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Donations needed for drive
The 1994 Christmas Toy Drive is well under way. With only a few weeks left before Christmas, the Nicholas County Fire Department needs your donations of toys, non-perishable food, and funds. Call 289-7226 for more information.

Chamber sets chili supper
The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will host a Chili Supper on Saturday, December 3 at the Senior Citizens Center. The Supper will run from 5 to 8 p.m., and the cost is \$2.50 per person.

Fund still accepting donations for family
The funeral expense fund for the family of Orla and Melissa Davis, who were killed in a car crash recently, is still accepting donations. For more information, call Deposit Bank of Carlisle where the fund has been established at 289-2205.

**Thursday & Friday: Dry, with lows from 25-30, highs 45-50.
Saturday & Sunday: Continued dry, warmer, with lows 45-60, and high temperature near 65.**

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Lady Jackets open with victorious season

By Tara George
Special To The Mercury
PARIS - The Lady Jackets spent the season with a 47-44 victory over Bourbon County. The Nov. 28 game started out fairly close, but as minutes progressed, the Lady Jackets took control. Bourbon County's center, Shelby Whitaker, led her team with 19 points, 16 of which were during the first half. The Lady Colonels put forth a good offensive effort, but the quickness of the Lady Jackets led to a lot of turnovers.

Nicholas County was led by eighth grader Shastia McNabb, who led all scorers with 27 points. Despite the lack of height, rebounding was not a problem.

This team consists of many forwards and few guards, in the matter. Everyone craves the lead in an effort to rebound. Melanie Jones led rebounders with 10 rebounds and Tara George and Jennifer Livingood followed closely at six each. Jennifer Livingood had just returned to the floor from ankle surgery and did an excellent job in Monday night's game.

The Lady Jackets will play the Lady Pirates of Powell County at home Monday, Dec. 5.

Pros and cons of NCHS block scheduling discussed

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - The pros and cons of block scheduling were discussed Tuesday night at Nicholas County High School. About 25 NCHS teachers, staff, and students attended the meeting at the school cafeteria.

Block scheduling is being initiated at other schools, including nearby Deming High School. At some point, block scheduling becomes a Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) mandate. Block scheduling is known by educators to be effective for laboratory classes, such as science.

The controversy is for other classes that have to hold a student's attention span that much longer, say from 55 minutes to perhaps 90 minutes.

Bonnie Metcalf, NCHS home economics instructor, is on the high school block scheduling committee and introduced the topic.

"We can't do things the same old way," she said.

"A brief 'what is it,' began math teacher David Caldwell. "Block scheduling is when you have fewer classes but longer classes."

Tutoring program helps others

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - They give their time and their talent. They get a sense of responsibility and an opportunity to help a fellow student.

Nicholas County student tutors get even more than they give, commented Nicholas County Family Youth Resource Center Director Charles Canupp.

"This is a win-win situation. The tutor learns as much or more than the person he's tutoring. They have to be able to organize what they're tutoring, and have a good grasp to teach it to someone else," Canupp explained.

Approximately 40 Nicholas County students completed three, one and a half hour training sessions at the Carnegie Center of Literacy and Learning in Lexington last week. The tutors were taught by executive director Dr. Laurie S. Bottoms, Dr. Phyllis MacLennan, and center director Jan Jenhauer.

A grant from Wal-Mart funds the project. "If there are any service organizations who would like to be involved as a sponsor, we would welcome their interest," Canupp mentioned.

It is the second year Nicholas youth participated. Last year, 28 participated.

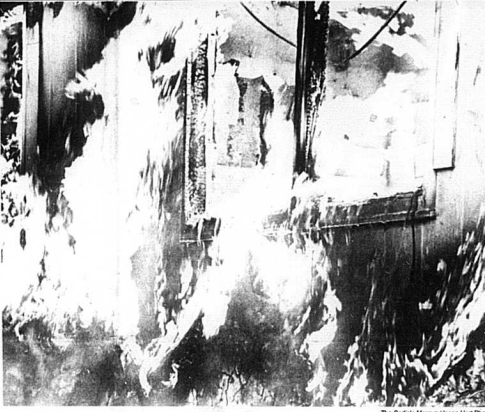
Middle school students at Nicholas County Elementary were part of the project. Now, grades 6-12 are participating.

