



The Carlsle Mercury Student Helping Project Kindergarten students wait to return to their classroom after selecting books to purchase from the Nicholas County PTA's Annual Book Fair fundraiser.

Nicholas Co. Elementary sponsors annual book fair

By Susan L. Rolling
The Carlsle Mercury Staff
CARLSLE Children lined up in the Nicholas County School Instructional Media Center with their fathers and Miss Wilma Donathan, School Librarian, to choose books to purchase. According to one of the parent helpers, Clay Chambers, the PTA is the sponsor of the fair every year. This year it runs from April 10-17. Several of the mothers assist in

helping the children make their selections. The children take their lists home and then bring back the correct monies to purchase the books, coloring books, book marks and other related items. Donathan said that this year PTA raises money and some of the profits will go to Library funds in order to purchase books.



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Dampier talks of trip to Saudi

By Susan L. Rolling
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CARLSLE — KG3 John Dampier, United States Navy Reserve, had been in Saudi Arabia since September 11, 1990.
He is the son of Mrs. Cheryl Gillispie of Carlsle and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dampier of Lexington. His aunt and uncle are Pays and Henry Caswell of Carlsle.
John looked around the classrooms and couldn't believe how things had not changed much since he went to school and played ball here. "I worked construction, mainly, on the roads parallel to the border. We were a construction battalion and worked with the Marines. We

put in and maintained the roads for the convoys and we established the M.E.F. (1st Marine Expeditionary Force) and installed the pads for the satellite dishes.
"We also built like a maze for the ammunition supply points which were mounds of soil about 15 feet high. It was built that way for fire protection.
"We got up to about 10 miles from the border and it was extremely hot. We had one hot meal a day and M.E.F.
"At first, the reaction to us from the locals was mixed. Some looked at us like they resented our being there. They never said anything. It was hard to experience the culture.
"I got to work with some "Brits" (British) and got along great.
"We had very little communication beyond the military radio broadcasts and that's about it."
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Rabies hitting peak season

As Kentucky enters its peak annual rabies season, the Nicholas County Health Department is reminding Nicholas County residents to make sure their dogs and cats are vaccinated and to take precautions around wild animals.
Larry Trussell, Sanitarian of the Nicholas County Health Department, says that although rabies in humans is rare, Kentuckians reported 3,442 animal bites last year, putting these people at risk.
"Humans can catch rabies if bitten or scratched by a wild animal," Trussell said. "That's why it's extremely important that all dogs and cats have the proper shots and that people avoid contact with wild animals."
In 1990, the state Department for Health Services laboratory reported that 56 animals tested positive for rabies. Shanks (55) accounted for 63 percent of the positives. Other animals testing positive were nine dogs, four cats against rabies. Pets can be vaccinated by a private veterinarian, or by the Nicholas County Health Department at annual clinics.
"Avoid contact with obviously ill animals and report such animals to animal control officials. The signs of a rabid animal are nervousness, aggressiveness, excessive drooling or salivation and abnormal behavior, such as a wild animal's lack of fear of humans or a nighttime active animal out during the day. However, an animal that appears perfectly normal and still have rabies, too. Report stray animals to animal control officials."
Trussell says that if a person is bitten or scratched by an animal - domestic or wild - that certain actions are imperative.
"First, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible," he said. "Then contact your physician immediately."
"All animal bites should be reported to the health department so that the animal can be quarantined or submitted for testing," Trussell said. "The physician, then, can make the determination about whether the bite victim should undergo treatment for rabies. Treatment usually involved five inoculations in the upper arm and one in the buttocks," Trussell said.
For more information about rabies prevention or to report an animal bite, contact the Nicholas County Health Department Extension Office at 606-289-7000.

Dampier talks

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news briefings and what was passed down from the chain of command. No TV.
"About all we could do is lift weights and listen to the radio. By the time we got off work, we were too tired to do much else. I lifted weights under the moon. We worked from sun-up to sun-down. I did hear news of the protesters. At first I thought it was like Nam. I feel more for the soldiers who came back from Nam. I see how they must have felt. It is a different battle in a different time and it has caused me to read more about Viet Nam.
"With all the letters of support, I know that the majority supported us, so it isn't too bad. I got letters from the churches and YFV and the kids at school here in Carlsle.
"The one thing I really want to tell everyone is thank you for your support and please do not forget those who are still there and never forget from Nam. I see how they must have felt. It is a different

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