

Rand Rosters Banquet

A face of young student when they win an award and achievement. The average of the Nicholas Booster Banquet is 10.

Nurses Week

Nurses at Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson Mathers Nursing Home tell why they like their jobs. See page 8.

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Johnson Mathers Health Care Inc. will celebrate 30 years of service May 14-20. See next week's Mercury for details!

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday - Showers. High 69. Low 51. Friday - Mostly sunny. High 70. Low 52. Saturday - Still partly sunny. High 74. Low 53.

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Citizens question new property tax assessment values says PVA

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CARLISLE - Approximately 1,300 to 1,500 property owners throughout Nicholas County received tax assessment notices for 1995 Saturday and Monday. Rose Brady, Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator, said many citizens came to her office at the Nicholas County Courthouse Monday or called her to have the assessments explained.

"What I'm doing now is setting the values. We started last August. Apparently there had been increases in the last six to eight years. I've tried to hold off as long as I could, but if they say 'Some have not had increases in the last six to eight years so I've tried to hold off as long as I could...'"

assessments aren't in line with what Frankfort wants, they will come in like they did in 13 other counties last year. I know Harrison, Boyle and Logan were three of the counties Frankfort came in and when the local increase went through, put on an additional increase. I've tried to

put on an increase. I thought it would come in line with property values on a county-wide basis. Brady said there was no increase. The dog warden's formula used to determine assessor's rates of the last 12 to 18 months and used that as a basis for values. There was an increase in that time period for property sales, she said. "It would be easy if there was a formula. There are always things about a house you don't know, for instance. We can make adjustments when property owners can show the value is too high, like if there are problems with the property not vis-

ible from the outside. They just can't come in and say the assessment was too high. Brady said. Citizens had 13 days, from May 1 to May 15, to talk to Brady about assessments. Her office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The telephone number is 259-3735. Persons not discussing the assessment with Brady before the May 15 deadline cannot go before the local tax assessment board. Dorey Lynn Watkins, a new tax assessment board member, said citizens wishing to dispute

Fiscal Court figures budget

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - As the Nicholas County Fiscal Court budget hands down, county workers will be in for a raise July 1. Four county workers were laid off this time last year, but extra funds in the county's road fund and the sale of rock quarry equipment put the county money in shape to better pay workers. Many of the county road workers, for instance, work for \$6 an hour. The proposed raise went from 50 cents an hour to 75 cents an hour after much discussion.

Magistrate Daryl Stacy commented at Monday night's budget meeting. "People can't live on that. Some haven't received a raise in years."

Nicholas County Treasurer Wanda Dotson commented, "I think we can handle a 75-cent an hour raise for the boys. We sold some machinery this year and have some extra money." Assistant Nicholas County Attorney Luba Farah asked, "You have surplus now, but will you be able to do it next year?" Dotson said since the repairs wouldn't be needed on machinery any longer there should be enough. She clarified that the employees would be paid from road fund money, not general funds. Magistrate Daryl Stacy said he felt based on the calls he got, the workers were worth the 25.50 percent increase. "I don't know what other road departments pay their people,

but we've got good people. We've got guys who've been here six years and we wouldn't give them a raise. Magistrate Danny Hughes commented some of the workers had been at the job longer than five years. He also said, "If they were making \$12 an hour, we'd consider a two or three percent raise." The court tentatively agreed to give the county attorney and dog warden a \$50 monthly increase. The dog warden would be told to purchase up to \$300 dog food at Southern States instead of being issued a \$300 check.

Salaries for other county workers weren't fully decided. Magistrate Daryl Stacy said the idea

of their tax assessment may talk to Brady about the assessment. If the assessment is changed, the property owner may make an appointment to come before the assessment board, which consists of Watkins and two other members. Kenneth Stephenson and R. M. Hildreth Jr.

County workers may receive raise

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CARLISLE - While the Nicholas County Fiscal Court fought with tentative budget figures for 1995-96, the Nicholas County Senior Citizens received its request for \$26,000 to maintain the agency. But the Nicholas County Extension Service was tentatively given a \$3,222 cut from last year.

The service had requested \$48,000 for this year. It received \$38,222 last year, according to a document Phillips gave The Mercury that was signed by Judge Chuck Smith. Magistrates approved a 4-

2 vote to provide an even \$35,000 plus free rent and utilities. County Judge Executive Chuck Smith and Magistrate Juanita Smith gave the two "No" votes on the \$35,000 motion, made by Daryl Stacy and seconded by Avery Thornburg. The Smith's had wanted to provide more than \$35,000.

