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## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Nicholas rate highest in KY

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CARLISLE — Nicholas County posted the state's highest unemployment rate, 13.0 percent, in figures released February 4 by the Kentucky Department of Human Resources.

Spud Marshall, Executive Director of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Industrial Authority, says there are many factors leading to the increase.

"One thing that hurt us was the Whirlpool closing in Mt. Sterling. Quite a few Ni-

cholas Countians worked there. The I.B.M. layoffs in Lexington also have some effect on the figures."

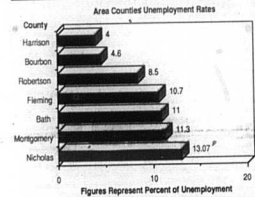
Marshall added December unemployment rates are often higher than usual.

"December is usually the month that the tobacco workers finish their temporary jobs. That always has a drastic effect on the rates."

The slow economy and the resulting slow Christmas retail season also have some effect.

"The stores, not only in

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### Five lineup for clerk's job; seek to fill unexpired term

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CARLISLE — Five candidates have announced their intentions to fill the unexpired term of former Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott.

Scott retired from the position in 1990.

Filing for the May 28 Primary Election were:

- William D. "Billy Dale" Crawford of 4018 Harris Road
- Shirley H. Gardner of 2749 Sugar Creek Road
- Layne Gray of 302 Liberty Street
- Douglas Fryman of 775 Concord Road
- Mona Garrett Vice of 2290 Morefield Road

Deadlines for filing candidacy was January 29.

Fryman was appointed by Nicholas County Judge - Executive Reese Smoot in December to fill the vacancy until the election.



The Carlisle Mercury/Hank Bond Photo  
Amelia Campbell, 6, of Carlisle joined her sister Amy, a member of Browne Troop 515 and about 100 in attendance at a candlelight ceremony in support of America's troops in the Middle East war, last Friday night at Carlisle Christian Church. Additional photos included in this week's edition.

### Tourism, Inc. receives \$7500 grant

By Susan L. Boling  
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CARLISLE — The members of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Tourism Inc. received a \$7500 grant and be recognized as one of the original six recipients of Bicentennial grant money.

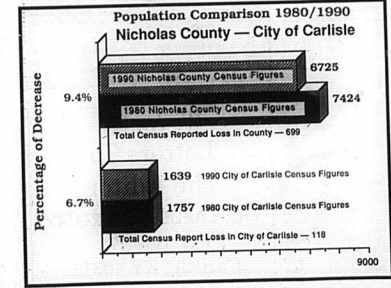
Gladys Shrout, co-chair person of "Tourism" said February 4, members will travel to Frankfort's Old Capitol Building to receive a \$7500 grant and be recognized as one of the original six recipients of Bicentennial grant money.

Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson will be on hand to make the presentation.

Grant monies are given to the 123 counties to celebrate 200 years of Kentucky history," she said. Each county

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### City, County may suffer from population loss



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CARLISLE — The 1990 United States Census results are in, and that could mean changes for Nicholas Countians.

According to the government figures, Nicholas County experienced a drop in population from 7424 in 1980 to 6725 in the current count.

The City of Carlisle also experienced a decrease in population, though not as drastic as the county's drop. In 1980, 1757 people called Carlisle home. In 1990, that number had dropped to 1639, a decrease of 118 people, or a 6.7 percent drop, according to the latest figures.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot says the figures may not be accurate.

"I don't believe that the census workers made an all out effort in the count. They just sent in Washington by Chris Perkins.

Nicholas County School Superintendent Gilbert Gilbert also says that the figures may be less than accurate.

"Last year was the first time that our enrollment saw an increase. I don't believe that there is that big a drop in the county's population," he said.

Spud Marshall of the Nicholas County Industrial Authority says that even though a lower population means a smaller work-force, the census will not hamper his attempts to attract new business and industry into the county.

"The biggest effect will be seen on the retail merchants. The fewer people you have, the less your retail revenue."

Nicholas County is not alone in its population decrease. Of the six counties bordering Nicholas County, only Harrison County enjoyed a slight increase in population.