

Blackberry Festival In full swing

The 1994 Blackberry Festival is still in full swing. The parade starts tonight at 8:30, and many more events are scheduled. For information, call Dorsey Watkins at 253-2336.

Winners of the Lake Carnico Flotilla

Winners at this year's Lake Carnico Flotilla, held Sunday on the lake, included Ed Substantiel, first place for the Chattanooga Croco-Croco, Donald Heeling, second place for the Wizard of Oz, and first place went to Al McDonald for his patriotic pontoon. Congratulations to all!

JMHC signs new doctors

According to both Shepherd of Johnson Mathers Health Care, two family internists have been signed to practice in Nicholas County as part of the JMHC staff. Shepherd says Dr. Chuck Dabau will join the staff in September, and Dr. Fara Karim is due to become a member of the JMHC staff in December. Shepherd said both physicians will specialize in family medicine.

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday & Friday: Partly sunny, with scattered showers. High near 90.
Saturday & Sunday: Thunderstorms, with high near 90, lows in the upper sixties.

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New supt. sets agenda

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - New Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Every has apologized for getting a DUI two years ago and is ready to use his years of experience in the education field to help his most important priority - the students of Nicholas County.

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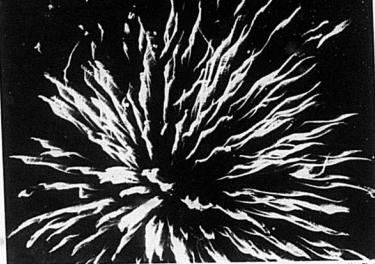
The new superintendent took over his new duties on schedule Friday, July 1. On Saturday, July 2, he was being interviewed by The Mercury about his education priorities for the school system, his ideas about new facilities and the job of a former superintendent, Cobert Gilbert has with the system. Gilbert's superintendent's contract expired midnight June 30.

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"Student needs are number one," Every said beginning his list of priorities. "Student needs are going to be in the number one spot. The other needs are predicted on student needs," Every emphasized.

Second on his list was the needs of his staff, teachers, administrators and support staff. "Staff needs and what I mean by that is staffing, getting the best people available and professional staff development so teachers can do the best job possible. That could be in-service, a better way of doing things, a more efficient way of doing things. Teachers have been so inundated with so much

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Rocket's red glare...

Carlisle residents were treated to a fireworks show Monday night, in observance of Independence Day. Approximately 30 minutes of bangs and booms brought many "oohs" and "ahhs" from those watching.

Vance wants constable job back

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - Former Nicholas County Constable Steve Vance didn't resign as constable of Nicholas County but he, nor the other four constables, were able to meet the \$100,000 deadline of having a \$50,000 surety bond.

Since the bond was not met, Nicholas County no longer has constables regardless that only two of four constables resigned. Former constables John McCall Jr. and David Hardin Sr. both gave written resignations, said Dana Price, secretary to County Judge Executive Chuck Smith. Until mid-June, a \$1,000 bond was required.

County Judge Executive Chuck Smith and magistrates complained about constables and, since constables can carry firearms, the judge decided to up the bond.

"That's not right, to have a sheriff's bond set at only \$5,000 and a constable bond at \$50,000. Even Fayette County constables only have a \$5,000 bond," Vance said.

Vance said he talked to the Attorney General about the increased bond. But Vance wouldn't give any details about the discussion. He told me to keep it confidential.

"I didn't resign. I was voted in by 138 people. When not serving warrants and checking loud notes for neighbors and spotting drunken drivers, Vance farms for other people."

"I don't pull them over. I call the Kentucky State Police," he said.

The District 4 former constables has been dismayed by the lack of communication between constables and Judge Smith since constables were banned from using blue lights.

"I read about it in the paper. They (Fiscal Court) don't tell us when they have a meeting about the constables. He (Smith) doesn't even return my phone calls."

Meetings of the Fiscal Court are open to the public and are held the second Tuesday of each month. Price said Smith was on

vacation this week, but has said to attend court meetings and discuss there aren't special meetings for constables and the judge. Price confirmed.

Nicholas County Sheriff Charles Ring confirmed that none of the constables had been sworn in as deputies in the Sheriff's Department.

Vance would like to know who's calling Smith and the magistrates with complaints about him and the other constables. "I've asked, 'What are the complaints against me?' They wouldn't tell me anything."

At the time constables were banned from using blue lights and various radio equipment and uniforms. He managed to return the items and get his money back. The \$900 spent was quite an expense, considering constables are only paid \$10 for serving warrant and \$10 for court orders.

Vance has served nine warrants and eight court orders. Continued on Page 3



New superintendent Randy Every, standing, with, apologized to nearly 200 people present at the June 30 board of education meeting for the DUI he received two years ago.



New Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Every, far left, and his wife, Jan, met and shook hands with well-wishers following the June 30 board meeting. Every's first local meeting. To the right Dr. Tom Hat of the Kentucky Department of Education congratulating Every on becoming superintendent. Every was on the job July 1.

Supporters at board meeting

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Supporters for both Cobert Gilbert and Randy Every were in attendance at the June 30 Nicholas County Board of Education meeting. Gilbert's superintendent's contract would expire at midnight.

Incoming superintendent Randy Every gave a public apology for receiving a DUI in 1992. Close to 200 citizens, students, and educators filled the Nicholas County Elementary School.

At 11:15 p.m. June 30, the board, composed of Chairman Louise Zachary, vice chairman John Cleaver, Sammie Vice and Jimmy Dale, voted to return to open session from an almost two hour closed session in which the board discussed personnel.

Cleaver made the motion to open the session with Vice seconding the motion.

"I think Mr. Every would like to address the board," Chairman Zachary said.

Every stood between the board and audience and stated, "I'm sorry we had to meet under these circumstances. There's been a letter circulated about me that is totally false. I do have a DUI. I am ashamed of it. I put myself and my family through torture. I've agonized over this."

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IN BRIEF

Lake Carnico Golf announces winners

Lake Carnico Golf Course Co. Owner Wendy Price is pleased to announce the winners of the July 4 Golf Scramble held at the course. One team made 13 under 13 par and won a cash prize. The team includes Brenda Day, Diana Wells, Todd Day, Ed Day and Gary Williams. Price hopes the scramble will become an annual Lake Carnico Golf Course event.



The Annual Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce 5K Race was a big success with many participants. The race is held each morning July 4 on East Main Street in downtown Carlisle. Children get things started with a race of their own around the courthouse. T-shirts are the prizes awarded to runners by the Chamber.