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**Teacher  
Appreciation**  
Nicholas County students  
reveal the reasons why  
their teachers are great.  
See page 6.

**Why is mom special?**  
Mother's Day is Sunday, May  
14. The Mercury asked  
readers why their mom is  
special. See Page 2 for their  
answers.

**Area Weather Forecast**  
Thursday - Partly sunny, High 70,  
Low 56.  
Friday - Partly sunny, High 70, Low  
52.  
Saturday - Showers, High 77, Low  
58.

# THE CARLISLE MERCURY

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## Board names new Johnson Mathers Healthcare administrator

**By Leigh Stone**  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
CARLISLE - The new administrator at Johnson Mathers Health Care, Inc. has been announced.  
James J. Wente of LaPorte, Indiana will assume the new position sometime this month, the confirmed Doug Garrett, hospital board member and member of the search committee.

"Everybody liked him. He already had family connections in the Lexington area. He really wanted to come back here. He's a likeable fellow. Very sincere. He showed a sincere interest in health care. It was just a job to him," Garrett said.  
Wente's cover letter to the hospital board stated in part, "My research and application for the position of administrator are simple. I would like to return to live and work as I am from the area and my wife and I would like to be closer to our families."

He continued, "My first priority is having a position in which I can use my education and experience to meet the challenges of today's healthcare system... every organization in which I have been employed has been accredited by the 'CAHO'... The administrator's position has been open since last September. Davis Ecton has been the interim director. Ecton has served the hospital for approximately 18 years.  
"We had 12 extra good applicants," Garrett said. "We narrowed it down to two. Both had titles of (administrative) executives."  
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## City in better shape, mayor says

**By Leigh Stone**  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
CARLISLE - The city is in better financial shape today than it was one year ago, according to Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark.  
Clark and city council members Charlie Fay, Tommy Vaughn, Sandra Hinkle, Libby Earlywine, Sharon Fualconer and Doug Garrett met in regular session Monday, May 8, to approve the first reading of the city's annual budget. The document lists expenditures of a \$3,144,000 budget.

"We've cut a lot of corners without sacrificing services," the mayor said Tuesday morning. "The payroll tax has did what it was supposed to do for us."  
"We've cut a lot of corners without sacrificing services," the city. We used to be in a position when we had to transfer \$124,000 from our utility fund to the general fund for



## Magistrates further discuss 1995-96 county budget

**By Leigh Stone**  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
CARLISLE - The first reading of the 1995-96 annual budget was approved by Nicholas County Fiscal Court during regular session Tuesday, May 9.  
Tentatively, the Nicholas County Extension Service was awarded \$2,000 more than previously allotted, raising its budget from \$35,000 to \$37,000. The \$2,000 will come from the county's transfer fund.  
Magistrate Duoy Stacy made the motion for the extra \$2,000 with Magistrate Danny Hughes seconding the motion with a 4-11 favor.

"The courtroom and my office are leaning as we speak," countered County Attorney Jock Conley.  
Agnt John Mark Hack works daily with youngsters with 4-H projects.  
Agnt Hack asked magistrates to consider the return they have on their extension service investment. The office helps both farmers, the school

he agreed. Magistrates Stacy and Hughes said they wanted to allow more money for the service but didn't know where to add more money.  
Curt Sparks and Marsha Sue Taylor told magistrates that extension agents helped the school in many areas. Agent Malba Burch helped write a grant making the new high school greenhouse possible.

"This can be changed, right up until approval," stated County Judge Executive Chuck Smith. Smith and Magistrate Juanita Smith each voiced opinion that the Nicholas County Extension Service should be given more than \$35,000. At Tuesday's meeting, Magistrate Melvin Foyman said

will close by September 1997. We were the last one of the list of 19. Furnish said Monday.  
The county CSP, formerly known as the ASCS office, has already been on a closure list for the past two years. A local group formed to gather community help in gathering political support to keep the office open.

**IN BRIEF**  
**Coach Kenney to receive service award**  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - Nicholas County Lady Jacket Basketball Coach Barbara Kenney has been notified she will receive a Distinguished Service Award from the National Federation of Intercollegiate Coaches Association headquartered in Kansas City. Kenney received the state award as part of the standards to earn this prestigious honor, which notified coaches from seven states and the District of Columbia.

## Water line project begins; should be completed in Oct.

**By Leigh Stone**  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
CARLISLE - The Chestnut Street area has been closed and re-routed since Wednesday, May 3, so work crews could begin the city's waterline improvement project.  
Lines throughout the city are being replaced, some lines installed 50 years ago in 1944.  
Mayor Clark said the Chestnut Street area was selected first because of its proximity near the courthouse. Work there is hoped to be completed by July 4 for the Annual Blackberry Festival.  
Completion of the entire

Water line project begins; should be completed in Oct.  
The groundbreaking ceremony was held at Dorsey Avenue. Present were Mayor Ronnie Clark, city council members Doug Garrett, Sandra Ritchie, Charles Fay and Tommy Vaughn, city water superintendent Guy Vanhook, and Kathy Fuglethaler of Bluegrass Area Development District, Brad Montgomery of GHW Engineers, and Louis Kenney and John Cox of Kenney Inc.  
Bluegrass ADD provided a \$290,000 grant to fund the project.

to convince Washington to keep us open.  
Ford has really delved into it. Harriet with a couple of local farmers at a meeting."  
Furnish said that office traffic has been on the increase since word of a possible closure came about. "People are using our service more and more. Right now, they're making arrangements for tobacco leasing. It's gonna be a busy year. Hopefully, that will give Wendell Ford some ammunition

## Fitch remembers Carlisle

**By Leigh Stone**  
**OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF**  
VERSAILES - In 1943, Carlisle was the hometown of John Fitch.  
The World War II veteran recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of V-E Day. In the

war days he was a water gunner on a B-17 bomber. According to the May 7 edition of The Lexington Herald Leader, Fitch got to talk with the pilot of the B-17, a man he hadn't heard from since they shook hands in

Tourism Inc. to meet May 23  
CARLISLE - Tourism Inc. will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at The Old Jail to discuss the veterans day event scheduled for August.

Perfect attendance during KIRSD testing was rewarded Wednesday, May 3. Students in Charlene Harris' classroom at Nicholas County Elementary School had two weeks of perfect attendance in the state-mandated testing and earned \$50 from the Nicholas County Board of Education. The students will use the money to have a pizza party. Front row: Anita Bussell, Christy Jefferson, Second row (l-r): Jonathan Mitchell, Patrick Hubbard, Stanley Fries, Kim Workman, Ricky Sparks and Daniel Russell. Third row (l-r): Ashley Fryman, Heather Marshall and Savannah Price. Fourth row (l-r): Clinton Piggis, Rylie Britez, Ashley McFarland and Mrs. Charlene Harris. Absent for the photo were Acton Durn, Ian Blunker and Jessica Lulin.

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