

# School Alternative to suspension

**By Ann Shepherd**  
of the **Carlsle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE — Nicholas County Schools are attempting a new, positive way to nip disruptive behavior in the classroom without resorting to punishment as a disciplinary tool.

Beginning this year, the school system will begin running Alternative School, a problem student what they want out of school doing nothing. However, this method of intensive instruction is not intended to be punitive punishment at all, Kirby added.

Instead of being taken out of school, where students fail behind in their work to such an extent they cannot catch up, Kirby said students will be sent to alternative school where, on a one-on-one basis, a student is expected to learn and finish assignments during the day.

"The alternative school idea will work two-fold. Dis-



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Susan Kirby helps Mary Ann Jolly on Friday, a junior at Nicholas County High School, with her schedule for the upcoming year of 1991-92.



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ruptive students will be removed from the classroom which will allow a teacher time to teach, but it doesn't take away from the education of these students. It is intensive, but ultimately rewarding," Kirby said.

However, the reception of the Alternative School does not mean that Nicholas County will do away with detention, suspension, or expulsion, Reid said.

### NICHOLAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TAXING DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1991  
Published in accordance with KRS 424.220 and 65.070

The following information and supporting data may be inspected by the general public at Nicholas County Health Center from 8/16/91 to 8/23/91 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Orelia Villafior, M.D. 138 Broadway Carlisle, Ky. 40311  
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RECEIPTS	
Balance carried forward previous fiscal year	\$8,593.84
Amount received from collection of public health tax for current fiscal year less sheriff's fee	31,933.29
Volunteers, interest, tax collections, motor vehicle taxes, inter-co. tax collections	6,334.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$47,958.55

DISBURSEMENTS	
To the Medical District Health Dept. for general operation	\$12,544.00
DATE PAID	AMOUNT
12-17-90	6,271.00
03-28-91	62.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$25,107.00

07-12-90 Bobby Duncan, Electric	75.00
07-12-90 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
07-12-90 CBC Landscaping-Lawn Maintenance	110.00
08-03-90 Eugene Elbert-Building maintenance	87.25
08-03-90 M.C. Campbell-Building maintenance	215.00
08-03-90 CBC Landscaping-Lawn maintenance	55.00
08-03-90 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
08-27-90 CBC Landscaping-Lawn maintenance	55.00
08-27-90 Clarence Cord-Building supplies	35.00
08-27-90 Healdice-Building supplies	16.90
09-06-90 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
09-06-90 Carlisle Mercury-Tax ad.	126.00
10-01-90 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
10-01-90 CBC Landscaping-Lawn maintenance	55.00
10-26-90 Carlisle Mercury-ad.	24.00
10-26-90 Fire Fire protection service	200.00
10-26-90 CBC Landscaping-Lawn maintenance	55.00
10-26-90 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
11-26-90 Carlisle Floral	27.00
12-07-90 Larry Blum-Building maintenance	15.00
12-07-90 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
12-07-90 Carlisle Mercury-ad.	24.00
12-07-90 NAPA-Building supplies	25.49
12-17-90 Healdice-Building supplies	112.18
12-17-90 Jewelry Patch-Clock repair	8.48
12-17-90 Clarence Cord-Building maintenance	35.00
01-11-91 Carlisle Mercury-Subscription	15.90
01-11-91 M.C. Blair Insurance Agency	325.00
02-11-91 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
02-11-91 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
03-01-91 Grette's Furniture-Vacuum	243.75
03-01-91 Clarence Cord-Building maintenance	55.00
03-01-91 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
03-28-91 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
04-22-91 Pat Pope-Lawn maintenance	75.00
05-06-91 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
05-06-91 M. C. Blair Insurance Agency	914.00
05-06-91 Pat Pope-Lawn maintenance	25.00
05-28-91 Pat Pope-Lawn maintenance	50.00
05-28-91 Medco District-Home Hith. office rent	200.00
06-03-91 Talk of the Town-Board Meeting	24.86
06-23-91 Pat Pope-Lawn maintenance	25.00
06-15-91 Bobby Duncan Electric	60.00
06-20-91 Mike Kenney-trimming scrubbs	10.00
05-16-91 Deposit Bank-Safety Deposit-box rent	\$5,545.31

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$30,652.51

EXISTING DISTRICT ACCOUNTS  
Certificates of Deposit 2,000.00  
Certificates 5,000.00

Note: Each balance credited to the taxing district must be certified by each institution in which the Taxing District holds an account.  
(Attach attachments if necessary.)

