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SOUNDATTITUDE

Fiddle player Edgar Stone will join local music groups SoundAttitude all this week for street dancing during the Annual Blackberry Festival. Phil Hillock, band member Mike Hillock's father, will also join the group which includes Mike Hillock, Jerry Galbraith, Barry Myers, Billy Heflin and Rocky Ross.

AMUSEMENTS

Thursday, July 6 is Family Night at Snyder and Metts Amusement Inc. at the Blackberry Festival, downtown Carlisle, Courthouse lawn. All rides \$8 all night. See Page 3 for photos of all the fun!

ANNUAL PARADE TONIGHT!

The Annual Blackberry Festival Parade will be held 7 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 6, ON MAIN STREET WITH THE QUEEN ANNOUNCED AFTER 6 P.M. BEAT DRUMS TO GREEN HANGERS GALLY, CLUMSON, SUANNI THACKER, TARA GEORGE, WENDY RING AND ERICA BEACH. PROCEEDS FROM THE DINNER AT THE OLD JAIL 10 P.M. WILL BENEFIT THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

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Judge clears school board of blame - teachers to seek appeal

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Board of Education has been cleared of wrong doing in the Speaker case.

Two teachers and a former teacher of the district alleged in a civil suit last year (March 28, 1994) against the Nicholas County Board of Education that the board and administration were aware of alleged sexual harassment of three female teachers by a male teacher, no longer employed by the district.

Names of the former teachers were named individually in the suit.

The male teacher allegedly involved, Harry Spickler, wasn't named in the suit, either.

According to an article in the April 7, 1994 issue of The Carlisle Mercury, Spickler voluntarily gave up his teaching certificate for 10 years after a Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board ap-



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Early morning run
Fifty-six adults participated in the 1995 Annual Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce 5K Run, according to Chamber Vice President Spud Marshall. The 3.1 miles race is held each year on Main Street to the Community Action Council building and back to the courthouse. Curt Kelley of Carlisle was the first to make it to the finish line.

Magistrates pledge \$10,000 toward water project

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - Magistrates of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court made a pledge of \$10,000 at a special called meeting Friday, June 30, toward Phase IV of a \$1.8 million water line extension project.

"The whole county needs water. I'm in for whatever it takes to get them water," commented Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith.

The attainment of grants and loans for Phase IV will help continue a project begun by the Nicholas County Water District Spring 1994. Thirty-two, in which 32 miles of waterline put water in the homes of an additional 225 customers in Nicholas County, said Nicholas County Water District Secretary Boogie Hall. The lines were placed throughout the county.

the Governor's Office, the key decision makers regarding the HUD grants, that Nicholas County government is willing to put a stake in the needed project.

"Other counties are putting in substantially more but I can't hold you to what other counties do," Hassall told magistrates.

"I certainly don't want to lose this opportunity," said Magistrate Daryl Stacy.

"I think we can come up with \$10,000 commented Judge Smith.

Magistrates Avery Thornsburg, Melvin Fryman voiced agreement. Magistrate Danny Hughes made the motion to approve the Resolution pledge of \$10,000 with Magistrate and Justice Smith, seconding the motion.

If Nicholas County gets the grant, Phase IV of the project

"I certainly don't want to lose this opportunity," said Magistrate Daryl Stacy.

The county is requesting \$650,000 from a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and loan grant from the Rural Economic and Community Development (formerly known as Farmers Home Administration) for \$1,086,000 with the county's portion at \$10,000. The fees from potential customers would amount to \$31,000, Hall said.

The county wouldn't pay until the 1997-98 fiscal year, said Doug Hassall, assistant director of Bluegrass Area Development District. Leighton Hassall and Gary Layne, employed by Central Associated Engineers Inc., Lexington, were in attendance at the Friday court meeting along with Nicholas County Water District Chairman Sam Reynolds and Secretary Boogie Hall.

Hassall said the magistrates a monetary pledge would show would take a year to get started and another year to complete, said Layne.

The \$1.8 million request is in addition to monies already received by the Nicholas County Water District for Phases I and II under way now, said Boogie Hall, N.C.W.D. secretary. As for the completion date for clean-up, "I have had several calls already," Hall said.

The N.C.W.D. board was approved of fiscal year's support, Hall said. The water district needed the county's support because cities and counties are the only governmental bodies that can apply for community development block grants.

"The whole water board put in effort and planning," Hall told The Mercury Tuesday morning. "It's been a joint effort Dana (Frye) and Judge Smith have worked really close with us on this, too."

pearance was held February 1994.

Spickler told The Lexington Herald Leader last spring that the allegations of sexual harassment were untrue.

He resigned as minister of Millerberg Presbyterian Church March 1994.

Board Chairman John Cleaver read the following written statement at a board meeting Thursday, June 29:

"I would like to make an announcement regarding a legal proceeding that was filed against the Nicholas County Board of Education by two current teachers and one former teacher alleging that the board

Computer glitch blamed for school financial woes

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Schools ended this fiscal year in the black.

In fact, the district is a little better off financially than thought leaving both teachers and classified staff salaries at their present rates.

A computer glitch, responsible for showing a funding shortage for months, has caused worry by teachers, staff and the board of education.

Superintendent Randy Every described the glitch as best he could at Thursday night's special called board meeting.

Every explained to the approximately 20 teachers and board members that the board drove a new IBM computer in the central school office "crashed" several months ago.

For months, end of the month balances checked out, but last week, Superintendent Every and Fay Robinson were looking over accounts on the computer a couple of weeks ago and got a shock - the computer had listed a payroll payment of \$159,000 twice.

Only two weeks ago, a financial consultant, James Lay of Louisville, explained to the board that the computer had

Nicholas school board saves \$8,500 on building insurance

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - At a special called emergency meeting held Friday, June 30, at the Central School Office, two insurance companies were approved to hold insurance for the Nicholas County Schools.

A savings of almost \$9,000 was attained, according to calculations made by Board Chairman John Cleaver Jr.

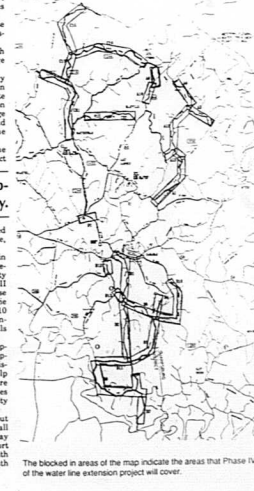
At the conclusion of the one-hour meeting, in which Chairman Cleaver talked with a representative on the telephone of Cornwell and Higgin Insurance Company, Indiana, board member Don Elder made the motion to award the bid for insurance, community property, boiler and machinery and

State road improvement projects slated to begin

FRANKFORT - Nicholas County residents will soon see a direct return from taxes imposed on gasoline.

Road improvement projects are about to get underway on rural roads in Nicholas County and areas counties including Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Lawrence and Mason counties.

"Over the past three and a half years, the state's Rural Secondary Program has pumped over \$55 million worth of roadway improvements into our state's secondary road system which includes both state and county-owned roads," said Kenley. This program is vital to



The blocked in areas of the map indicate the areas that Phase IV of the water line extension project will cover.

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