NCHS students point out deficiencies

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - A tour of Nicholas County High School given by some of the school's students last Thursday revealed some of the conditions the students deal with five days a week.

"You just get used to it," said senior Rose Ann Farah.

The tour, given by seniors Rose Ann Farah, Elizabeth Schanding and Julie Caswell; junior Jill Golden; and sophomore Kyle Smoot, demonstrated to The Mercury the following conditions:

• a makeshift classroom equipped with a whirlpool, urinals and shower, that used to be used as a coaches office and later for a journalism classroom. The students weren't sure what the classroom is used for now. There are still some desks, chairs and a blackboard in the room.

• a makeshift classroom for handicapped students with a heating pipe exposed, low ceiling, no windows or ventilation of any kind and asbestos flooring in the hallway.

• a makeshift classroom on the stage overlooking the school gymnasium.

• a makeshift classroom in a section of the cafeteria that is partitioned off, but without a ceiling allowing much noise.

• a library turned into a classroom.

• a teacher's lounge with a severely rusted sewage pipe in the ceiling, located almost above a worn couch.

• several storage rooms with crowded equipment, some of which doesn't operate. One unoperatable photocopy machine is in small hallway leading into the teacher's lounge.

• a cafeteria where at approximately 11 a.m. each day, students stand to eat their lunch because the tables and seats are already filled.

• No handicap accessible ramps or elevators.

• An outside classroom that was once a retail store for horse equipment and was once considered for a concession stand during football season.

• A school office with enough room for a secretary, desk, chair, and one chair for guests. The secretary's, typewriter is kept in what used to be a closet with the dimensions of 3 by 3 feet and a photocopy machine in what used to be a bathroom with the dimensions of 3 by 6 feet. Both rooms have very high ceilings. The storage room across from principal Greg Reid's office is the only storage for all office supplies and is 3 by 3, feet, again with a high ceiling.

• Very crowded conditions during the three minute class change.

"First of all, lets mention the three minutes between classes. That's not enough time to go to your locker and to the bathroom and that's all the time you have. And there's always a problem with the doors at the stairs. They're shut and people are going in and out. It's real hectic," described Schanding.

"You get hit by the doors," agreed Smoot.

Down the steps into the library, a set of encyclopedias are on a cart, sandwiched between the book cases. Nearby is Mrs. Sandra Durham's class.

This room was built as a band room. Since then, it's been a storage room, coaches office, weight room, and now it's a classroom and has been for two years."

Two fans are on. "One's mine. One's the school's," Durham said of her room without windows and ventilation. The day visited was cool, but when the days are warm, the classroom gets even warmer, she said.

Then, there's the electrical problem. "The electricity went out eight times yesterday," Durham said. "The breakers kept overloading. It made for an interesting day and certainly cut down on instruction time."

When the electricity is out, the fans don't work, making a warm room very uncomfortable. And, although the heat pipes were insulated recently, they're still low on the wall, exposed, so both staff and students could get burned.

Next, Durham opened a door in her classroom. "It's the equipment closet."

Cabinets and equipment filled the disorderly room. It was one of several storage areas that were untidy. In one room, close to the boiler room and the teacher's lounge, a small room was filled with textbooks next to a commode. The commode was still operable. Schanding had her picture taken by The Mercury while "reading" a book.

A few feet away from Durham's classroom was a locker room that gives the classroom an odor.

When leaving the classroom, back through the library was another makeshift classroom. A sign was posted on the door. "Do Not Enter During 2nd and 4th Period."

That's our satellite KET (Kentucky Educational Television) room. They have the advanced classes and Latin and German. You have to concentrate in those classes," Smoot commented.

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• The Good News of the Gospel is being preached by a missionary society for truckers — the Transport for Christ. Founded 40 years ago through the work of a Canadian trucker, there are about 20 full-time chaplains for Transport for Christ dotted around the country. For information about the Transport for Christ and the work and programs of the American Bible Society, call 1-800-322-4253. The Bible — it's always relevant. (News USA)

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Little Miss/Mister, Monday, July 11, 8 p.m. Age: 5-7 (Little Miss/Mister will show as a couple) (Dress Code Open)

Fair Princess, Tuesday, July 12, 8:30 p.m. Age: 8-12.

Miss Teen, Tuesday, July 12, 8:30 p.m. Age: 13-15.

