

Apartment complex to be built

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — A 20 unit apartment complex will be built at the corner of Kentucky Highway 33 and Green Valley Road.

The apartments are designed for low-income elderly individuals. They will be constructed by the Community Action Council.

The apartments are financed through a million dollar loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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"We made our application to HUD in May of 1989. HUD then selected the communities which would get the money," Smith said.

"We sent the request to Louisville where it was screened. Louisville sent it to Atlanta. It was screened again in Atlanta and sent to Washington, D.C."

Distribution is set

The Community Action Council announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus commodities including Vegetarian Beans, Honey, Peanut Butter, and Peas will be distributed to eligible area residents.

Amounts allocated vary according to household size. Funds and amount may be adjusted depending upon availability.

The funds will be distributed at Senior Citizens, 124 West Main Street on Wednesday, December 12, 1990 from 8:30-11:30.

Misrepresentation of need, or sale or exchange of USDA commodities is prohibited and could result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

"Housing and Urban Development ranks areas based on the need of the community," Smith said.

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"The paperwork for the loan is due in January. And we've got a pile of paperwork that needs to be done," Smith said.

Masters inducted at MSU

Carlsle graduate student, recently inducted into Phi Alpha Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, a history society.

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HOLIDAY DEADLINES

The Carlisle Mercury will publish holiday editions on time, however with printing restrictions, the editions will be produced earlier.

Deadline for the December 27 edition will be Noon, Friday, December 21.

Deadline for the January 3, 1991 edition will be Noon, Friday, December 28.

The deadline for the December 31 PLUS Special will be Noon, Thursday, December 27.

We hope the holidays are happy for your friends and family and look forward to serving you in 1991.

The Mercury office will be closed: December 22, 23, 24 and 25; and December 29, 30, 31 and January 1.

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SCHOOL SCENE

Playschool teaches high school students and children

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CARLISLE — If education can be judged by smiling faces, then the playschool class at Nicholas County gets straight A's.

The children, between three and five years old, all smile and chatter brightly. Their teachers, high school students in the Gainsful Child Development class at the high school, are busy bringing them oranges.

"You see a little bit of everything with these kids," sophomore Chris Smoot said. Smoot, along with sophomore Angel Bean, teach the playschool class at part of their Gainsful Child Development class at Nicholas County High School.

"We have the same ones in class every week," Shawn McIntyre said. She added the children came in three days a week for two hours a day.

The high school students teach the young children basic skills.

"We try to teach nature and science and how to count. But mostly it's colors," McIntyre said.

"To some ways they surprise you," Smoot said, "they pick up things you don't expect them to pretty fast."

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The Gainsful Child Development class is part of the curriculum at Nicholas County High School. The state encourages schools to have a Gainsful Child Development class.

"It's designed to be a part of a vocational program and help train day care workers," Martha Taylor noted.

In addition to the play school the class also has several other activities the students must participate in.

"Three students teach the play school," Taylor said. "The rest of the students go to work centers."

Some of the work centers are at the elementary school, the two teachers said. High school students work with kindergarten, first graders and special education students, Taylor said.

There are other work centers the students go to as well. "The students also go to private homes and to the day care center in Carlisle," Taylor said.

"They also work with Head Start, which is the program for four year olds at the Community Action Center," she added.

The class also attempts to expose the students to different occupations in the child care field," Bonnie Metcalfe said.

Example: Metcalfe said she visits to Cardinal Hill Hospital, where the high school students learn how to work with physically disabled youngsters.

Other trips are to Kinder care, a day care franchise, and to private day care centers in Lexington, Metcalfe said.

The play school program itself has two purposes, the teachers said.

One is for the smaller children to learn by coming to school and the other is for the high school students to learn by teaching, Metcalfe said.

"There's more of a social aspect for the smaller children than an educational aspect," Taylor said.

"Kindergarten teachers always say you can tell the children you have been to play school the play school children are better adjusted," Taylor added.

The play school class also helps the high school students.

"The students do a lot of work before they ever work with any of the children," Taylor said.

"They learn to plan curriculum and activities as they work with the children and continue their classwork through the year," she said.

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emonial activities the students must participate in.

"The students plan activities like taking the children trick or treating to various rooms around the school," Metcalfe said.

"They also take them on field trips to the fire department, a ride on a school bus and these types of things," Metcalfe added.

Metcalfe believes the class helps high school students understand the difficulties of parenting and teaches the students how to handle discipline.

"The program does prepare students for a vocation," Taylor added.

Both Taylor and Metcalfe said several former students are now working in the day care field.

The class and the home economics program offers the child development classes to prepare students for a vocational field later, the teachers said.

Students at Nicholas County can take the Gainsful Child Development class for two years and then attend a vocational school to become a day care worker, Taylor said.

Both Taylor and Metcalfe said there were few vocational schools which offered the day care classes in Kentucky, though.

"I think the closest one is in Lexington," Kentucky, Metcalfe said.

Parents who have children and are interested in enrolling them in play school classes can contact either Metcalfe or Taylor at the high school.

"Some years we have lots of children and have to have a waiting list and other years we don't have much of a problem at all," Taylor said with a laugh.

Taylor said the home economics department, which sponsors the Gainsful Child Development classes, tries to inform parents about the play school through several methods.

"We sent flyers home in the elementary school children's report cards this year," Taylor said.

Taylor believes the program is very useful for both the high school students and the young children.

"We wouldn't have the program if the high school students didn't need it," she said.

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Children at the Playschool class take time out for a break Thursday afternoon. The class is held three times a week after high school.



Members of the Nicholas County Academic Team show their awards from their victory in the Limestone League. Pictured from left to right are Andrea Hall, Robyn Brookshire and Todd Wilson.

Student of the Week

Robyn Brookshire has been named Student of the Week at Nicholas County High School for the week of November 26-30.

Robyn is the daughter of Rodney and Lisa Brookshire of Carlisle. She is a 17 year old senior whose interests include music, piano and reading.

Robyn participates in several extracurricular activities. She is a member of the academic team, the student council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Robyn plans to attend college after graduation and is interested in the University of Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Transylvania.

Nicholas County has advanced to the tournament and will face Madison Central at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 22. The program will aired on Channel 18.

Nicholas County was one of only 25 from across Kentucky invited to the tournament. Nicholas County was placed in a group with Fleming County, Laurel County, Louisville Ballard and Lexington Tate-Creek, academic coach Kathy Green said.

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In the second round Nicholas defeated Laurel County 27-21 and the Bluejackets dropped Louisville Ballard 32-25 in the third round.

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H.A. JONES TRUCKS advertisement listing various truck models and prices, including a special offer on a 1991 Chevy 3/4 ton 4x4 for \$14799.00.

Advertisement for H.A. Jones featuring a map of Harrison County and contact information for their business.

Academic team wins Limestone League

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