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LOUISVILLE — October 31, 1991 meant much more to Nicholas County than a simple Halloween celebration. It meant more than the supernatural and miraculous occurrences that are so often associated with that final October day.

For some, that meeting at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky was a day to celebrate a small victory for Carlisle, one which on the surface may not be so readily apparent. After all, what is a Certified City?

But for those who have worked for three long years to give Carlisle this one simple label, October 31, 1991 was a profound and laudatory moment in Nicholas County history.

It was a day when a handful of people gathered together on a brisk, warm Halloween morning in their Sunday best to travel nearly two hours in a cramped bus in order to re-

ceive a simple wooden plaque with the name Carlisle and Certified City etched together in blue metal.

That plaque is a symbol of a few in Carlisle who have taken a hard look at this small town and seen beyond the cracked paint, black dirt encrusted awnings and the empty store fronts and the rising rate of unemployment in this depressed community and said "enough".

Carlisle has finally taken a significant step forward to halt the dull malaise which so afflicts the residents of this community and when that plaque was announced and finally presented to Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes.

It was the culmination of an effort on the part of many people who took time off during their working hours, spent evening hours in meetings and committees, organizing facts and data feverishly to prepare this town for a visit from a group of strangers, city evaluators who

come to judge if Carlisle is truly ready and desirous of industrial and economic development.

And for that one day, so most of us worked at our daily jobs, running through our weekly mill, the committee members laid open the bare foundations of the city of Carlisle to these evaluators to convince them the people in this town wanted a better way of life.

They ignored the pessimistic hissing of those who always seem to say that things will never be better for Carlisle.

"It ain't gonna work, it'll fall, these things always do."

Well, 36 people didn't think so, and there are quite a few more who don't think so either.

1991 may not go down as a year of exacting economic growth in Carlisle. A seed has finally been planted, and to the relief of those who

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**We made it!**

After three times Carlisle officially became a certified city. They six people traveled to Louisville to accept the certified city on Friday afternoon. Pictured from first row, left to right: Carolyn Denton, Co-Coordinator for the Certified City for Carlisle; Spud Marshall, former Director of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority; Kelly Howard, Carlisle Chamber of Commerce Coordinator; Debbie Bowles, a Certified City committee member; back row: Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes; Jim Orr, Carlisle's on-site coordinator for Kentucky Certified City Programs.

## Academic team wins Limestone League

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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Academic Team claimed the Limestone League regular season championship for the second consecutive year with its final defeat of Tolleboro, its last contest before entering into a post-season tournament.

Despite a strong start and an immediate push into first place, the academic team has battled to chock up a 9-1 record at the end of the fall season. Having knocked out most of the traditional Limestone League powers with effective team up round play, the Academic team was thrown a sur-

prise upset by Bourbon County, the only Limestone League competitor to take out a win against a powerful Nicholas County squad.

From the moment of their loss to Bourbon about three weeks ago, the team was forced to play each game with greater intensity if they expected to claim sole possession of first place in the league.

Another loss would have sent them to a tie with Flemingburg and Montgomery County.

But when it came to the final game against Tolleboro, the writers, has really become very sharp in the toss up rounds. Mostly its experience, and to the relief of those who

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the other team and we have been very successful with it in the last two seasons," Green said.

However, toss up proved to be Tolleboro's strength as well. As the game progressed, Tolleboro never led, but never trailed by more than eight points.

But by the time the toss up round reached the Humanities section, Tolleboro had clawed its way to within four points of Nicholas County.

It came down to the wire, to the last four questions in the tournament, Green said, before Nicholas County pulled the game out, defeating Tolleboro by a slim 106-103 score.

Top scorers for Nicholas County were seniors Jill

Hardin, logging 24 points in Language Arts, 24 in Math, and 20 Science, and Brian Canupp with 23 in Science, 24 in Social Studies and a 20 in Humanities.

In two previous contests, Nicholas County shut down Paris, 112-5-103, on Thursday, October 21. They followed the Paris win with another decisive victory over Lewis County, 113-105-5. Canupp and Hardin were again high scorers in both games.

In the Paris contest, team member Lari Berry placed with a respectable 17 points in Language Arts.

Nicholas County has been a traditional power in the Limestone League for several years, checking up a few championships throughout the

1980's and have set the stage for a good showing in the 90's.

But this season marks the first time the Academic team has dominated the league with two consecutive championships.

"Given the range and scope of the league, claiming the championship in the regular season is comparable to an athletic team winning their region. We couldn't be more excited about this win," Green said.

The final tournament is considered a separate event from the regular Limestone League season, Green said.

"There is a regular season champion and a tournament champion."

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The 1991 Limestone Academic team champion team from left to right: First Row: Krista Voss, Lori Berry, Megan Denton, Katie Lawrence, Mandy Abnoe, and Pat Baker; Second Row: Jason Poe, Sunshine Hall, Jill Hardin, Mary Ann Lawrence, and Robert Freed; Third Row: Angela Canupp, Brian Dunn and James Anzoppy; Fourth Row: Aaron Judge, Brian Canupp, and Janelia Sobot.

## Road improvements for U.S. 68

**By Josh Shephard**  
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LEWISVILLE — The Kentucky Department of Highways has made initial surveys and planning to begin implementing new improvements and road widening on U.S. Highway 68 between Highway 28 and Highway 124.

According to State Highways administrator John Keith of the district office in Flemingburg, the highway department is conducting surveys and developing plans to continue the improvements to the Mayville Road into Nicholas County.

"The road improvements have been a part of our six year road improvement plan for quite awhile. At this point we are in the very preliminary stages of planning, developing one, two, or possibly three different possibilities for improving U.S. 68," Keith said.

The plan for continuing improvements into Nicholas County has been presented to Frankfort since as early as 1983, but the funding has been set aside in favor of larger and more costly projects, Keith said.

"No double lane highway is in any current plan on the new highway improvements," Keith said.

Before any proposal will be brought to Frankfort, Keith said, the department will schedule a public hearing displaying each possible line proposal the department has developed to receive public input.

"The public hearing is still quite a ways off. We are only now surveying the area and developing some preliminary plans for the various line possibilities present in the area. But hopefully within the next several months we'll have a proposal ready for the public to review," Keith said.

But hopefully within the next year, prior to the 1993 fiscal year, the district office will have a full proposal for highway improvements ready to present to the state highway department for consideration.

At present, two tentative lines have improvements have been tentatively developed. The first calls for widening of the existing U.S. 68 highway, making the horizontal and vertical curves considerably less severe and installing broad emergency lanes to accommodate traffic, Keith said.

The other proposal would be to send the new road cross-country over land to the traffic islands. This plan would