Rehearsal for these above contests will be: Sunday, July 10, at the fair grounds. Little Miss/Mister at 1:30 p.m., Fair Princess, 2 p.m., Miss Teen at 2:30 p.m., and Miss County Fair at 3 p.m. No entries will be taken there after.

Pet Show, Tuesday, July 12 6 p.m.

Baby Show, Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m., registration at 6 p.m. Age: 0-9 months. Both boys and girls. Age: 10-18 months. Both boys and girls.

Talent Show, Wednesday, July 13, 9 p.m.

divided into 2 groups. Age: 13 and under and 14 and over. Chairman: Mary Etta Graves 606-763-6282.

Bathing Beauty Cutie Pie Contest, Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m.

Registration beginning at 6 p.m. contestants will show in swim attire. Age: 19 month to 2 years.

Bathing Beauty Toddler Contest, Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m. Registration beginning at 6 p.m. contestants will show in swim attire. Age: 3-4 years.

Senior Citizen Bingo, Thursday, July 14 and Saturday 16, 7-8 p.m.

Adult Water Melon Eating Contest, Friday, July 15, 7 p.m. 18 years and over. No entry fee.

Kids Day, Saturday, July 16, 4-6 p.m. Kids games. Doll Contest judged at 4:30 p.m. Decorated bicycle, trikes, and wagons, judged at 5 p.m.

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The School Community Awards Banquet head table consisted of (l-r): The Rev. Steve Smith of Carlisle Christian; Rusty Lawrence, master of ceremonies; Carly Lester, of the Lions Club; guest speaker Peter Chamness; Nicholas County Superintendent Cebert Gilbert and his wife.

Students receive honors at banquet

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE- In perhaps what was the biggest turnout in its history, 78 students in the Nicholas County School District were honored during Monday night's Sixth Annual School-Community Recognition Program.

"I believe this is the best turnout we've had," said Carty Lester of the Nicholas County Lions Club.

The program featured a choice of a roast beef/chicken dinner and certificates suitable for framing presented by Nicholas County Superintendent and Rotary Club President Cebert Gilbert and Lions Club member Connie Howard.

The annual dinner is a joint effort of the Nicholas County Lions Club, Nicholas County Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Rusty Lawrence served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Steve Smith of Carlisle Christian gave the invocation. The guest speaker was Browning Manufacturing computer programmer analyst and former Nicholas County High School teacher Peter Chamness.

Fifty four National Junior Honor Society Members were recognized including:

Rebecca Brewer, Shane Bussell, Sarah Clay, Amanda Flora, Amy Hatfield, Jennifer Linville, Trena Perkins, Tonya Planck, Jonelle Ratliff, Andrea Razor,

Amber Smith, Rich Storm, Kassi Tubbs, Ashley VanMeter, Kristen Warner, Martha Yazell;

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Rachel Eeton, Angela Fightmaster, Nicholas Flack, Carolyn Flora, Kyle Galbraith, Virginia Geiske, Allison Grant, Tabbatha Gum, Heather Hill, John Hamilton III;

Brandy Hatfield, Katie Hopkins, Wes Hunt, Landon Hutchison, Joey Kenney, Matthew Lawrence, George Livingood, Jennifer Livingood, Angela McCarty, Adam McKee;

Shasta McNabb, Brandon Rector, Gretchen Roberts, Kathy Schanding, Melissa Selvage, David Smoot, Aaron Snapp, Tamara Sturgeon, Celia Trussell and Cara Wilson.

The Junior Honor Society sponsors are Charity Griffith and Sandy Sweeney.

Twenty-three National Honor Society members were honored including seniors Rose Ann Farah, Alicia Sibert, Laura Hamm, James Amburgey, John Gilbert and Kevin Feeback;

Juniors included Lisa Livingood, Jill Golden, Kathryn Lawrence, Andrea Fisher, Amanda Abnee, Mike Booth, Beth Dunn, Donna Clark, Lori Berry, Margaret Denton, Lori McClure, Favia Pope, Candace Gilbert, Kristie Cox, Patrick Sparks, Diana Selvage and Joni Bill.

The National Honor Society sponsor is Kathy Green.

