

School board receives preliminary wall placement plans

By Tom Jones
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Nicholas County Superintendent Gilbert Gilbert discussed the building of walls in the elementary school in an interview last Friday afternoon.

Gilbert and the Nicholas County Board of Education received the initial plans from Jack Clifftor and Associates last Monday night. Clifftor and Associates, an architectural firm out of Lexington, estimated the cost at \$1.1 mil-

lion dollars.

The Clifftor plan would build four new classrooms and a new library. It would partition the old library into classrooms.

Gilbert and the board are currently looking at plans. The final plans may contain more classrooms, Gilbert said.

Gilbert noted many people seemed surprised at the cost of putting walls in the elementary school. The cost of the wall building project was the reason the board elected to finance plans on the bus garage

NCES students send overseas greetings

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CARLISLE — Several Carlisle natives deployed to the Persian Gulf will enjoy a little Christmas cheer, courtesy of the students at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Nicholas County students in the third, seventh and eighth grade classes have written letters to Carlisle natives serving in Saudi Arabia.

Hrends Anderson, one of the several administrators and teachers who coordinated the project, said the students took the names out of *The Carlisle Mercury*.

"The children were in the third, seventh and eighth grades," Anderson said.

"Some of them even got to write two letters to two different teachers," she added with a chuckle.

Bradley Hicks and Allison Sanders were two third

graders who wrote letters. Anderson said she wrote the letters to help ease the soldiers' and Marines' feelings. "I wanted to make them feel better since they are away from home for Christmas," Allison said.

Bradley Hicks said he wanted to make the deployed soldiers feel better, too. Bradley said he believed the soldiers were in Saudi Arabia because of "something to do with oil."

Stan Fulton, a seventh grader who wrote letters, said Americans were in Saudi Arabia because of oil and to help the Saudi Arabians.

Sam said he wanted to keep the soldiers from feeling lonely.

"I wanted to try to get their spirits up since they're away from their families at Christmas," Chris Etton, another seventh grader, agreed with

High water may cause travel problems

While high water in some counties may cause delays for travelers and last minute Christmas shoppers, Nicholas County roads were clear at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, however several creeks were near bank full.

According to Nicholas County Sheriff Charles Rine roads were free of rutting water and open.

According to Gene Kelley, Nicholas County recorder, 2.5 inches of rain from 9 a.m. December 17 to 9 a.m. December 18.

Since December 12 the

county has recorded a total of 3.65 inches of rain at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Forecasters were calling for as much as two inches more rain.

Flash flood watches were issued Monday night, with forecasts continuing to filter for several areas of Kentucky during the day, Tuesday.

Kentucky State Police Public Information Officer James Dalwick, at the Dry Ridge Post of the KRP, which serves Nicholas County, said roads in the post area at 9 a.m. were not closed.

"We can possibly expect to have roads closed if we have the heavy rain predicted. Drivers are cautioned to take it slow."



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Mason County came down another three pointer to push Mason County up 63-50 with a shot and a Mason rebound was pushed up the floor guard slashed to the basket and was fouled. The shot dropped and Brown went to the free throw line with a chance at three point play.

Brown nailed the free throw the lead was three points, 65-62, with less than one minute left.

D.J. Jackson drove to the goal, breaking the Nicholas County press. Jackson converted and Mason led 67-62 with less than 30 seconds remaining.

Brown then came down the floor and nailed a three pointer 7-0. The Bluejackets were in the bonus again before the end of the third quarter.

Twenty six of the Lady Jacket points came from free throws.

The end of the third quarter saw the Lady Jackets with a 63-16 lead.

Kenney was able to give all the substitutes playing time. Jennifer Johnson did not play, however, because she twisted her knee in practice Wednesday.

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from the inside.

Although the Lady Cats played aggressive defense, the Lady Jackets did not have trouble getting inside. They also had several fast breaks down the court for easy layups.

Nicholas County took advantage of Menzies County fouls. The Lady Jackets shot 59 percent from the line.

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Lady Jackets edge Montgomery

By Sidney Gibbs
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MONTICELLO, Ky. — The Lady Jackets started the second half with a bang. Denkins was fouled and scored the lead. The Lady Jackets made one of two free throws to make the score 70-68 with seven seconds left.

Brown, who scored 12 points in the last 130, came up short on his final shot. The ball fell off the front of the rim and Mason County had outplayed the Brown led rally, 70-68.

Nicholas County coach Ed Oakley credited Mason County for playing tough man

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The Locking River began to rise rapidly from the heavy rainfall Tuesday. At Myers Station and below, low land flooding had already begun as early as 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The Nicholas County Fire Dept. Photo

Good health, good friends...all the best to you at Christmas!

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