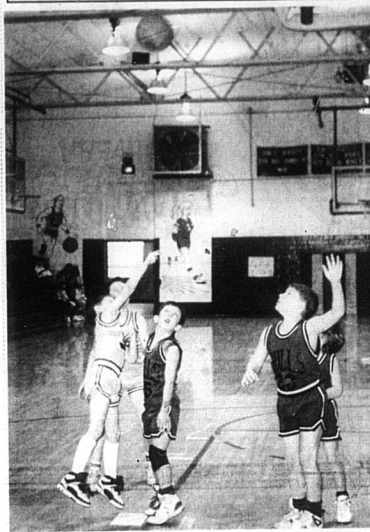


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A heave and a prayer — Action is well under way in the Nicholas County 1990 Little League tournament at Nicholas County High School. The tournament serves fun and fun will be held this weekend at NCHS. For complete tournament results see this week's **SPORTS EXTRA**.

School gets arts grant

The Nicholas County school system has received an artist-in-residence grant from the Kentucky Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

On Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, artist Ruben Merino, who lives in Robertson County, will work with about 50 local high school and elementary students.

Their project will be to create ceramic tiles of historic buildings in downtown Carlisle.

As part of the project, students will be researching the history of specific buildings and writing a description of its facade.

During the project, the high school students will learn how to make plaster molds.

An exhibition of the replicas is also being planned in Carlisle.

People who have information on the history of any historic buildings in downtown Carlisle.

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Carlisle Council to address liquor by the drink ordinance

By Jeff Spradling
 The Carlisle Mercury

Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes, who has seen one meeting as mayor this term, is likely to get his feet wet on a controversial issue at a special meeting Jan. 24.

On the agenda is first reading of an ordinance to approve liquor by the drink sales in Carlisle.

Twice before a majority of council has voted for a liquor by the drink ordinance, but each time the motion was vetoed by then Mayor Lee Dent.

Hughes said he is willing to let the council decide the issue, but has mixed feelings about liquor by the drink sales.

"I don't know what we would or would not have if we had liquor by the drink now," he said. "I don't know if it will help economic growth."

While Hughes is new to the liquor issue in city government, he said he did have experience with disputed issues during his last term as mayor.

The council will also be hearing second reading on an instant annex ordinance for the 19th Hole of Carmio into the city.

If that measure does not pass, it would likely render the liquor by the drink issue moot.

The request for annexation and liquor by the drink was made by 15's Hole owner Bob Paul, who wants the measures adopted so he can sell liquor at his restaurant.

Paul said at a meeting earlier this month his operators employ over 30 people with an annual payroll of over \$100,000.

He maintains that without liquor by the drink sales, he may have to pull his business out of

**At regional level
Recycling program suggested**

By Josh Shephard
 The Carlisle Mercury

A study is being conducted throughout the Bluegrass Area Development District to organize the Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation, a non-profit organization BADD says will be a county money saver.

The program started this January, Bruce Duncan, a representative of the recycling project, said.

Representatives have asked for support from several county fiscal courts, asking for donations of \$750.

"It's a new project and we have no money. Though we are a spin off of the Bluegrass ADD, once established, we hope to be autonomous," Duncan said.

Consultants are gathering data on the recycling needs of each county interested in participating.

Also in being planned is the establishment of drop-off centers in each district and having a truck to haul to a regional location, Duncan said.

Duncan said the recycling center can get a better price on from buyers with this operation.

"It will establish a more stable relationship with the market," Duncan said.

The county benefits, because of the reduction in costs in landfills because much of the material going to the center would have gone to the landfills, Duncan said.

The centers also offer payment for materials people bring.

But Duncan said the state will soon be implementing new environmental standards and among them will be requirements for a recycling program.

"Kentucky is way behind in the recycling game nationwide," he said.

Duncan said implementation of the program will be done going because the 5-member board of directors

Mercury nets awards

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The honorarium mentioned in a photograph for a picture of Santa Claus and a young child during Christmas 1988.

Mercury managing editor Jeff Spradling received a third place in the general news category for a story, he wrote while working at the Mt. Sterling Advocate.

The Bourbon Times took first-place honors in the general excellence category among weekly newspapers with circulation up to 3,000.

The same award for weekly papers with circulation from 3,001 to 4,700 went to the City City Times, while the Pulaski Week captured the honor in the classification for weeklies with circulation from 4,700 up.

The Kentucky Standard received the first-place general excellence award for papers published two or three times weekly.

The Harlan Daily Enterprise won the top award for general excellence among daily newspapers with circulation up to 10,000, while the Henderson Glazer was chosen for the honor from daily newspapers with circulation of 10,001 to 25,000.

Attempt to override a veto by the mayor.

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wants to be careful and try and do things right the first time.

Letters have been sent to county judges and city mayors asking for participation, according to Duncan.

For starters, the corporation is aluminum and paper recycling. Other possibilities depend on what feasibility studies show.

"We have to play it by ear at this time," Duncan said.

No plans are in the works for the corporation to establish its own recycling center. One possibility is contracting with a center already in operation, he said.

"As time goes by, recycling is going to flood the market just to handle the demand," Duncan said.

"It is the right thing to do. Kentucky is recognizing that, and soon it will require counties to have a plan. It would be less hassle to put one in operation now," Duncan said.

Academic team prepares for post season competition

The Nicholas County Academic team is preparing for this year's Governor's Cup, scheduled Feb. 10.

Kathy Greene, academic team sponsor, said the team must win at least two games in the district to move up to the regional championship.

However, though ranked 19 in the top 20 academic teams, Nicholas County lost in the first round of the Pikeville Invitational to teams ranked in the top 10 and to one in the top 20.

Greene said Nicholas has a strong chance to win its district. Exceptional challenges will come in the region, she said.

The academic team won't be televised match against Frankfort Western Hills High School this past weekend in Lexington.

Nicholas County now moves to the semi-finals of the "In-The-Know" competition.

The squad will face Lexington Tates Creek in district match.

The match will be held in May and will be aired May 12 on WLEX Channel 18.



Meritorious scout

Bill Guthrie, second from left, a Nicholas County scoutmaster, recently was awarded the District Award of Merit by the Midland Trail District Boy Scouts. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the district. Guthrie received the award at the district banquet in Mt. Sterling last week. It is presented for continued service to scouting. Pictured are, from left, Charles Caspurg of Nicholas County, Guthrie, District Executive Tom Cardin and George Young, field director.