"We just don't have the money," Magistrate Stacy told Phillips during the discussion. At one point, since senior citizens asked for \$4,000 less, Juanita Smith made a motion to add the \$4,000 to the \$32,000 the court originally suggested for the extension service. She asked the motion be rescinded

because she didn't just want the \$4,000 added, but more than that. Magistrate Melvin Fryman commented, "Every time I see (Mike Phillips) comes before the court it's something like this. Every time I've been here 12 years. He's the one doing the cutting."

"I don't know how this will go now," said Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips today at 7:40 p.m. Monday, May 1 outside the judge's office. The fiscal court budget meeting began at 4 p.m. with the senior citizens coming in a force of about 20 people. By 4:10



Board members of Tourism Inc. were introduced at the annual dinner meeting at the Old Jail Saturday, April 29. Board members include G.C. Myers, Dorey Lynn Watkins, Sandra Ritchie, Esther Myers, Pam Hancock, Mildred Gifford, Philip McDonald, Michelle Krappke, Martha Sue Taylor, Gladys Street, Precious Hunt, Fatty McClure, Frankie Hughes, and Cheryl Hesp.

County firefighter receives injury at East Union Road fire Wednesday

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - A Nicholas County firefighter received burns to his face and neck while battling a blaze on East Union Road Wednesday, April 26. Miles Hughes, 37, brother of Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, was wearing protective gear while fighting the fire at the Larry and Kathy McCarty residence.

No one else was injured, including the McCarty's children. Miles was approaching the porch and all of the sudden, a big roll of fire came out. He had on his full turn-out gear or it would have been a whole lot worse," said Chief Hughes.

Miles was taken to Nicholas County Hospital for treatment and was released. He has been with the fire department 18 years. The two floor wooden structure, estimated to be about 100 years old, caught fire in the disconnection area in a bedroom and quickly spread through the rest of the house, said Kathy McCarty. Kathy and her three children

(Larry, Laura, 7, and Joshua, 4) were getting ready to leave the residence when she smelled smoke. The kids were already in the truck. We were getting ready to leave. I grabbed the cordless phone and went outside. Despite the response of the department, which included four fire trucks and nine men, the structure couldn't be saved. Only the chimney is left standing.

Everybody's been real nice. Anything they can do, they've done it. We've got awful good neighbors," commented Gary McCarty.

Neighbors offered to take the family in, but the McCarty's were able to rent a small trailer parked on the lot. Neighbors and friends have given the children toys and clothing. The family was unable to salvage anything. All clothing, furniture and keepsake items, like photo albums, were destroyed by the fire, Kathy said. Also gone is Kathy's collection of old paper money and coins.

Ross found guilty of murder

CARLISLE - Stanley Ross, 22, of North Middletown, was found guilty by a Nicholas County jury Wednesday, April 26, in the shooting death of Dorey Glascock, 21, of Hillboro. A prison sentence of 25 years was the jury's recommendation following approximately three hours of deliberation. The jury also had the option of finding Ross guilty of second-degree manslaughter, reckless homicide or reaching a verdict of not guilty.

Glascock's widow, Donna, sat in both days of the trial. On Wednesday, she held a framed photograph of her late husband, Farrah recalled. Ross stated during testimony that he didn't shoot Glascock and that he didn't know him. Ross was defended by Lexington attorney Scott Hayworth. Ross is lodged at Bourbon County Jail. He will be sentenced May 12 by The Honorable Judge Robert McGinnis. Ross would be eligible for parole after serving 12 years of a 25 year sentence.

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In Brief

Hospital Auxiliary to meet Monday
The Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the library on Monday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Gospel Quartet to perform Sunday
CARLISLE - The Journeymen, a southern gospel quartet from Shepherdsville, Ky., will be presenting the message of hope in Jesus Christ at First Baptist Church in Carlisle at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Journeyman consists of Dran Anley, tenor; Stacey Murphy, lead; Jody Wheeler, baritone and keyboard; and David Grant, bass. Their mix of singing a traditional southern gospel style of music has been active for more than 12 years and has taken them to areas throughout the eastern United States sharing their message. The group has recorded seven cassette projects during the past seven years. Their latest recording is "Go to the Rock," which is made up of songs of encouragement and hope in Christ.