

**ON TO THE SWEET SIXTEEN!**  
**Nicholas County Lady Jackets head for Bowling Green. See inside for details on how the Lady Jackets met the challenge!**

**Commodities to be distributed today to eligible residents**  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus commodities, which may include peaches, rice, apple juice, tuna, commercial peanut butter, peas, and flaxseed, will be distributed to eligible area residents today at Senior Citizens Center, 124 West Main Street in Carlisle, from 1:00-4:30 p.m. Call 299-7172 for more information.

**Extension Office taking orders for Easter Lilies**  
 According to a news release from the Nicholas County Extension Office, orders for Easter Lilies will be taken until March 21. For more information, call the Extension Office at 299-2312.

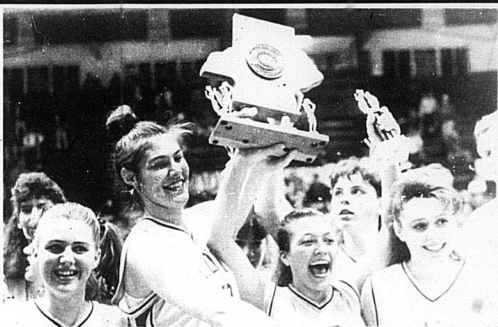
**Area Weather Forecast**  
 Thursday & Friday: Continued cool, 30% chance of rain. Lows near 35, highs near 50.  
 Saturday & Sunday: Highs in the normal range, dry, lows near forty.

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**City raises water rates, gas deposit to offset losses**

By Jason Hart  
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**CARLISLE**—The Carlisle City Council met in regular session Monday night, and discussed a number of issues.  
 After voting to waive the sometimes lengthy reading of the minutes at future meetings, council heard from former council member Betty Barton. Barton asked if the city intended to pursue the installation of the 911 emergency phone system.  
 "I intend to do everything I can to get it in place," said Mayor Ronnie Clark. "We have been talking to the county and are looking at installing a system that requires no computers."  
 Clark said this is the most economical way to upgrade the system.  
 "We would like to work with the county and set it up in such a way as to avoid raising anyone's phone bill," said Clark. "It's a plan to start, anyway."  
 Council discussed the status of the ongoing renovation of part of the west end, which will take approximately 18 acres.  
 "We're waiting on one affidavit, on a piece of property no one is claiming," said Clark. "Once we get that, we can move right along."  
 Council voted 5-1 to raise deposits required for past service



**Champions again!**  
 The 1994 Nicholas County Lady Jackets are on the road to Bowling Green, after beating Montgomery County Saturday. The Lady Jackets were treated to dinner Sunday at Talk of the Town Restaurant. After a triumphal welcome home Saturday night by all of Nicholas County. Eddie's Restaurant also had both boys and girls basketball teams last week, in a show of support for Nicholas County Athletics.

**Teachers ask for salary increase**

By Leigh Stone  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
**CARLISLE**—Teachers asked for a salary increase and students and area citizens asked the Nicholas County Board of Education the reasons for the non-renewal of Superintendent Cebert Gilbert's contract.  
 The board made no action to renew the superintendent's contract during its January meeting. His contract expires June 30.  
 More than 150 people attended the Tuesday, March 14 school board meeting held at the Nicholas County Elementary School cafeteria.  
 "I'd like to see you move to increase salaries across the board," said English teacher Al Croot who began his brief talk by stating the teachers appointed him to represent them. Teachers of the system request a five percent increase for the 1994-95 school year.  
 All board members listened at Croot and others made their presentations, but the board took no action.  
 The board chairman is Louise Zachary. Other members are Jimmy Dale, Sam Voss, David Smoot and John Cleaver.  
 Superintendent Gilbert was also in attendance but made no comments during the meeting except to answer board questions about regular board items.  
 Croot commented that the district has the money for the increase and that keeping good teachers and hiring more good teachers should be a goal of the board. Nicholas County salaries rank 6th in Kentucky. "We do want to have good teachers here and keep the good ones we have," he said.  
 Croot said the demands of KERA (Kentucky Educational Reform Act) asked teachers to put in more time and that the

**School board appoints screening committee**

By Leigh Stone  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
**CARLISLE**—The Nicholas County Board of Education and Superintendent Cebert Gilbert commended the Lady Jackets for a successful season and discussed plans for dismissing school Wednesday, March 16, when the Lady Jackets pass the ball through the net at Louisville's Freedom Hall for the Sweet 16 tournament.  
 The board decided if the girls with March 16, school would also be dismissed Friday.  
 The Nicholas County Board Chairman Louise Zachary announced the names of the screening committee appointed to make a recommendation to the board concerning the employment of a new county school superintendent.  
 The screening committee will be composed of Sue Dutton, appointed by the Parent Teacher Association. The person appointed by the PTA will represent all parents and is not necessarily a PTA member. Zachary said. High school teacher Jim Simmons, Lawrence, elected by certified personnel in the district, Nicholas County High School Principal One Bill, appointed to represent both school principals, and Board Chairman Louise Zachary, a board member, appointed herself. The screening committee members will be notified of being selected and make plans to meet.  
 School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher had the following comment to The Carlisle Mercury Tuesday morning, March 15: "Pursuant to RES 160.352, a screening committee is to be established with 30 days of determination of the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of superintendent. It seems that many questions have been proffered by concerned members of our community regarding this deadline. As many are well aware, the initial motion to establish a screening committee was passed during the meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education which occurred on January 31, 1994. Apparently due to some misunderstanding regarding the actual date on which the prescribed 30-day period was to begin, a local



Carlisle City Council member Libby Eayrlwine, center, signs documents for the way for the start of the city's water improvement project. City Clerk Mary Tapp, left, looks on, and Mayor Ronnie Clark, right, prepares papers for signature by other city council members.

**IN BRIEF**

**Wedco to hold diabetes class**

The Union District Health Department will present a series of classes for people with diabetes and their family members and friends. The series, "Diabetes: The Balance Act", will be held on April 5, 6, and 7 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. each day. Classes will be held at the Depot, 101 Lewis Street in Carlisle.  
 Attendance for all three classes is recommended but not mandatory. Classes are free and open to the public. For more information, or to register, call Terri Rynn at 234-8750.

**Conservation District sponsoring tree giveaway**

The Nicholas County Conservation District is sponsoring a tree giveaway.  
 To find out more information, please call 299-2324.  
 You may also stop by the District's offices at 600 Morefield Road to find out more, or to pick up trees.

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