

### Chamber to hold annual dinner

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards dinner 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at Nicholas County Elementary School. For more information on the dinner and about becoming a member of the Chamber, contact Spud Marshall at 299-3234.

### Datebook

- NCHS Site-based meeting, April 14, 4 p.m.
- School board meets, April 11, 7 p.m., central office
- Carlisle City Council, April 11, 7 p.m. city offices
- JMHC Women's Health, April 9, 10 a.m., one massage therapy, E. End Park, 2 p.m.
- NC Fiscal Court, 8 p.m., April 12, 8 p.m.

### Chief urges caution

The Nicholas County Fire Department has responded to lightning grass or brush fire this season. Chief Mark Hughes said Tuesday that common sense is needed when burning outdoors. "All burning must be done between 4:30 in the afternoon and 12 midnight," said Hughes. "If it is dry, or windy, then people need to use a little common sense and put out burning for a while."

### Area Weather Forecast

Thursday & Friday: Cooler, with thunderstorms possible. Highs in sixties, lows near fifty. Saturday & Sunday: Showers, with cooler temperatures prevailing.

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## Teachers file suit

**By Leigh Stone**  
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CARLISLE - Two Nicholas County Elementary School teachers and a former teacher of the school filed suit against the Nicholas County Board of Education in Nicholas County Circuit Court Monday, March 28. Teachers Phyllis W. Guthrie, Linda W. Simons and Helen F. Ammerman, a former Nicholas County Elementary School teacher, now a resident of Frenship County, stated in the lawsuit that former teacher and minister Harry Spickler "consistently and seriously committed repeated acts of assault, battery and sexual harassment against no less than 17 female teachers and a male teacher employed by the defendant, the Nicholas County Board of Education."

The board members are not named in the suit individually. Many present members were not on the board during the time of the allegations. Current board members include board chairman Louise Zachary, David Smoot, John Cleaver Jr., Sumner Vice and Jimmy Dale. Spickler isn't named in the suit.

According to the lawsuit, the defendant, the Nicholas County Board of Education, is a body politic subject to suit pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 106.100. The plaintiffs filed the three female teachers were employed under contract with the defendant (the board) during the pertinent times referenced in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges that school personnel would not take action during a 12 year period

when elementary school remained math teacher Harry W. Spickler allegedly sexually harassed the 17 women.

Efforts by The Carlisle Mercury to contact Spickler were not successful but are pending a report in The Lexington Herald-Leader Spickler said the allegations were untrue. "All leveled was touched them on their backs and shoulders. The rest of it's true."

According to Nicholas County Superintendent Ceibert Gilbert, Spickler voluntarily gave up his teaching certificate for 10 years after a Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board appearance. The tribunal was held in February.

Spickler was also a minister for 17 years.

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The Carlisle Mercury/Leigh Stone Photo  
Kim Denkins, right, a senior at Nicholas County High School, has been named a finalist for Kentucky's Miss Basketball. The Miss Basketball Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. The winner of the award will be announced April 15. Denkins is pictured here with Lady Jacket Head Coach Barbara Kenney.

## Denkins named finalist

**By Leigh Stone**  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - Nicholas County High School senior Kim Denkins is one of three finalists in Kentucky in the Lions Eye Foundation Miss Basketball program.

"She's likely in the top 10 of all girl scorers in the state of Kentucky," said Brooks Downing, sports information director for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Tuesday morning.

Denkins points total was 2,671. Her rebounds numbered 1,355. Denkins played a total of 163 basketball games during her school years, said her coach Barbara Kenney.

According to Downing, the highest scorer in Kentucky was Gert Grigley of McWhorter High School who had a total point score of 4,285 in the mid 1970s.

The Kentucky Athletic Association began compiling a book last year with scores of all Kentucky sports but has not completed the basketball section.

Downing likes to watch Denkins in action. Kim was one of the few players who could not be stomped down in the paint. She was a force on the inside," he said.

The "G" Lady Jacket will be nervous the afternoon of Friday, April 15 as she waits expectantly for the winner to be announced.

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The Carlisle Mercury/Justin Hal Photo  
Doug Garnett, right, and George Garnett check out the lines of a 1965 Pontiac GT at the Cruise In held Saturday on North Broadway in Carlisle.

## Board receives bids on project

**By Leigh Stone**  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - A special called meeting for the Nicholas County Water District held Tuesday night concluded with members deciding to ask a representative of Rural Development Administration, formerly Farmers Home Administration, to talk with the board about its \$1.7 million water line project.

Garvey Curtsinger, board chairman, said he talked with Vernon Brown, a Rural Development representative from Morehead, about the water project because bids received for the project were over budget by approximately \$90,000.