Canupp recalled a special service organization who would like to be involved as a sponsor, we would welcome their interest," Canupp mentioned.

"This is a win-win situation. The tutor learns as much or more than the person he's tutoring," said Charles Canupp, program director.



The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo
Nicholas County Elementary School had several winners in the Limestone Academic Tournament held at Mayville Community College. The awards reception was Nov. 21. Front (l-r): David Flora, Kyle Galbraith Back (l-r): Sharon Wilson, Landon Hutchison, Weston Smoot, Paul Baker and adviser Tony Smith.



Fire destroys another Nicholas County home
For the third time in as many weeks, Nicholas County Fire Department personnel responded to a structure fire involving a home. According to Calvin Denton of the Nicholas County Fire Department, the residence of Frank McCoy was completely destroyed by the Friday afternoon blaze. Denton said the cause of the fire is still undetermined. The house was located approximately one-half mile from Talbot Church.



The Carlisle Mercury Josh Shepherd Photo
In the fall of 1993, planners gathered to finalize project details for the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home Interim Administrator Donn Ecton is at right. For an update on the construction, see page 12.

NCE holds its own in Limestone League

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
MAYEVILLE - Nicholas County Elementary held its own in the Limestone Academic League.

Under the direction of NCE teachers Sharon Wilson and Tony Smith, five students won the Governor's Cup competition.

The winners included middle school students David Flora, Kyle Galbraith, son of Jim Galbraith and Cindy Haghee; Landon Hutchison, son of Lanny and Debbie Hutchison; Weston Smoot, son of Janet Kay and Renee Wayne Smoot; and Paul Baker, son of Jim and Carolyn Baker.

"We compete against seven schools in the Limestone League competition," said Adviser Sharon Wilson, a NCE teacher.

Those counties are Mason, Bracken, Fleming, Bath, and Lewis counties and St. Patrick and Augusta.

The competition included two types, the "one-day" or verbal competition, and the written, Wilson said.

The team will participate in the Governor's Cup competition Feb. 16-18.

In January, the team will compete in "In The Know," a WLEA competition now written by Nicholas County ASCS Office open to a tentative closure that may soon be revealed. Agriculture Secretary Mike Epply is to make the announcement soon. Then, counties have 30 days to make a plan of action. A pre-order has kept Ky. USDA executive director Hoppy Hinton from stating which counties in Kentucky are on the closure list.

IN BRIEF

Briar & Rabbit dance to be held
The Briar & Rabbit Dance will be held beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Wertheim Center at Blue Licks State Park. It is being sponsored by Tourism Inc. The band, Sound Attitude, will perform. Local band members include Jerry Galbraith, Barry Myers and Mike Hillcock. A mix of oldies and contemporary may be played. Gladys Shroet, Tourism Inc. co-chairman said the dance began in 1928 with big bands in performance. Carlisle residents Custer Blair and John Seper were a couple of those involved at the dance inception. It was discontinued in 1978. Tourism has invited 400 people.

Contact a Tourism member for information. Tickets in advance at \$15 single and \$30 per couple. At the door, singles are \$20 and couples \$35. "We're hoping for a wonderful turnout and for everyone to have a good time. We would also like to do this next year," said Shroet.

Tentative closure list for ASCS may soon be revealed

Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce President Rose Brady said, Congressman Scotty Baseler's office has informed the committee to keep the Nicholas County ASCS Office open to a tentative closure that may soon be revealed. Agriculture Secretary Mike Epply is to make the announcement soon. Then, counties have 30 days to make a plan of action. A pre-order has kept Ky. USDA executive director Hoppy Hinton from stating which counties in Kentucky are on the closure list.