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FREE Meals!
The Nicholas County Board of Education will participate in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. All Nicholas County children below age 18 may participate at no charge at Nicholas County Elementary School, June 19-July 26. Breakfast is 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Good luck, seniors!
The Nicholas Mercury graduation section will be published in the June 15 issue. Expect lots of photos and messages from the Nicholas County High School Class of 1995 Commencement is 7 p.m. June 15.

Auxiliary Dinner
The Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary Annual Benefit Dinner is 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 16 at the Worthington Center at Blue Licks State Park. Earl Hamm will be the auctioneer. Proceeds purchase hospital equipment.

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Where does the money go? Nicholas County Courthouse in bad shape - no money for repair

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Courthouse needs a new roof or county employees all need umbrellas.

To complicate the situation, the majority of the county's tax dollars go to the state.

The courthouse is in such bad shape from the roof leakage that county officials can't rent space, she explained.

ISTEA, according to Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, is the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. The first grant application through the Kentucky Transportation Department ISTEA by Nicholas County was rejected.

Nicholas County Democrat Election Commissioner Tom Henley, who works closely with Nicholas County Court Clerk Doug Fryman, whose office is on the main courthouse floor. After seeing the leaks on the third floor that are now seeping to the second and first floors and pigeon droppings and frog

increases in the attic, Henley said the Mercury last Friday morning about a "survey" he took. He said he found out why Nicholas County Fiscal Court couldn't raise money to replace the historic structure's roof.

Henley found, according to spokespeople from the offices, the majority of Nicholas

County's money goes to Frankfort. "I was concerned 'The people of Nicholas would be the ones that were going to afford a courthouse roof," Henley said.

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The water leakage problem has descended from the attic, where a multitude of gallon buckets keep watch on rain and where frog carcasses and pigeon droppings leave designs on the floor.

The problem is beyond the third floor, empty rooms that can't be rented out due to leakage, despite being painted and in the readiness process. An officer for juveniles petitioned Circuit Court for a third floor office but can't move in due to water pouring down at the top of the steps and at the entrance of the newly refurbished room.

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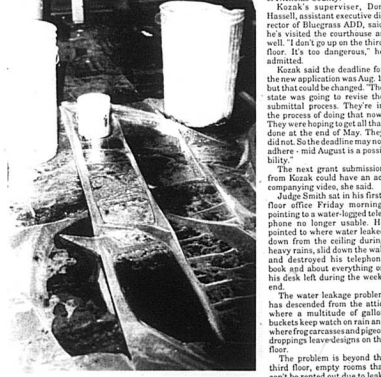
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The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo
Water pools on the third floor of the Nicholas County Courthouse each time the rain falls. Even trash cans, strategically placed, can't protect the floor, set floors below.

New site based councils elected
CARLISLE - Newly elected members of both Nicholas County Elementary and Nicholas County High School Site Based Decision Making Councils will assume their new duties at the July meetings. Elected to the elementary council were parent representatives Paula Hunter with Donna Gail Mattox re-elected. Teacher representatives elected were Lynn Simmons and Roxanne Bow with Wilma Donathan, school librarian, continuing another year on council.

Elected to the high school site based council were Jim Galbraith, who has served three years on the elementary school site based council, and Doris Eton. Both will serve as parent members. High school teachers Kathy Green, Jack Hayes and Jim Simons return to the council by faculty vote. In June, high school council members Janet Kay Smoot and Larry Tischer complete their terms as elementary teacher members. George Becker and Jack Masie.



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On The Job!
James J. Wente began duties as Johnson Mathews Health Care Inc. administrator May 30. Wente brings 23 years of health care administration experience to Nicholas County. His most recent position was at LaPorte, Indiana. Wente and his wife, Patricia Anne, both formerly residing in the area. The Wentes are the parents of two sons, Kevin, a geologist in Lexington, and Todd, of Indianapolis, who has a degree in environmental design.

There's still time
Water/income surveys needed to apply for HUD grant/flood

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Nicholas County residents who have yet to return water survey applications to the County Judge Executive's Office are urged to do so now.

The deadline to apply for a Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant to help fund several miles of water line to Nicholas County residents is nearing, said Bluegrass Area Development District Assistant Director Dan Hassall of Lexington.

This is the bottom line on the time. Fifty-one percent of the project beneficiaries must be low to moderate income. Since all the surveys aren't in, we haven't demonstrated we're eligible to apply," lamented Hassall.

About 300 applications, which request income information, are needed for Bluegrass ADD to meet the goal of 100 percent participation. "We're looking for out of about 200 applications," and that's good except the block grant application requires 100 percent or they'll count them as high income," explained Hassall.

Hassall said he can't say exactly, but chances are good Nicholas County will get the grant. The Nicholas County Water project beneficiaries must be low

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IN BRIEF

Ellisville School
reunion June 25
The Sixth Ellisville School reunion will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at the Nicholas County High School cafeteria. Pot luck dinner is at noon. For information, contact June Wilson at 289-2519 or Ann Fryman at 289-2012.

Corner Store
has grand opening
SHARPSBURG - The Corner Store will have a grand opening some time this month, according to new owner Emily Hall of Sharpsburg. The Corner Store will be open seven days a week, offering groceries, gasoline and videos.

Hospital Auxiliary
to meet June 12
The Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary will meet 10 a.m. Monday, June 12 at the Nicholas County Library.

Locust Grove Baptist Church
VBS June 12-16
Locust Grove Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 12-16. Ages 3-14 welcome. Commencement is 11 a.m. Sunday, June 18. For more information call 289-2655 or 289-4055.

Retired teachers
to meet June 12
There will be a luncheon meeting of retired teachers at 1 p.m. Monday, June 12 at Trax's Restaurant. All retired teachers are urged to attend.

Gaunce-Ritchie
family reunion
to be held June 25
The Gaunce and Ritchie reunion will be held 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at the home of Brenda Earlywine, Highway 27, two miles east of the 1893 marker at Shawhan. Call 987-6224 for more information.

Realtors radon
meeting June 20
All realtors are welcome to a "Radon Education for Realtors" program to be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the Nicholas County Library.

Boys basketball
tournament
June 17
Nicholas County High School Basketball Coach Chris O'Hearn has announced the Boys Basketball Booster Club will present the 3 on 3 basketball tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17 at NCHS. Entry forms may be picked up at the high school, Carlisle, IGA, Crockett's Shopwite, Wild East Estate and Crossroad Chevron.

Grand Prize Winners
Melissa Schrage and Craig Gilmore were the grand prize winners of the Writing Workshop contest sponsored by the Ky. Writing Program Committee at Nicholas County Elementary School. Schrage and Gilmore each won \$20. All winning entries met Kentucky Education Reform Act writing portfolio standards. See Melissa and Craig's prize winning writing in the edition The Carlisle Mercury. All other winners are on page 3.