Three contracting bids for the water project were received by the 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, deadline for the project.

Two bids were received for Contract 1, the water main extensions.

One bid was received for Contract 2, the 129,000 gallon steel water storage tank.

Only one contractor made it by the deadline to the office of County Judge Executive Charles Smith at the Nicholas County Court house.

David Halley, superintendent of Kenney Inc., 105 Paris Pike, Mt. Sterling, was in attendance as Chairman Curtsinger opened the bids. As it turned out, Kenney Inc. had the lowest bid on Contract 1 in the amount of \$1,092,418.60.

The second bidder was a mere \$13,000 more, \$1,105,418.60. It was the bid on the water main extensions made by Centers Construction, Corbin.

"I don't know how I've come so close as bids before," Halley commented.

Curtsinger kidded him, "You sure you two didn't see each other's bid? That's close."

C. Beuren Garten of Howard K. Bell Consulting Engineers Inc. agreed that Halley's bid was the apparent lowest bidder on Contract 1. Garten's company will verify all contracts for mathematical accuracy and will report back to the water district within a week.

For Contract 2, the 129,000 gallon steel water storage tank, Kenney Inc. was offered the only bid of \$431,500.

A representative of Environmental Construction, Lexington, got to the bid process approximately seven minutes late. The representative's company had asked for specifications on Contract 2.

Curtsinger and Garten went into the judges chambers for about a minute and upon their return to the table, Curtsinger told the representative that the bid could not be considered because the bidding process had officially begun at 2 p.m.

Curtsinger apologized to the man and walked out of the chambers.

Sam Reynolds, the newest board member, said he was glad Curtsinger and Garten decided to refuse the bid.

"I'm glad they handled it be-

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## IN BRIEF

### Schools waiting on KIRIS scores

KIRIS (Kentucky Instructional Results Information System) for the Nicholas County Schools have not been returned to the school system said Nicholas County Schools Director of Instruction Phyllis Ramey. According to the testing company, Nicholas County Elementary School had 12 students ranked with Novice scores. Ramey said all students had numbered and Nicholas County students had the 12 numbers counted in the scoring. The Kentucky Department of Education is trying to correct the error and should send the scores to the district within the next couple of weeks.

## JMHC to hold health seminar

**By Leigh Stone**  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - Women health care professionals will be speaking to women about mammography, cholesterol, cervical and ovarian cancer and herbs during the Johnson Mathers Community School of Good Health For Women Only.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at Nicholas County Elementary School. A \$5 fee includes lunch from the Johnson Mathers Dietary Department.

"All our speakers are coming free of charge. It's just women who are comfortable about talking with a midwife. These are women we understand."

Here's the lineup: 10 to 10:15 a.m., registration; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., Jackie Barrett, RPh, JMHC director of pharmacy, will talk about The Magic of Plants and

thing they feel needs to be done. They enjoy informing people about the latest information they have," said Betty Linnville, Johnson Mathers Health Care public relations/community events.

"I hope women in the community view this as important. They will have an opportunity to ask questions. For instance, cervical cancer is not always a subject women are comfortable about talking with a midwife. These are women we understand."

Hackett was also a guest speaker during last year's "For Women Only." The registration is a former Johnson Mather's Best Defense."

Herbs in Medicine." From 10:45 to 11 a.m., there will be an Herbal Tea Break, so participants can sample some of the tea, known historically for relaxing and energizing properties.

From 11 to 11:45 a.m., Rose Hackett, D.O., will give an update on mammograms and breast cancer detection in her talk, "Mammography: Still Your Best Defense."

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## Clinic welcomes new doctor to Nicholas County

**CARLISLE** - On Friday, Dr. Greg Berian began his Internal Medicine practice at Johnson Mather's Clinic.

Dr. Berian's formal medical training includes the following: a Medical Degree from Strong Memorial Hospital at Rochester School of Medicine at Rochester New York, graduate training in Cardiovascular Physiology at Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington, where he finished his residency.

While there he served and participated in clinical research at Eli Lilly Clinical Studies in Indianapolis, Indiana in the care of children afflicted with Acute Leukemia and Hodgkin's Disease with chemotherapy trials which, today, are part of the protocol in the cure of the disease.

He continued his training in medical residency at Morrisview Memorial Hospital in New Jer-



The Carlisle Mercury/Submitted Photo  
Dr. Greg Berian confers with receptionist Linda Caskey about patient welfare at Johnson Mather's Clinic. Dr. Berian is a former Johnson Mather's Best Defense. He is now at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan and subsequently attended the University of Michigan School of Medicine at

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