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Baesler to hold town meeting
Sixth District Congressman Scott Baesler will be in Carlisle Saturday, January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon to conduct a Town Meeting on the subject of welfare reform. The meeting is to be held at the NGES Cafeteria.

Planning Committee to meet January 16
The Local Planning Committee for Facilities of the Nicholas County School District will meet Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central School Offices. The meeting is open to the public.

Block scheduling meeting set for Jan. 12
A meeting to discuss block scheduling for Nicholas County Schools will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School Cafeteria on January 12.

Thursday & Friday: Cloudy, lights in the fifties, 40% chance of rain. Saturday & Sunday: Mostly cloudy, showers, cooler with highs in the thirties.

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Head Start students
Bobby Hunt and Tiffany Purvis enjoyed a quiet moment before rushing home to play after school Monday at Nicholas County Elementary School where they attend Head Start. (Photo by Kim Hamilton)

Jimmy Dale, Mona Vice sworn in as board members

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Newly elected school board member Mona Vice and re-elected member Jimmy Dale were sworn in as school board members during Monday night's regular board meeting. Vice, elected during the November election, replaces board member Shammie Vice of Morefield, whose term expired. Ten-year board member John Cleaver Jr. was unanimously elected by board members as the new board chairman for two years. Board member Louise Zachary had held the position. I want to say something to the board if I may, Cleaver said following his being named chairman. I appreciate the board's confidence in me and ask the board to help me be the best chairman I can be. Mr. Eversly, I ask for your help. Louise, I may be asking for your help in matters where you have experience. Newly re-elected board member Jimmy Dale was unanimously elected as vice chairman by the board. Board officer nominations were made by board member Dan Elder, Elder, who retired as Nicholas County school superintendent in 1990, was elected as a board member at the Nov. 8 general election. Both the chairman and vice chairman will serve the board in these capacities from now until Dec. 1995, said Cleaver. The board approved Superintendent Randy Eversly's recommendation to change the meeting time and date. Instead of meeting the second Monday of each month, the board will hold regular meetings the third Monday of each month. Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the Central School Office. Eversly said the change will help because financial statements aren't received until after the 10th of each month. Vendor bills are usually received the fourth or fifth of each month and it rubs his office workers to get information packets compiled and in the hands of board members in time for board meetings. Zachary said the new 7 p.m. time would be good the year round instead of just winter months because people had said her it was difficult to fit the 8 p.m. time into a schedule, especially when baby-sitters are needed to take care of young children. Cleaver said he didn't mind the change. He explained that in the past the 8 p.m. slot was better for the area's many farmers. Vice Chairman Dale made a motion to change the date and time with Zachary seconding the motion. The board agreed to Supt. Eversly's recommendation to meet to look at the drafted 1995 annual budget. No action was taken, but Cleaver invited the public to attend the meeting, to be held 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Central School Office.

County cattle association is seeking new members

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Anyone interested in attending the Nicholas County Cattle Membership meeting is invited, said Robert Barker. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Nicholas County Extension Office, Main Street. Officers will present bylaws and goals and discuss projects for 1995. A dinner will be held before the meeting. Please call for a reservation by Monday, Jan. 16, 231-2317. I think the group has a positive impact on our community. They're interested in the education aspect of the cattle business. It has lots of potential," Barker said.

Council votes 3-2 to plan annexing school property

By Kim Hamilton
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CARLISLE - City council voted 3-2 Monday night to continue pursuing annexation of the Nicholas County School property as part of the city limits. Council members Charlie Fry, Tommy Vaughn and Doug Garrett voted yes, while Libby Earles and Sandy Ritchie voted no. Council member Sharon Faulstich was not present at the 7 p.m. meeting at City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Clark said he put the topic on the city agenda to open it up for discussion and get the opinions of council members. "In my opinion, it's a liability situation," Clark said of the school's use of city police officers patrolled at the school's hall games. "I don't see taking that responsibility and putting it on our back." Since the schools are county property, the county Sheriff's office is responsible for police patrol and calls at the school, but city officers have responded to calls there in the past. That ended about two weeks ago, Clark said, because county property is not in the city's jurisdiction, and if something happens, the city is liable and could be sued. The council majority votes allow the city to continue its pursuit of an agreement with the school board to include the county property into the city boundaries. The city currently