This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 1991 a total balance of \$16,746.05 was credited to the Nicholas County Public Health Taxing District.

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# Johnson guided to piano through church

**By Ann Shepherd**  
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CARLISLE — Unlike many accomplished musicians, Jerry Johnson, organist for the Carlisle Christian Church and Piano Teacher, did not begin learning the piano early.

In fact, until he actually began learning at age 16, he never felt musically inclined.

"I realize that, as a musician, I came to learn piano later than most people would think. Even when I wanted to start, people look home in Cyndia's fall I was bit deaf. After all, my family doesn't have much musical history behind them," Johnson said.

It was church, he said, which first led him to sit in front of the ivory keys and begin to play.

Johnson said he was taught that everyone had something they can do. He concentrated on what "something" would be.

The piano kept coming to me. It would pop up in conversation. I felt I was being guided in the direction of the piano. So finally I decided to try. I saved my money, bought a \$150 piano and set it up to play for my own lessons," he said.

Despite his lack of experience playing music, the guide he felt working within him proved itself. With little musical experience, he proved an adept student. In two months he had developed enough to play relatively complex hymn arrangements. Hymns became his forte, he said. And even now, he feels hymns are the source

of his best expressions. However, it was not his talent alone which made hymns his strength. It also came from an instructor who demanded nothing less than a total commitment to learning, he said.

Mrs. Heathman was his second piano teacher. His first, Mary Ellen Kendall, had passed away early in his learning.

"I have never thought of piano as a talent hidden away like that I had finally tapped. I was not proud by any means. So when Mrs. Heathman took over as my instructor, she took me to task and I either learned or I discovered she was not my director."

"But I learned. And then, while continuing my learning, I began teaching at Harrison," Johnson said.

He graduated from Harrison County High School and went on to Covington College in Lookout, Georgia as a Piano Performance major and to another instructor, Dr. Gent, whose piano teaching history, or family tree as Johnson describes it, extended to the great German composer, Ludwig Van Beethoven.

"When I say family tree, I am talking about the line of instructors. When one teaches piano, or any instrument for that matter, they pass on a portion of their style which, to a sensitive ear, can be heard generations down the line."



Zeti had traces of the old master in his playing although the span of time between them is well over one hundred years old," Johnson said.

Though Johnson knew how to play the notes of a piece of music competently and had mastered several styles, his learning in college focused on technique and proficiency. "Anyone can learn to play the notes, but one can always tell the difference between hitting notes and playing music."

In hymns, it is important to read the lyrics. In most hymns the general pattern begins plaintively, a calling or beseeching to God or Jesus Christ. The next verses are usually played quietly, reverently, then the final verse comes loudly, passionately. It is the emotional component in music brought out in performance which distinguishes the pianist from the piano player. The emotional input, the technique, is what I taught to learn at college," Johnson said.

Since his graduation, Johnson, at age 28, has been organist for most churches that he can count and has given lessons to vast numbers of aspiring students.

"There is no such thing as a person who cannot play. All people have an ability. Limitations occur in the amount of desire a student has to want to learn how to play. I have had students who appear for only three lessons, and I have had students with me for four to five years. The difficulties in learning are basically the same," Johnson said.

"Church musicians are rather ecumenical in their thinking because most denominations have similar tastes in music. For me, and most other church musicians, worship is very active."

Jerry Johnson

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