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**Thank you,
Emergency Services**

Whenever you dial 911, there is always someone there to answer and to respond to your needs. This week, area merchants and officials join The Mercury in saying "Thank you" in time for Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15.

**NCHS Homecoming
is Thursday night**

Nicholas County High School's annual homecoming game is set for tonight against South Floyd at Bluejacket Field. The game starts at 8 p.m. Come out and cheer your team to victory!

GO BIG BLUE!

**Benefit dance
to help Fund**

A dance to benefit the Jane Ann Wall Carpenter Cancer Fund will be held Saturday, October 8, starting at 9 p.m. and running until 1 a.m. at the Carlin National Guard Armory. For more information, call 289-7518 or (606) 987-2776.

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Megan Denton

KIRIS scores are in Nicholas Schools show improvement over last year

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE — Assessment scores for the KIRIS (Kentucky Instructional Results Information System) are up from last year in the Nicholas County Schools.

The 1993-94 preliminary statewide assessment scores for the transition portion of the test were released by Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Thomas C. Boyes last Thursday.

The transition portion is the open response and multiple choice part of the test that covers all subject areas.

The portfolio, non-cognitive data and the performance events portion of the assessment scores aren't in yet, said Nicholas County Schools Instructional Supervisor Phyllis Ramsey last Friday morning.

"We moved it out of the Novice range. You have to move 10 percent or more out of the Novice category to be eligible for



Robyn Potter, Johnson Memorial Health Care radiologist, holds the FDA approval certificate for the hospital's mammography unit. See page 9 for story.

IN BRIEF

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Tourism supper scheduled Oct. 29
The Annual Soup, Chili, Bean Supper sponsored by Tourism Inc. will be held at the Old Jail, Main Street, Carlin, Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost for the supper is \$4 per person.

Carlisle Methodist 150 year celebration scheduled Oct. 15-16
Carlisle United Methodist Church Bicentennial Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. There will be special music and a reception to follow. The celebration continues Sunday, Oct. 16 with a balloon release during Sunday School 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Services are at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds.

Nicholas Schools to observe National School Lunch Week
Nicholas County Schools will observe National School Lunch Week Oct. 1-14.

Special activities are planned and a "Kentucky" menu will be served for lunch on Thursday, Oct. 13.

"We are proud to be part of the education of Nicholas County's children," said School Food Service Director Martha Taylor. "Our cafeteria staffs work hard to support education in the Nicholas County school district by providing nutritious meals to our students and teachers," Taylor said.

Superintendent Randy Iversy school board members and site based council members are invited to have lunch at the school that week.

Kimball Booth keeps on coaching

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE — Known as "coach" to several generations of football players, Kimball Booth of Carlisle continues to coach, coach, and counsel the players of the Nicholas County Youth Football League.

"I love football. I keep framed pictures of the teams, claimed Booth, who's played football since he was in the fifth grade.

A May 21, 1963 graduate of Carlisle High School, he's managed to keep the graduation program all these years, the class motto was "Today's youth is tomorrow's hope". Mrs. Cheryl Fichtmaster was at the piano.

Booth married his high school sweetheart, Jane Ellen Gillespie. "I had marrying on my mind! I went to Morehead a little while, but I went over there to see what it was like. But I wanted to get married."

"We sloped!" Booth admitted. Jane, a graduate of Owingsboro High School, is an officer at Kentucky Textiles in Paris. ("She brings in the beans and is too busy to cook 'em.")

They are the parents of Janet Kay Smoot, employed at Human Services, Damon Booth, a major in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Norfolk, and Sara Kern, a Morehead State University graduate with a teaching certificate.

The bench
Some know Booth because of the bench stationed next to Garrett's Restaurant. After 28 years at IBM (as of Dec. 23, 1990), Booth's children bought him the bench and placed it at that location. "You can see all the action in Carlisle from there," joked the coach.

and a couple of doors down from the city police station and across from the Nicholas County Courthouse.

"They roasted me and I burned them back," Booth laughed.

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A Salute to Nicholas Youth

LEXINGTON — Eight Nicholas County High School students were honored Sunday, Oct. 2 at the 14th Annual Awards Ceremony of the Central Kentucky Council on Youth Leadership.

The Nicholas County students were among 700 high school seniors from 22 high schools in Central Kentucky recognized in this year's Youth Salute.

The award winners included Amanda Abree, the \$100 award winner; and Megan Denton, Candace Gilbert, Sunshine Hill, Jontie Hill, Kathryn Lawrence, Lori Ann McClure and Favis Carol Pope.

The Central Kentucky Council on Youth Leadership was this year's Youth Salute.

What they say about the coach

CARLISLE — Kimball Booth, otherwise known as "coach," has made many friends through the years.

Here's what people say about him:

Greg Reid, principal of Nicholas County High School: "He's the Number One fan of Nicholas County Football. I can't remember a game he wasn't here. He's been here every game. One time we started to give him an honorary pass for games."

Nick Krizan, media director, NCHS: "He's a very supportive of the school and community. He's always enthusiastic."

Key Earlywine, secretary, NCHS: "I've known Kimball all my life. He coached my brother, Billy Allison. Everybody knows him as 'Hammer.' And my son, Josh, last year, Kimball always stresses running to keep them in shape. And he's always willing to help the kids."

Greg Letcher, teacher and head football coach, NCHS: "I've known him practically all my life. His son (Damon) and I grew up together and he played on the team. I think what I remember the most is that discipline was number one. I also

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The Carlisle Mercury Billy Dunlap Photo of the Nicholas County Bluejackets was taken in the late 1960s or early 1970s, according to Coach Kimball Booth. In the row, far left, Booth is still at today, coaching his league football. Back then, Booth was joined by coaches Wayne Shumate, top center, and Donald Berry, Middle row (l-r): Hank Smith, Paul Letcher, Clifford Thompson, Cliff Sumate, Damon Booth, Greg Letcher and Jimmy Smith. Bottom row (l-r): Kenny Hunt, John Hunt, Ernie McVey, Jimmy Joe Mitchell, Joe Pudoff and Alan Dale.