



The Nicholas County High School Chess Team took home a first place trophy from the 5th Annual Oak Ridge Fall Scholastic chess tournament last weekend. They are, back row, from left to right, John Sidles, freshman, Robert Haed, freshman, Hobbs Doyle, junior, Mark Harmon, junior, and chess team sponsor, Jay Lally. Front row, left to right are Jeremy Warner, freshman, and Brian Dunn, junior. Not pictured are Jonathan Bruner, junior and fourth place finisher in the Oak Ridge tournament, and Jody Powell, freshman.

Chess team claims first

By Josh Shephard
The Nicholas County High School Chess Team claimed first place in the high school novice class of the 5th annual Oak Ridge Fall Scholastic chess tournament.

The national invitational chess competition is the second tournament for the high school chess team this year and the first for them to claim a significant victory.

In a previous tournament, they were edged out of the top spot by half a point, which for the team was a frustrating pill to swallow.

Chess team sponsor Jim Lally said the team together felt they were capable of taking that tournament, and the win they took in Oak Ridge solidified that opinion.

Competing against top players from Kentucky, Georgia, and Tennessee, each member of the team won two games and all but one player received an honorable mention in the Oak Ridge tournament.

Senior Jonathan Bruner further established Nicholas County High School's national chess reputation by placing fourth overall in the tournament and claiming a sweep of his scheduled games. Players receive more than recognition for their achievement in the tournament. They also improve their individual rating of their ability to compete in chess on the national level. Due to the fact they opted to remain competitors in the novice class during the tournament, their rating remains lower than competitors in the masters' competition, but each rank in the upper scale at around 1200. Masters are usually ranked in areas above the 2,000 mark.

Though the amount of play they have got in recent months have been limited to two tournaments so far, the spirit offers the chess team several more chances to garner tournament championships and improve their overall individual ratings. All have said they feel confident in upholding Nicholas County's status as a team to be reckoned with.

Academic team falls in tournament

By Josh Shephard
The Nicholas County Middle School Academic team was edged out by a narrow defeat of Augusta, 132.75-81.75. In that tournament, Nicholas County scored 117.50 points in the Language Arts, and 22 in earlier claimed the 1991 Science, 29 in Social Studies, and 21 in Humanities.

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However, as in the regular season, League rival Bourbon County did what no other academic team has been able to do all season. They pulled out a sheering defeat of the Nicholas County for the second time.

Bourbon County, while not among the Limestone League powerhouse, was the only academic team in the regular season to throw Nicholas County a loss. They did it again in the tournament by a very slim one and three quarters point, 117.75-116.

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and Lewis Counties, before entering into the quarterfinals against Nicholas on November 12.

The competition ceased often throughout the tournament which sported some of the most inspired play in the tournament.

At the buzzer, Bourbon County emerged the victor. Hardin put up 35 points in Language and 23 in Math while Canupp handed down a 29 in Science and an impressive 22 in Social Studies.



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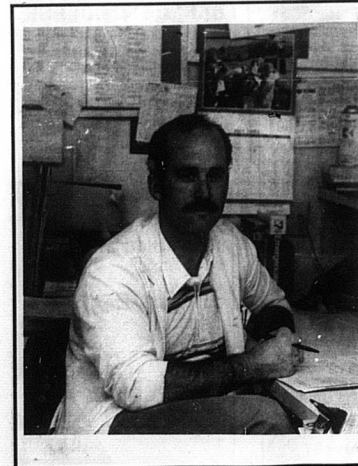
Johnson-Mathers Health Care welcomes Dr. Peter T. Egan to Carlisle. Dr. Egan recently completed a residency program in General Internal Medicine at the University of Kentucky. In addition to Internal Medicine, Dr. Egan will be accepting General Medical and Pediatric patients. Dr. Egan has full active staff medical privileges at Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Dr. Egan's medical office will open Friday, November 29, 1991, at 138 South Broadway, Carlisle, Kentucky. Office hours will be as follows:

Monday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

To schedule an appointment, please call 606-289-4244. NOTE: Dr. Egan's office will start accepting calls November 29th.

Also, Dr. Egan will assume the medical practice at Robertson County Clinic in Mt. Olivet, Kentucky, beginning Wednesday, November 28, 1991. Office hours will be Wednesday, from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Call 606-764-5730 to schedule an appointment.



School board policy reversed

There has been considerable discussion about students' rights to participate in athletics in recent days. This became topical as a result of an incident in which students were "cut" from an athletic squad.

In order to clarify the Board of Education's position on this matter, the following policy, which has been in effect since the Nicholas County Schools' policy handbook was adopted in 1986, is pertinent:

Chapter II, Duties of the Principal, Section 23

The athletic program will be the responsibility of the principal, athletic director, and coach and shall be directed within the rules and regulations of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

State Law, in the form of House Bill 443, Section 1 (2) also applies.

The state board or any agency designated by the state board to manage interscholastic athletics shall not promulgate rules, administrative regulations or bylaws which prohibit pupils in the grades seven (7) to eight (8) from participating in high school sports, or from participating in more than one (1) school sponsored team at the same time in the same sport.

Attorney General's Opinion 90-87 states that local boards of education may not promulgate policy that is inconsistent with state law and specifically addresses the inclusion of students in grades seven and eight in high school teams.

In a decision based upon the above policy, law, and opinion, the Nicholas County Board of Education affirms the right of students in grades seven and eight to participate in high school athletics and reaffirms the duties of the principal, athletic director, and coach as stated in current board policy, Chapter II, Section 23. Recognizing the importance of the academic program, the board further affirms its position that participation in several levels of extra-curricular activities should be discouraged because the amount of time which this participation requires may cause the student to be poorly in higher classwork.



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Jerry Bloomfield of the Carlisle City Police spoke to Cheryl Rawlings class on Tuesday to celebrate National Education week.

NCMS Academic team defeats Bryan Station

By Josh Shephard
The Nicholas County Middle School Academic team prevailed over Lexington's Bryan Station in the first round of WLEX-TV's "In-The-Know" competition.

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National Education Week November 17-23

The week of November 17-23 is National Education Week. The local observance will focus on the theme for Community Education Day, "LITERACY: A COMMUNITY AFFAIR."

Tuesday which is Community Education Day will find Gifted and talented Education students and academic team reading for Headstart classes.

Kindergarten through fourth grade students will find retired teachers, community leaders, Board of Education members, and Literacy Council representative reading to them.

Grades five through eight will be in the second day of a five day long read-a-thon. The classroom reading the largest number of books during American Education Week will win a pizza party in addition to enjoying their reading.

The Nicholas County Library will host an open house from 2 until 4 p.m. Tuesday. Refreshments will be served. Applications for new library cards will also be available for those not completing one earlier.

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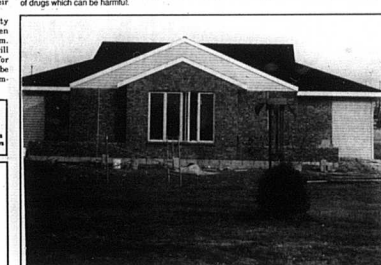
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Monday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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