

SCHOOL SCENE

Nicholas students are tuning into a different channel

By Kara Reed
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CABLE TELEVISION is a familiar sight in many homes...

The school is supplied with the equipment and wiring to view a daily 12 minute news program.

Nicholas County is one of about 6,000 schools nationwide receiving the Whittle Educational Network.

The network is part of Whittle Communications, Knoxville, Tennessee, and has three components: Channel One (the basic element), the Classroom Channel and the Educators' Channel.

In addition to the video program, Whittle Communications issues Teachers' Guides to teachers in the system.

Although the junior high students are the only ones with the equipment now, Bill Guthrie, director of federal funds and school grounds for the Nicholas County Board of Education, said he expects the high school to be equipped to watch the program after the Christmas break.

The services are provided to schools free of charge upon signing a three year contract. Nicholas County signed a contract with Whittle in October.

According to Whittle Communications, Channel One is a daily 12 minute news and information program designed for teenagers. It consists of 10 minutes of news and two minutes of commercials.

The Classroom Channel is a noncommercial channel with the purpose of aiding instruction.

The Educators' Channel is a program aimed to assist teachers. It is the newest edition to the Whittle Educational Network.

Guthrie said the teachers at the junior high have been very receptive to Channel One.

He said the junior high teachers asked to have Channel One after learning the high school would have it.

"The elementary school was an afterthought," he said, "but they wound up getting it first."

He said it was easier to wire the elementary school than the high school.

Phyllis Guthrie, eighth grade teacher, said the program started two weeks ago, "I set the ground rules. Now I don't have to tell them to quiet. They enjoy watching the program."

She said the newest bit on the level of teenagers, making it more interesting to them.

Channel One presentation is shorter and to the point, making it easier to understand and more enjoyable for the students.

Guthrie said Channel One has covered such issues as crime in the Middle East and poverty in Mexico.

"I appreciated the segment on Mexico," she said, "The school doesn't offer much information on it so it was really helpful to the students."

The commercial section of the news cast has caused some controversy around the county.

Bill Guthrie said none of the Nicholas County teachers using Channel One have had any complaints about the commercials.

He said Whittle Communications has list of products and products which cannot be used for advertisements. The list includes tobacco products, alcohol products and copyrighted materials in good taste.

Charity Griffith, eighth grade teacher, said she expects the school to be equipped to watch the program after the Christmas break.

The commercials include such advertisements as Nike, Burger King and Clearasil.

Whittle Communications said all advertising is controlled by guidelines set by educators.

The contract guarantees that no more than two minutes of commercials will ever be aired.

Bill Guthrie said it is a good contract and the school is lucky to have someone install the equipment and wiring.

"It would probably cost seven or eight thousand dollars to do the wiring," Guthrie said.

Guthrie said Whittle Communications takes responsibility for the equipment and will repair any problems.

Guthrie said that is not frustrating.

"This gave us an opportunity for someone to come in and replace our old system," he said.

He said the school still has access to Kentucky Educational Television.

The principals, teachers and administrators have the opportunity to preview each program. If the program is found disagreeable, they can choose not to show it that day.

In return for viewing the Channel One program in the classrooms, Whittle Communications provides one 19 inch color television for a certain number of students, enough for every classroom, two VCR's, a satellite dish to receive the program and cable wiring throughout the school.

The communications company installs and maintains all equipment.

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GENERAL NEWS

This special session to focus on garbage and landfill control; January call expected

By Tim Jones

The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE — A special session of the state legislature will convene in January to address Kentucky's out of state garbage and landfill problems.

The two main issues are limiting out of state garbage and protecting the environment, State Representative Adrian Arnold said last Monday.

Arnold believes the environmental question is being answered by Kentucky's stiff landfill regulations.

"Our current regulations are the most stringent anywhere," he said.

State Senator Ed Ford, a member of the Natural Resources Committee, agreed with Governor Wallace Wilkinson's solid waste proposal, he believed.

The Carlisle Mercury reported Friday morning, said the Natural Resources Committee and the Governor's proposal are not far apart at this time.

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Committee completing session review

By The Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — A legislative committee completed a review of Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's landfill proposal and will meet December 19 to draft a plan.

Testimony presented to the interim joint Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee concentrated on the economic impact of Wilkin's ideas, which are expected to be considered at a special session in January.

Wilkinson's plan pushes counties to band together in districts to plan for their waste disposal needs. It also requires the state to regulate waste disposal.

The proposal requires universal collection so that all citizens dispose of their waste according to plan — and requires that the waste going into landfills be reduced by 25 percent by 1997.

Recycling, composting and other methods will be options. Conversely, the multi-county districts would be plans only to their own waste disposal needs — one way to limit out-of-state waste, said Matt Lowe, the governor's spokesman on the plan.

But Lowe and others pointed out last Thursday that those districts may not get to see waste from outside their area or out of the state to see the way. The very idea behind the multicounty approach is to reach economies of scale — enough volume to minimize costs.

Waymon Harris of Ashland, who told the committee he objects to a proposal of regional landfill in Greenup County for environmental reasons, and wants more "local say" in landfill decisions, acknowledged that disposal costs will probably be cut.

"What Jesus Taught" by George E. Rogers. How did Jesus preach? The Bible teaches that he preached positively and negatively. He preached against that which was not in keeping with his Father's will.

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