	0	0	2	2.3
8	1	1.0	1	1.0	0	0
9	3	2.6	4	3.4	1	1.0
10	2	2.2	4	4.2	6	5.8
11	4	4.9	2	2.3	4	4.7
12	1	1.3	4	5.4	1	1.2
DISTRICT	11	1.9	15	2.6	14	2.5
STATE	9,556	3.39	9,348	3.33	N/A	N/A

Kentucky Department of Education
Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Annual Performance Report
Fiscal Year 1989

Nicholas County Board of Education 091
District Number

1995 West Main Street Carlisle 40311
City or Town Zip Code

Donald G. Elder James D. Anderson
Superintendent Chairman Local Board of Education

I certify that this information is a complete and accurate statement of the performance of this school district on the factors specified in this report.

Signature of Board Chairman Signature of Superintendent

September 11, 1989
Date Signed

TABLE 5
PERCENT ATTENDANCE - STUDENTS

SCHOOLS	1987	1988	1989
N.C.E.S.	95.85	96.43	96.32
N.C.H.S.	94.69	95.18	94.97
DISTRICT	95.53	96.07	95.93
STATE	94.74	94.75	N/A

TABLE 6
GRADUATES GOING TO COLLEGE OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY TRAINING

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DISTRICT	COLLEGE				
	NO. 1986	NO. 1987	NO. 1988	%	
DISTRICT	22	33	28	4.4	
STATE	17,539	46.4	18,432	49.6	
				20,363	51.1

OTHER POST-SECONDARY TRAINING

DISTRICT	OTHER POST-SECONDARY TRAINING				
	NO. 1986	NO. 1987	NO. 1988	%	
DISTRICT	6	5	5	4.5	
STATE	3,171	8.4	3,217	8.7	
				3,511	8.8

MILITARY

DISTRICT	MILITARY				
	NO. 1986	NO. 1987	NO. 1988	%	
DISTRICT	n/a	3	4	3	
STATE	1,873	5.0	2,105	5.7	
				2,013	5.1

TABLE 7
SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT

DISTRICT	STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION				
	NO. 1987	NO. 1988	NO. 1989	%	
DISTRICT	0	0	0		
14 years of age	103	8.2	125	9.7	
15 years of age	103	8.2	125	9.7	
17 years of age	103	8.2	125	9.7	
STATE	70,304	10.9	73,427	11.4	
				73,054	11.4

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS RETURNED TO REGULAR CLASSROOM STATUS AS A PERCENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

DISTRICT	SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS RETURNED TO REGULAR CLASSROOM STATUS AS A PERCENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT			
	NO. 1987	NO. 1988	NO. 1989	%
DISTRICT	5	4.9	29	23.2
				0
				0

TABLE 8
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFIED AS ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED

DISTRICT	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFIED AS ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED				
	NO. 1987	NO. 1988	NO. 1989	%	
DISTRICT	602	48.0	587	46.3	
				505	39.9
STATE	223,190	34.7	252,579	39.3	
				N/A	N/A

TABLE 9
DISTRICT SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

SCHOOLS	DISTRICT SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT			
	NO. 1987	%	NO. 1988	%
Nicholas Elem.	36	11.2	33	21.9
Nicholas High				45
DISTRICT	36	11.2	33	21.9
				45
				12
				100
				33
				100
				42
				93

PART II
STAFF DATA

Percent Attendance	STAFF DATA	
	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF
Percent Attendance	96.8	98.4
Average Days of Sick Leave	6.15	4.07
Average Days of Personal Leave	0	0

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