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**A Salute to Veterans**  
Carlisle resident Charlie Gates and his daughter, Captain Bonnie L. Gates, write about Nicholas County veterans of two Jims. See page 2.

**See You at Headquarters**  
McDonald's Grocery in Headquarters as been a part of Nicholas County life since before the turn of the century. Read Strauder McDonald's story on page 8.

**FFA Celebration**  
Nicholas County High School Future Farmers of America celebrated FFA Week and show off their new greenhouse. See page 4.

**Thursday** - Lots of sunshine with a chilly high of 39 and low of 29.  
**Friday** - More sunshine, a high of 48 and a low of 27.  
**Saturday** - Partly sunny. High 50 with a low of 37.

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## Mayor Clark set to talk with Flying Stitches owner: plans on giving tour of possible plant location

**By Leigh Stone**  
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**CARLISLE** - Mayor Ronnie Clark will meet with entrepreneur Bill Bromagen, owner of Flying Stitches, Paris, sometime this week to see what can be done about helping Bromagen start a textile industry locally. Clark's talked to several community members about having Flying Stitches in Carlisle. "People have told me, 'We really need the jobs here,'" Clark said.

The mayor plans to show Bromagen a recently cleaned up building known as the "ice house," located across from Wood's Auto Shop, downtown Carlisle. "I talked to him (Bromagen) on the telephone last Friday. He's still interested in leasing his business here. He said there's a possibility of there being more than 15 people employed at start-up. There may be as many as 40," Clark told the Mercury Tuesday morning.

Clark and Bromagen are both former employees of Bluegrass Industries. Clark was at the Paris plant, his first year of high school. Back then, Bromagen was an engineer, at the mayor recalled. "The city purchased the ice house, owned by Jockey International (formerly Bluegrass Industries) for \$1. Council accepted the deed during the February meeting. "It needs some work," Clark said of the approximately 60 x

100 foot building. "The east end of the building needs a new roof, or needs to be torn down. We could use that for parking. Drop ceiling could be installed in the rest of the building. The concrete floor is in good shape." Jockey had used the building for storage. At one time, women were employed there for sewing. Clark worked there for awhile in research, when his duty was to repair sewing machines or make parts. Clark said he nor Bromagen had visited the ice house in many years.

"The office area is okay," Clark said leading the way through the hall during a brief tour of the facility. There are bathrooms here. There's room for four more commodes. You can see where they used to be," Clark said.

There's city water and gas with Kentucky Utilities electricity already there. Some more cleanup still needs to be done, despite the efforts of Jockey and city employees involved in the project.

Clark said community members had already asked to volunteer for painting the building. County Judge Executive Chuck Smith told the mayor he was receptive to the idea of Bromagen leasing his business here. Bromagen visited the Nicholas County Fiscal Court during the regular meeting held Feb. 14. He asked if the magistrates would give his business land at the Industrial Park, located off Concrete Road, free of charge. No decision was made by vote, but Bromagen was invited back to Fiscal Court to further discuss the idea.

To the mayor's knowledge, Bromagen has since decided the Industrial Park wouldn't meet his needs.

Bromagen hasn't met with members of city council, yet, Clark said. Originally from Nicholas County, Bromagen said he'd like to locate his business here, but that officials in Bath County were also interested.

Mayor Clark said the ice house has a couple of other future options, too. The Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center was interested in pursuing grants to locate an activity center there. The American Legion of downtown Carlisle was interested in relocating there, the mayor said. "Something will work out, surely," Clark commented.



The Carlisle Mercury/ Leigh Stone Photo  
Nicholas County High School Senior Beth Durni was voted 1995 Homecoming Black and White Queen by the student body at last Friday night's home game.



The W. J. Alexander property on Concorda Road was one of several grass fires that occurred in Nicholas County Sunday, Feb. 26. High winds were partially to blame, said County Fire Chief Mark Hughes.

## Grass fires keep county fire crew busy Sunday

**By Leigh Stone**  
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**CARLISLE** - No injuries were reported, but seven brush fires certainly kept the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department busy this past weekend. Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes said the fires were accidental, with no fires imposed. Trash burning is supposed to be held from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

"It was pretty weather Sunday, so people just gathered up their trash and burned it, but the high winds dried out the top layer of grass causing a fire," Hughes said. "No one intentionally set any of the fires. They were all very sorry it happened and helped us put it out at each location."

## Greenhouse put to use at NCHS

**By Leigh Stone**  
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**CARLISLE** - The new greenhouse at Nicholas County High School has been the center of attention for agriculture students and members of Future Farmers of America. FFA Week was Feb. 19-25. FFA Advisor Doug Buchanan and officers Eddie Tischer, president; David Tischer, vice president; Tim Layne, secretary; Mike Hill, treasurer; and Doug Daley, sentinel, talked to the

Mercury last Friday afternoon about a year of success for NCHS FFA. "Right now we're preparing for the contests that start next month. We're preparing for the speaking, parliamentary procedure and production record contests," said Buchanan. But the greenhouse, funded by three grants, is this year's highlight. "I think it's one of the better projects we've had," admitted Secretary Tim Layne. Continued on Page 9

## Elementary notes Black History Month

**By Leigh Stone**  
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**CARLISLE** - Black History Month was honored Monday, Feb. 20 at Nicholas County elementary with a special dance performance by NCE with graders. A TIP grant funded the project, according to NCHS with

grade teacher Vickie Roberts. Other sixth grade teachers involved in the program included Kim Martin, Linda Harrison and Wills Adams. Guest teachers include Ihou, from Mali, a teacher of African culture and percussion rhythms. Gina is a dancer with Sun Synce. Continued on Page 9

## Cost and location keep NCHS from a new track facility

**By Leigh Stone**  
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**CARLISLE** - Nicholas County High School needs a track, says the NCHS track team. Track Coach Travis Huber, also a NCHS science teacher, has coached the team for two years without a track.

Cost and location are the two factors keeping the school system from having another track, stated Nicholas County Board Chairman John Cleaver. The board had some discussion about a track, but the cost seemed too great to re-build, possibly in the range of up to \$40,000 to \$50,000. "Just look at what it costs to blacktop your driveway," Cleaver said of blacktopping costs. "The use of heavy equipment is expensive, too." Cleaver said the new facilities committee, a 15 member board of school and community people, Continued on Page 3

## Rogers named executive VP at First National Bank of Carlisle

**By Leigh Stone**  
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**CARLISLE** - D. Marques "Mark" Rogers was promoted on Feb. 24 as executive vice president by the board of directors of the First National Bank of Carlisle. Rogers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy D. Rogers of Grayson. He served eight years with Farm Credit Services in Flemingsburg. "They brought me here to replace Emerson Baker, who retired. I am pleased with the way everything is working out," Rogers said Tuesday morning. His primary duties at the bank now will be to supervise the loan department. Rogers is a 1984 graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Banking, also holds a degree in business management from Morehead State University. He was graduated in 1978 from East Carter High School in Grayson.



Mark Rogers

The Carlisle Mercury/ Leigh Stone Photo  
Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips, left, talks with City Ridge Post Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Officer Jan Wuchner. Guest teachers include Ihou, from Mali, a teacher of African culture and percussion rhythms. Gina is a dancer with Sun Synce. Continued on Page 9