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Rose Ann Farah was one of 78 students to get a certificate suitable for framing at the Sixth Annual School Community Recognition Program Monday night. Rotary President and Nicholas County Superintendent Cebert Gilbert and Lion's Club member Connie Howard made the presentations.

Chamness speaks on success

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CARLISLE - What is success?

Peter Chamness, a Nicholas County resident, former Nicholas County High School teacher and computer programmer analyst at Browning Manufacturing got out his fishing rod at Monday night's School Community Recognition Banquet and helped answer that question.

A clue: Success isn't the outward appearance of a person, the clothes they wear, the car they drive, the house in which they live or what they do for a living.

"A fish looks at this lure and thinks it's extremely successful if it bites into it. It's attractive, at least to a fish. It looks real," said Chamness.

"To attain the ideas we think of as successful, clothes, car, money and a job, we may be lured into doing things harmful to ourselves and other people and sacrifice our integrity. Sacrifice our honor. Some may sacrifice their very soul to gain access to the success they think you ought to have," Chamness said.

The father of two, Pruitt, 9, and Mary, 7, and husband of Cay Pruitt Chamness, the Carlisle Christian Church Deacon, Sunday School teacher and Youth Leader told his audience of young people, their parents and the many educators and community members that once a fish bites into the attractive lure, its life is changed forever. "It's caught. Reeled in. Put on a stringer with the other dummies.

Gutted and cooked. There are circumstances where you may feel gutted and cooked," Chamness said.

He cautioned the dangers of doing things to attain money, like stealing, or having sex outside the bonds of marriage to keep a boyfriend. He was adamant about leaving drugs and alcohol alone.

The speaker carried a raw egg to the end of the stage. He cracked it, making a mess on the elementary school cafeteria floor. "That's the message. When you mess with drugs, you crack your brain."

Once, during a academic competition program, Chamness heard a speaker tell the children, "Go out and make a lot of money."

"Was that for real?" Chamness said of the advise. "That's not what it's all about. The problem with money is that is seems you never have enough. There's always something else to spend it on."

The Atlantic Christian College, University of Kentucky graduate clarified his statements by saying that it isn't wrong to have money. There's nothing wrong with having money and there's nothing wrong with having nice clothes an jewelry. Just as long as it's not your driving force."

For Chamness, how successful a person is has to do with how happy a person is with himself, how happy a person is with what they have. Even when one feels the strength to do what's right slipping away, and one is tempted to compromise one's integrity, Chamness has some advise to remember: "I challenge you - to your own self be true. Perservere. Hold on. Don't give up. Success could be right around the corner. Success could be right around the corner and you might not know it . . . to be successful, be self-respecting and conscious free."

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Fleming-Mason RECC announces student winners

FLEMINGSBURG - Area scholarship recipients were announced during the Annual Membership Meeting of the Fleming-Mason RECC was held Wednesday, May 11 at the cooperative grounds at Flemingsburg.

There were an estimated 1,000 people on hand for the meeting, including the 750 members who officially registered before the meeting began.

The scholarship competition included 30 area high school seniors from Fleming-Mason's service area.

Competing from Nicholas County High School was Alicia Sibert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sibert.

Competing from Mt. Olivet was Crystal Carpenter of Deming High School. Carpenter is the daughter of Mary and Jim Carpenter.

The three scholarship recipients were: Cindy Blomfield of Lewis County High School; Wade Rankin of Bracken County High School; and Julie Gillispie of Tollesboro High School.

Each of the recipients were awarded a $1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

During the business meeting, three members were elected to the board of directors. Elected for a term of three years were J. E. Smith Jr. of Flemingsburg, Elmer Foxworthy of Flemingsburg and James Wells of Morehead.

The report of the president, a manager's report, and a financial report were other items discussed.

Anthony Overbey, co-op president, reported on last year's activities. He also gave a forecast of the plans for the co-op for the remainder of this year and for the next few years.

William Cooper, secretary and co-op treasurer, gave the membership a report on the financial condition of the co-op which was very positive.

Ron Sheets, of KAEC, and Roy Palk of East Kentucky Power Cooperative each spoke briefly to round out the business portion of the annual meeting.

The entertainment portion of the meeting was well received. The entire family enjoyed the performance of ventriloquist Col. Bill Boley when he appeared on stage.

Grand Ole Opry stars Jimmy C. Neman and his Cajun County band also performed. They sang many crowd favorites.

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