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• Highlights of the horseshow sponsored by the Lions Club to raise funds for their charitable projects.
• Local students honored at recent Academic banquet. See story, page 6.

Heather's Back!

Many of you know Heather Mathes-Harris, a native of Nicholas County and a former staff writer for the Mercury. The Carlisle Mercury welcomes her back home, where she takes over the position of associate editor. See her editorial inside.

Events In Nicholas C

• City Council Meeting, May 10, 7:00 City Building
• School Board meeting, May 10, Library, 7:00 p.m.
• Nicholas County Fiscal Court meet 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse
• ACT Test preparation held Tuesday at Mayville Community College.

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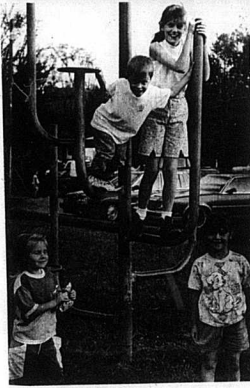
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The Four Musketeers...
These young Nicholas Countyans were found enjoying the spring sunshine at the City Park Tuesday. The youngsters were also enjoying their view of the little league game going on at the Park.

Jockey International submitted the following statement to the Carlisle Mercury for information purposes.
"The retail climate as we knew it just a few years ago bears no relation to what it is today," states Dan Haney, Regional Vice President for Jockey International.
Soft retail and continued economic uncertainties create a cautious manufacturing environment.
Jockey International, Inc. is following the same route in their manufacturing, added Haney.
In an effort to adjust to the retail atmosphere, Jockey is scaling back some production in their Kentucky manufacturing locations.
This action will affect 152 employees from the first and second shifts at their Carlisle, Mt. Sterling and Mayville, Kentucky facilities.
This move was put into effect as of Monday, May 3, 1993.
Haney could not be reached as of press time on Tuesday, May 4, in order to elaborate on the number of people laid off in the Carlisle area, or how long the lay-off will last.

Attention Parents of 1993 Seniors

Again this year, The Carlisle Mercury will produce a tribute section to the Graduating Class of 1993 at Nicholas County High School.
As part of this special keepsake edition, we will again offer parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends the opportunity to send a message to your graduating senior.
A message with picture is \$9.00. A message alone is \$4.00 - up to 20 words in length. Additional pictures are \$5.00 each.
In the past, those honoring students have chosen to use one or more pictures from students' past, such as baby pictures and/or pictures from grade school years, as well as senior pictures.
To order your message and place your pictures, stop by the Mercury office at 234 N. Locust Street in Carlisle. Deadline for pictures and messages is May 21, 1993.
Hurry - Don't Miss This Opportunity To Honor Your Graduating Senior!
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For children's safety... Drivers call for caution

By Heather Mathes-Harris Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
A potential hazard which poses day-to-day danger for Nicholas County school children has been uncovered, reckless, unseeing motorists.
Linda Stone, a Nicholas County bus driver, elaborated.
"At the top of Sycamore Hill, there at the intersection of Sycamore and North, I pick up a handicapped child."
"While letting this child on and off my bus I have been passed by cars. I have my stop sign out and vehicles just keep going around my bus."
"Often the car behind me will stop, but all four at the stop are supposed to stop when that sign is out and they aren't."
"I'm afraid this is going to result in a real tragedy... Someone is going to get a child killed and I want it stopped," Stone explained.
Mary Jo McCord, another Nicholas County Bus driver, added, "We also have a problem with motorists passing buses right here on school grounds."
"And it's not only high school kids, it's older people, even parents, that seem to have no problem passing a bus that is trying to let off kids for school."
Although catching culprits often proves a difficult task, Rob Lane, director of pupil personnel and transportation, says it is a step Nicholas County Schools will not hesitate to take.
"Passing a school bus is against the law. And there are pretty stiff penalties if the driver of the vehicle is caught," Lane remarked.
He explained the procedure. "The bus driver must know the person's license and have a good description of the driver."
"Many times I write them a letter and explain our position as well as the dangers their actions have posed to our kids if a signal is misunderstood or the person is unknowingly doing something wrong."
However, some situations call for stiffer penalties.
"We will not hesitate to prosecute those responsible for repeatedly and blatantly endangering these kids."
"Yesterday an offender received a \$150 fine and 45 days in jail. That jail time may be probation but I think we got the point across," concluded Lane.

