

Community Action to distribute commodities today, 1:00-4:30 p.m.
 The Community Action Council will distribute USDA commodities today to eligible area residents. Commodities were distributed Wednesday at Senior Citizen Center, from 8:30-11:30. Call 289-7172 for more information.

Court Days Special
 Check out the back of The Mercury for a Special Court Days Welcome Page

Bluejackets Football schedule change
 According to Ron Baker, athletic director at Nicholas County High School, the Bluejackets football game scheduled on October 15 against Forest has been changed from an away game to a home game. The time for the game, 6:00, remains the same.

Area Weather Forecast
 Thursday & Friday - Continued cool, with highs in the mid-seventies, lows in the upper fifties. 70 percent chance of showers.
 Friday & Saturday - Dry, with high near eighty, lows near sixty.

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NCHS band marches to victory

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 CARLISLE - After much hard work and many long and tiring hours of practice, the Nicholas County High School Marching Band earned reserve grand champion in their first competition at Pulaski County on Saturday, September 18, and was escorted through town by the fire department upon their arrival in Carlisle.

They were just 5 of a point away from scoring a superior. The band received a 79.5 last Saturday. That score is the highest they have had in several years," said band director Eric Hale.

The Pulaski County competition is just one in a list of several. The band is planning on traveling to Mason County on October 2 for its next competition.

Bands are split up according to size. Class A bands have 0-40 playing members. Class AA have 41-60. Class AAA have 61-80 and Class AAAA have 81 or more playing members.

When asked about the type of bands which will be entering in the Mason County Competition, Hale said that there will be at least three or four, top 10 bands from class A participating.

"We may not win but we will always be in the end. This year we are emphasizing the score rather than the placement."

During the marching season the band will compete in five competitions, hoping to score the two superiors, 80 points or more, needed to enter into the state band competition. This season the State Band Competition will be held at Western Kentucky University.

The band will travel to Mason County on October 2, South Laurel on October 9, October 16 is still open, Kewanee County on October 23, and hopefully to the State Competition on October 30, granted they have scored the two superiors needed.

The Nicholas County Marching Band consists of Derek Anderson, Paul Baker, Holly Becker, Jimmy Bents, Johnnie Bessie, Danica Booth, Kenny Brumage, Lana Russell, Shana Clark, Sara Cutsinger, Jake Denton, Megan Denton, Ace Eaves, Kyle Galloway, Cindy Glass, Allison Grant, Matt Hall, Jan Hanson, Crystal Hill, Katie Hopkins, Eric Hunt, Landon Hutchison, Susan Irvin, Melinda Jolly, Melissa Jolly, Matthew Lawrence, Crystal Livingston, Arshella Murrain, Jennifer McCard, Jill McKee, Adam McKee, Usha Mitchell, Isis Ritchie, Gretchen Roberts, Kathy Schandling, Andy Schandling, Kyle Smith, Patrick Sparks, Brad Terrill, Glenda Thacker, David Tomber, Mike Trusty, Kassi Tubbs, Kelly Crawford, Shannon Wheaton, and Devonne Butch, all under the direction of Hale.



Nicholas County High School Band members pose in front of the reserve grand championship trophy they earned at their first competition in Pulaski County last Saturday afternoon. Band director, Eric Hale, said they received the highest rating they have gotten in years. The Band was escorted through town for a victory salute by the Nicholas County Fire Department as well as the City Fire Department.

NCHS seeks new classrooms

By Heather Mathee-Harris
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 CARLISLE - When discussing the great need for more classrooms during the High School Site-based Decision Making Council meeting, Jim Simons, council member, brought up the possibility of using the new metal building outside the high school as a classroom.

"It is a great waste to have bought that building if we are not going to use it, and it is as good or better than the boiler room, old weight room under the stage and rest room we are using now," Simons said.

Because of serious shortage of classrooms, high school teachers are forced to use the aforementioned locations, plus the library, locker room, changing room for the referees and any other available space for classrooms.

"Students and teachers can't even use the library for resources because there is a class that meets in there for most of the day. You can't just go in and interrupt a class, so now the library is cut off from students who need to use it for research and other study purpose because we are so overcrowded," Simons said.

JMHC joins other hospitals in lawsuit against state

By Jason Hart
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 LOUISVILLE - Nicholas County Hospital is listed as a plaintiff in three lawsuits filed by the Kentucky Hospital Association against the state challenging recent cuts in reimbursements and taxing of non-profit hospitals.

Dan Miller, administrator of Nicholas County Hospital, said Governor Erveson Jones has failed to come through on promises to help small rural hospitals.

"The governor said in July he was going to increase Medicaid reimbursements to small rural hospitals," Miller said. "However did. Instead, we have taxes being levied on a federal court lawsuit filed."

The Boren Amendment also requires states to certify that rates are appropriate, and that Medicaid reimbursement rates cannot be driven by state budget concerns.

According to a release from the Kentucky Hospital Association, the suit says the new reimbursement formula set forth by the Cabinet for Human Resources is arbitrary in its wording. The suit also alleges the formula does not provide for independent cost evaluation for

SBDM Council says credit eliminated

By Heather Mathee-Harris
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 CARLISLE - The Nicholas County High School Site-based Decision Making Council met September 14 and reported on progress made toward eliminating the high school Algebra credit in the eighth grade.

"The elementary's site-based council voted to eliminate the credit. But when those students get to the high school, and they feel like they are prepared for

City discuss sewer; calls for volunteer effort

By Jason Hart
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 CARLISLE - The Carlisle City Council, in a special called meeting Monday night, took the first steps in eliminating a looming problem for commercial sewer customers.

Sewer Plant Supervisor Gene Kelley told council in regular meeting late week that the problem of solids, grease, and especially what Kelley called BOD waste in city sewers is a problem needing immediate attention.

"BOD stands for biological oxygen demand," said Kelley.

Algebra II they can go on and take that class," high school principal Greg Reed said.

"This way those students who don't feel comfortable with their Algebra background may go ahead and take Algebra I and receive a credit instead of taking it for no credit," Janet Simons, Continued on Page 6

Board approves out of county contracts

By Heather Mathee-Harris
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 CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Board of Education approved out of county attendance contracts with Robertson, Montgomery, Fleming, Bourbon, Bath and Paris Independent schools for the 1993-94 school year during a regular session of the board held September 12.

"This year we project we will run at a deficit of 10 students. Last year we had a deficit of 29 students, so that number has dropped significantly," Rob Lane, transportation director and assistant principal at the high school, said.

"We have four students which we will not receive ADA money for because Robertson County will not release that. We did have five but we appealed to the state board of education and one student did meet the criteria, so the money was released."

Superintendent Colbert Gilbert explained Nicholas County has an open door policy for students who wish to stay in Nicholas County schools or go elsewhere and most other schools follow the same policy.

Board members also agreed to reimburse, at the rate of \$2 each day, the parents of students. Continued on Page 9



The Carlisle Mercury/Heather Mathee-Harris Photo
 Nicholas County fans got a treat as they furiously cheered on the Bluejackets and saw their team display dogged heart and determination even though their efforts ended in a defeat against Fairview in the last minutes of the game, 14-12.