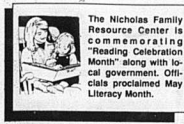


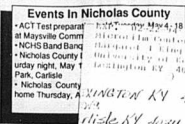
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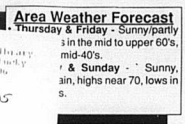
**The Nicholas Family Resource Center is commencing a "Reading Celebration Month" along with local government. Officials proclaimed May Literacy Month.**



**Moving On**  
Nikki Smoot signed with Georgetown College last week, announcing her intention to become a Lady Tiger.



**Events in Nicholas County**  
- ACT Test program at Maysville Comm. High School  
- NCHS Band Band  
- Nicholas County Under night, May 1 Park, Carlisle  
- Nicholas County home Thursday, A  
KINGSTON KY 4105  
WINDY KY 4151



**Area Weather Forecast**  
Thursday & Friday - Sunny/partly in the mid to upper 60's, mid-40's.  
& Sunday - Sunny, in, highs near 70, lows in 5.

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## Jockey lays off several workers

**By Rebecca Mullins**  
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CARLISLE - Jockey International's Carlisle sewing plant will be laying off several second-shift workers by next week, according to a source who would comment on the condition their name be withheld.

The layoffs will be in the sewing unit of the plant, according to the source, a first-shift employee at Carlisle's Jockey plant.

Officials at the corporate office of Jockey International in Kenosha, Wisconsin, had no comment on the layoffs when contacted several times Tuesday afternoon.

Carlisle Jockey Plant Manager Bascom Sorrell would not comment on the layoffs Tuesday. Supervisor Daley Eastby could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon, and sewing supervisor Junior Terrell would not comment on the

layoffs Tuesday night.

The employee contacted said she was told excessive inventory caused the layoffs. She said plant officials held a meeting Tuesday and told the employees of the workforce reduction, which she said will affect machine operators.

County-Judge Executive Reese Smoot said he was told more than 100 people would be laid off at the sewing unit.

He said the cuts would greatly affect the county payroll tax receipts, which total approximately \$300,000 annually, he said.

"It's going to be rough. Maybe it won't last," Smoot said.

The company will also be laying off workers at its Mt. Sterling plant, according to the Mt. Sterling Advocate. The Advocate stated Tuesday 30 to 50 workers will be dismissed at the Mt. Sterling plant.



The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce named its directors elected for 1993-1994 at the Chamber's membership dinner two weeks ago. The directors and other officials are (back row, from left) directors Dan Miller, Ron Barker, Doug Garrett and President Horace Marshall. Front row, from left: director Pam Shepherd, secretary and treasurer Kathy Howard, director Linda Egan, Vice President Debra Bowles and director Rose Brady.

## Smoot to play with Lady Tigers

**By Rebecca Mullins**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE - A charter in girls' basketball recruiting was written at Nicholas County High School last Wednesday.

Georgetown College was the subject, Nikki Smoot was the author.

Smoot signed a letter of intent to play under Georgetown Coach Susan Johnson this fall at the private college.

Smoot had been recruited by Thomas More College, Union College, Transylvania University and the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

"I like where Georgetown is. It's close to home," Smoot said. "It's not in a big city and I feel like I'd adjust better to a smaller school than a larger school."

Johnson said she became interested in Smoot last summer when the Lady Jacket came took part in a scrimmage at the school.

"She's just a winner," Johnson said.

"I saw a lot of situations last season where she made key free throws and made the right passes. She also has a knack for drawing fouls at the basket."

Johnson said Smoot will probably be able to play as a freshman guard, although not as frequently as she has played in high school.

It will probably be an adjustment for her. She will have to compete for playing time.

Smoot said she was asked to be a walk-on for Georgetown next year before the Class A



The Nicholas County Community Action Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten class was busy planting a Red Bud tree last Thursday to celebrate Earth Day (April 22, 1993). Each student took part in the planting process.

## Firefighters meet to discuss power struggle at tire fire

**By Rebecca Mullins**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE - Members of local and state fire departments met Monday to try and decide who is in control of major configurations in Nicholas County.

At the Jeff Jones Tire Fire, the state Environmental Response Team, Division of Waste Management, Division of Emergency Services and all local fire officials and personnel were trying to work together to extinguish the raging fire on an El, Louisville hillside. Some feelings apparently got hurt as a result.

Nicholas County DES director Gene Kelly said since the fire was in Nicholas County, the county fire and disaster services personnel should have been the leaders at the scene.

"We don't want you to come in and push us aside and treat us like we don't know what we're doing. This is our territory," Kelly told state environmental response official Bill Berger.

Kelly works for the state. He is the director of the state Disaster Emergency Services.

He said he was supposed to be in "incident command," or control, of the scene. State Fire Marshall Ken Johnson assumed that role at the scene.

"Assuming total control was not our intent," Berger told Kelly. "Nicholas County is a shared territory. If you're the incident command when we get here, then you're the command post. But we didn't communicate apparently."

Corman Contracting of Nicholasville was paid \$7,442.50 by the state for helping to bulldoze the site.

## City and county get snow money

**By Rebecca Mullins**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE - The governments of Nicholas County and Carlisle were at the top of the state's list to receive compensation for county snow removal during the heavy snow in March.

## County arts group may hold heritage festival

**By Rebecca Mullins**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE - Can you imagine being able to see Native American dances, hear the drums of the Zulus and eat gyros and baklava at Greek heritage festivals, all here in town?

You just might see these events happen, if the brainstorming of the Nicholas County Arts and Cultural Association becomes reality.

"A Heritage Festival" may be held this year at Nicholas County High School.

The community needs exposure to other cultures to grow, said the association's charter member Bill Crawford, who thought of having a Heritage Festival.

The event, which is now speculative, may feature dance, painting, photography, seminars and workshops with representatives from other lands.

It may come in the form of Friday night musical extravaganzas featuring Afro-American dance or dances of far away peoples. Or, it could be a

four-day weekend event. It may come in other forms.

The idea of a Heritage Festival is one of four projects the association is planning this year in order to receive a grant from the Kentucky Council for the Arts for future years. The association received a \$1000 grant from the council this year, Crawford said.

Events such as the Heritage Festival are needed in Carlisle and Nicholas County, he said, to introduce residents to cultures they may

not understand.

"We are a culturally deprived community," Crawford said. "If the ball doesn't bounce, it's [an event] not worth anything in this community. We need to try and get people interested in something other than ball."

He said with the help of clubs and non-profit organizations in the county, a civic center may even be built in Carlisle someday where various festivals, workshops and shows can take flight.

Crawford said he wants the

association to be a community group, not a school group.

The schools have laid a good foundation for the association, however, Crawford said the drama program has opened the community to the performing arts, and the student exchange program at high schools has created an acceptance of foreign people among many local people.

"The community certainly has accepted exchange students," Crawford said. "They

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