An award-winning essay

By Megan Metcalfe
Picture this... you are a physically challenged person in a wheelchair. This morning your job is to look at a new school because your old one burned down. You are having much trouble doing this because there are so few that qualify in what you need. Finally, you can see the school. Your parents drop you off, you wave goodbye and then turn to go inside. "Oh great!" you say as you see the steps. You then decided to circle the school and look for a ground door. At last, you find a door. You try to get in, but get a little stuck because the door is very narrow. Luckily, you get in.
You now remember you're late for your meeting with the principal. So, you decided to find the principal's office but take a wrong turn and wind up in the cafeteria. Everyone seems to get quiet and starts to stare right toward you, so you quickly find a bathroom. You go into a handicapped stall, but can't seem to shut the door, you think that if you hurry no one will see you. Bad move! Just then someone walks in and sees you. They start to giggle, but cover their mouth and ran out. You get a little embarrassed, but try not to let this discourage you. Then you remember you have to see the principal. You soon find him. He seems to like you right off. He starts talking about sports and says they even have basketball team. "You start to smile. "We even have your own classroom, just for you!"
Your smiles fade. You then tell him you don't want your own classroom and that you want to be with everyone else. He gets a doubtful look on his face, but then agrees. He takes you up an elevator and opens the door to your room.
"Here we are," he says.
As you look around the room, you realize it has become incredibly quiet. The felling of everyone's eyes on you makes you feel intimidated. The teacher now tells you to go to a desk. Silently, you roll yourself over to an empty desk. Suddenly, there is a loud boom. It was made by you. Your wheelchair had fallen over and now you are lying on the floor. The silence is broken by a burst of laughter, everyone is laughing and pointing at you. The principal then comes over to help you return to your chair.

Student takes essay honors

By Heather Mathes-Harris Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Megan Metcalfe, an eighth-grader at Nicholas County Elementary, won an essay contest sponsored by the Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (KDDP).
The essay contest had three categories and themes: "Breaking Down the Barriers," for grades seven and eight; "Living, Working and Playing Together Creates a Better Community," for grades nine and 10; and "All People Have Something to Contribute to Society," for grades 11 and 12.
A press release from the Cabinet For Human Resources stated, "The annual art contest for children in grades one through six and writing contest for grades seven through 12 are conducted to help Kentucky's young better understand people with disabilities and the problems they may face."
Metcalfe was honored during a luncheon at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Frankfort and received a trophy and \$250. Nicholas County Schools will receive \$100 because of her effort.
Kam Smith, also a Nicholas County Elementary student, received a third place award for her essay. Executive Director of the



Megan Metcalfe, an eighth-grader at Nicholas County Elementary, received a first place trophy in the Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Council's "Everybody's Alike" essay contest. Metcalfe, the daughter of Tom and Bonnie Metcalfe, won in the seventh and eighth grade category.

water during a fire drill, but for you. Don't worry," he assured you, "we'll get you a wheel off the elevator, you run for the back door. The principal says everyone can then you hear a loud bell.
"Okay, class, it's a fire drill. Take the steps and go out to your left."
"What about me?" you ask. "Take the elevator," she demands as the stairs out of the room. You know you aren't supposed to use an elevator during a fire drill, but take it anyway. When you see the elevator, you run for the back door. The principal says everyone can come back inside now. However, you decide to go home. This school and you're really discouraged. Slowly you turn around, "If they only understood," you say as you roll away.

time many of these students seriously considered the challenges people with disabilities face and that helps open their eyes and change their attitudes. For those students, that's the real reward in participating in these contests."
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