

The Primary is over

The Democratic Primary Election, held Tuesday, May 25, yielded several surprises. For all the results, see Heather Mathes-Harris' story, the top news item in this edition of The Mercury.

Honoring America's Fallen Heroes...

The Carlisle posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will honor America's fallen with a memorial ceremony at Carlisle Cemetery, Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited.

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NCES celebrates heritage of county; Local speakers take part

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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During this week Nicholas County Elementary is celebrating the heritage of Carlisle and learning how to build on that heritage for their own future.

The official theme for the celebration is "Quilts: the Patchwork of our heritage; the patterns in our lives."

The elementary school received a Model School Grant which enabled Phyllis Guthrie to become a writing resource teacher and also provided for staff training.

"We put together a school-wide interdisciplinary curriculum with the theme of quilts."

"We agreed that children need more identity with this area. After all, we are not exactly Eastern nor Central Kentucky."

"And we felt if we use our community for the resource it is the kids would identify more strongly," explained Guthrie.

One such way the community was drawn into the project was by inviting representatives to speak to classes all week long.

"We brainstormed on who we knew in the community that could talk on the way Carlisle was in the past and how different things were during that particular person's lifetime," Guthrie commented.

"Kids could see the great heritage they had to build on."

Gene Neal, owner of Neal's Square Deal, spoke about the many businesses in Carlisle and the reasons for change.

"I mentioned that in 1932 there were as many as 12 groceries in town and four automobile agencies which included Elmer Dampier's Studebaker shop, Webb Burtin's agency, Lane Martin's and Emory Clark's Hiser Frazier."

"I also told them about a Lyric Theatre or moviehouse that was housed where Mathers-Gaunce Funeral home is now. Of course, when the

movies were silent they were 10 cents apiece and when they went to talking the price moved up to 25 cents," described Neal.

Neal also brought several pictures taken during the same era so students could get more of a visual idea of how Carlisle looked architecturally and how much of it looks the same today even though many businesses have changed.

"You could see how the name Sam T. Howe, a previous furniture store owner, is still on the building above where the pizza parlor is now."

"I also gave them four of the main reasons why we don't have some of these same businesses," explained Neal.

"First of all our population has dropped significantly as many people left Carlisle to work in the bigger cities in the North."

"And many people here like to travel to Lexington

where the bigger stores are. Plus, we have bare roads. Then wholesale suppliers went out of business, there weren't many grocery warehouses and with only the big boys left there wasn't much room for small businesses," he concluded.

Mark Mattox, local auctioneer and real estate dealer, was another of the many community leaders the program utilized.

"I talked to them about the history of auctioneering about how there was a stockyard and about seven tobacco warehouses in Carlisle at one time," Mattox said.

"I explained to the kids about how much these two kinds of businesses meant to the economic climate of this community. After all, the money these farmers made off their stock and tobacco went right back into the community because they spent the biggest portion of their money with merchants right here."



Nicholas County High School Drama Club

Drama Club presents "Just a Highschool Play" to public

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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The Nicholas County High School Drama Club presented their spring production last Friday evening.

Characters and students were as follows: Andrea the Brain, Rose Ann Parake, Robbie the Critic, Jan Hamon; Christopher the Shy-kid, Jason Daley, Calleen the Actress, Chrystal Fritts; Craig the Jack, Kevin Watkins; Deana the New Kid, Renee Gaunce; Betty the Gossip, Wendy Ring; Emily the Observer, Lori McClure; Jason

the Joker, Robbie Felp, Jessica the Cheerleader, Jonie Hill, Josh the Aggie, Greg Watkins; Rattie the Reputation, Julie Caswell; Mark the Hunks, Justin Abnee; Patsy the Office Aide, Laura Hamm; Risa the Organizer, Mary Ann Lawrence; Sheri Hill for construction support, Mike Simons for the tools he loaned, Coaches Anderson and Kenney for the use of the gym, Andrea Fisher, Julie Hogg, Diana Solvage, Phyllis Tineber, Katie Lawrence and Megan Denton for technical support and to David Helm for his spiritual support.

Jack R. Hayes, drama teacher, and play cast would like to extend special thanks to Greg Reid and Ron Baker, Jennie Fryman and Brian Dunn for program design, Carlisle Drug for the make-up donation, Emmett Smith, John Jennings and Mike Hill for construction support, Bill Kimmey for the tools he loaned, Coaches Anderson and Kenney for the use of the gym, Andrea Fisher, Julie Hogg, Diana Solvage, Phyllis Tineber, Katie Lawrence and Megan Denton for technical support and to David Helm for his spiritual support.

Handbell choir performs

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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The Arts and Cultural Association of Nicholas County presented the Stewart Home School Handbell Choir and Special Chorus Concert May 21 at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

Selects presented included, the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, Jesus Loves Me, Peace on Earth, My Old Kentucky Home, I Love The Masie, Friend to Friend, Colors in My Life, River in Judea, Shout Amen!

Bill Howard, member of the Arts and Cultural Association described the Stewart Home School before introducing the event.

"He said, 'Since 1893, the Stewart Home School has provided educational programs and a community established to enrich the lives of the mentally retarded, in a residential environment that seeks quality in every aspect of their lives.'"

"The home is located on US Highway 127, five miles south of Frankfort on a 500 acre campus."

The evening entertainment was funded in part by grants from the Kentucky Arts Council and the Eastern Kentucky Arts Consortium.

Howard invited any interested parties in the community to join the association.

"We are not a council or a board but an association of people who are interested in promoting arts and culture in Nicholas County. We feel children and adults as well need more of a cultural experience."

"Hopefully, we will have more of a turnout at events in the future," concluded Howard.

The association also held an arts and crafts fair at the Carlisle Depot on Saturday.

Smith wins Judge Executive nomination

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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The Democratic candidate for Nicholas Judge Executive is Charles "Chuck" Smith. He won with a total of 641 votes.

Smith will face Jimmy Wells in the November election.

Floyd Russell received 530 votes, Earl Lee Plank 457, Larry Tineber 328, Jackie Randolph 273, Allen Clay Stone 256, Charles Watkins 209, Castwell Lester 189, Garvey Curtaninger 136, and Carl Cohorn received 97.

Sallie Watkins received the nod for Circuit Clerk with 1288 votes. She does not yet have a Republican opponent for the November election.

Sandy Collins Watkins received 930 votes and Boogie Hill got 862.

Incumbent Charles Ring was nominated for Sheriff with 2094 votes.

Tim Garrett received 626 votes and Calvin Denton had 343 votes.

With 211 and Ralph McClushin had 149.

Danny Hughes won the seat in district four with 329 votes.

Betty Fay had 238 votes and Charlene had 73.

Janita reclaimed her seat in the district five magistrature race with 109 votes.

Steve Hamilton ran a close second with 169 votes.

Jimmy Glass followed with 127, Larry Smalley 114 and Charles Khamel had 68.

In the third district Avery of constable in district five Thornberg took magistrature with 211 votes and Harry Sparks had 91.

Holiday Closings

Holiday Deadlines

The offices of The Carlisle Mercury will be closed Monday, May 31.

The publication will be distributed ONE DAY LATE, on Friday.

Deadline for all submitted copy, pictures, and advertisements is Tuesday, June 1 at Noon.

We appreciate your cooperation and hope you enjoy the Memorial Day Holiday!



Carlisle street scene in the early '30's. Please notice the wagons of tobacco farmers brought to local warehouses during that era. - Gene Neal Photo