Mayor submits official letter requesting annex

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark plans to send the Nicholas County Board of Education a letter asking it to approve the school system for annexation into the city. The annexation will save the district money, the mayor claimed during a Tuesday telephone interview with The Mercury. "Being in the city will lower their sewer and water rate. They're on the outside city rate now. The city owns the line for the sewer pipe. It's about 30 percent higher than city rates. It will also save because they will be eligible for city trash service." The mayor said he realized the payroll tax may be on the minds of board members out in four-year terms. But it could still save the district money because they would have lower sewer costs. Mayor Clark said he has a written report on the savings to Superintendent Eversly about three months ago. "I laid out what we could do. We could help them with police protection and even ter problems if the weather gets bad." In the report the mayor said he gave to Eversly, a savings of \$2,284.41 could have been obtained for 1994 for water/sewer if the school was annexed in the city. The figure was calculated from Aug. 1993 to May 1994. That just water and sewer. By being in the city and having the city rate, we could help with salt, police and other things. We could provide trash pick-up cheaper," Clark said. The mayor said he talked with Eversly a few months ago. Board member Jimmy Dale just happened to stop by the school office and heard the discussion. About three years ago, when Clark was a member of City Council, he discussed with the board the possible annexation of school property. **Continued on Page 8**

Murder suspect indicted

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CARLISLE - One of three suspected brothers was indicted on a first degree murder charge Wednesday, Jan. 4. Stanley Ross, 22, of North Middletown was handed a formal charge by the Nicholas County Grand Jury for allegedly shooting Danny R. Glascock, 23, of Hillsboro. The incident occurred at Lakeside restaurant outside Carlisle in Nicholas County on Dec. 21. The Grand Jury passed on indicting Ross's two brothers Clifford Ross, 20, of Ewing, and John Ross, 27, of Carlisle, according to the indictment. According to Lincoln State Police Detective Tim Layton, the three brothers were at the restaurant the night of the shooting. Layton said Glascock apparently was an innocent bystander who happened to be at the restaurant when the alleged shooting occurred. The city line encompasses Crossroads Chevron, across from school property, and continues until the trailer park, the mayor said. But the city line ends where school property begins. The mayor said he realized the payroll tax may be on the minds of board members out in four-year terms. But it could still save the district money because they would have lower sewer costs. Mayor Clark said he has a written report on the savings to Superintendent Eversly about three months ago. "I laid out what we could do. We could help them with police protection and even ter problems if the weather gets bad." In the report the mayor said he gave to Eversly, a savings of \$2,284.41 could have been obtained for 1994 for water/sewer if the school was annexed in the city. The figure was calculated from Aug. 1993 to May 1994. That just water and sewer. By being in the city and having the city rate, we could help with salt, police and other things. We could provide trash pick-up cheaper," Clark said. The mayor said he talked with Eversly a few months ago. Board member Jimmy Dale just happened to stop by the school office and heard the discussion. About three years ago, when Clark was a member of City Council, he discussed with the board the possible annexation of school property. **Continued on Page 8**



Familiar sight
Farmers driving tractors are a familiar sight to most of us here in the heart of farm country in Nicholas County. This local driver was not shy; however, and smiled as he drove by on East Union Road around mid-afternoon Monday. (Photo by Kim Hamilton)

Fiscal court amends its code of ethics

By Kim Hamilton
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NICHOLAS COUNTY Fiscal Court voted unanimously to amend its recent adopted code of ethics for technical reasons, according to County Attorney Jack Cooley. Judge executive Chuck Smith and magistrates voted to provide a financial disclosure statement and revise a section of language in the ethics ordinance. The county was one of many counties that were asked by the state office for local government in Frankfort. The court voted to provide a form that includes the name, address, county office or position of employment, occupation and each source of income over \$5,000 during the 1994 calendar year, to be renewed each year. The financial disclosure statement is to be filed no later than Sept. 1. The language that was changed due to legal terminology that includes the name of Nicholas County. Also, the county ethics commission will consist of three members, none of who are public officials, according to the amendment. **Continued on Page 8**

Water district finalizes tap fee collections

Officials from the Sharpshurg Water District have announced that over half the tap fees for the Phase II waterline extension project have been collected. A minimum of 105 total water taps need to be collected before the District can begin final engineering work, according to system manager Gayle Haney. Project funding of \$500,000 has been approved by Farmers Home Administration for 22 miles of new waterlines in both Bath and Nicholas Counties. A total of 58 taps have been paid so far from the following areas: Nicholas County East Union, Lower Sharpshurg Road, Convent Road areas - 18 taps paid; Route 57 area - four taps paid; Walkins Lane - three taps paid; **Continued on Page 8**