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The Carlisle Mercury's Amanda Meers presents photos of the Johnson Mathers Nursing Home Sing-Along, Page 8. See Page 11 for Josh Shepherd's photos of the Hospital Auxiliary's annual Christmas Bazaar.

Upcoming Events

• Nicholas County Lion's Club Christmas Parade 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2, downtown Carlisle.
• Nicholas County Band Boosters Christmas Tree Sale, school storage barn, Nov. 24 or Dec. 1.

FAMILY POOL

THE NICHOLAS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SPONSORING A FAMILY POOL RAISER 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M. BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NOV. 25-26. AN EXHIBIT HALL IS \$10. PROCEEDS GO FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

Forecast

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Friday - Partly cloudy. Low 29.
Saturday - Partly sunny. Low 29.
High 42.
Sunday - Sunny! Low 28. High 48.

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Attorney General's office investigating local election

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Bryan Jones, an assistant to Attorney General Chris Gorman, Frankfurt, isn't sure the voting mishap that occurred during the Nicholas County General Election Nov. 7 is a prosecutable offense.

He's still gathering the facts. The Nicholas County Grand Jury summed up its report on the occurrence as "bad judgment."

According to Nicholas County Court Clerk Doug Fryman, a year-old voting computer for a precinct housed at the new National Guard Armory didn't operate Nov. 7. The representative of the computer company couldn't get the system to operate for several hours. So voters went from that precinct to another precinct also housed at the armory - and voted. The

problem was that the computer at the precinct the voters went to didn't list the candidates for Nicholas County School Board District 2.

Fryman said he didn't know who gave permission for voters to vote at the other precinct.

"We'll be looking to see if there were any violations of criminal law."

Ricky Hicks, who had been interim school board member, won the election by 64 votes. Hicks was officially sworn in as school member by School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher at Monday night's regular Nicholas County School Board meeting.

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Boat stolen from man's front yard on Locust Street in Carlisle

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - An eight foot fiberglass like fishing boat was stolen from the yard of Gary Williams, 111 N. Locust St. Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18.

The boat, purchased from a relative, was worth about \$500. The fishing gear it held, a gift from his late brother-in-law, was valued at about \$1,000. The fishing gear was a gift from his late brother-in-law.

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For the children

Dr. Bob Sparks, left, a Carlisle dentist, gave a dental health screening to children from the Community Action Council Head Start Center Tuesday morning. With Sparks are Tyler Harrod, 4, son of Krista Harrod, center, (not pictured), her husband, Glen Harrod is also shown Mercury recipient. At right is dental assistant Julie McCord. Joyce McFarland of CAC said 500 children a year are screened locally.

Fire Dept. Toy drive is under way now

CARLISLE - Make your Christmas better by bringing joy to someone else.

The Annual Nicholas County Fire Department Toys for Tots Christmas toy drive began Nov. 20.

Fire Chief Mark Hughes asks Nicholas County residents to drop off new toys or toys in good shape and non-perishable food items to Woody's Auto Repair, Upper Jacktown Road, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We take two new toys for each child in each family. The money we do get in donations we spend at a local store to buy all the toys for the children, Hughes said.

Last year, 160 children received toys. Sixty food baskets were distributed by the county fire department.

"It makes my Christmas knowing the fire department helped make someone else's."

Sign ups for families in need of toys and baskets are being accepted until Dec. 22. Call Hughes at Woody's at 259-7270 or at home at 259-2369.

Hughes said the department enjoys helping others and appreciates community support of the toy drive. "For some kids, this is all the Christmas presents they'll get. Tell people, if you want to see a humble heart, send along with us when we take the toys. I look forward to it each year."

Hughes asks gifts be appropriate for children age 12 and under.

"It's a joyous feeling. We've done this last year, between 12 and 14 years. I think," Hughes recalled. "It makes my Christmas knowing the fire department helped make someone else's."

**Welcome to Carlisle
Canterbury House to be in textile production soon**

CARLISLE - Canterbury House Inc. corner of Market and Locust Streets, should be in business by Monday, Dec. 4.

The entrepreneurial endeavor of the mother and daughter team of Carol Sparks, Carlisle and Dr. Pam Spackman, a Carlisle and Mt. Olivet dentist, Canterbury House will be producing of children's fine clothing, with sizes 2T to

6X produced initially. "We're excited that Carlisle will be the home for this business endeavor," said Carol Sparks Tuesday morning.

"Pam is the clothing designer and I'm the cheerleader - the encourager. We've been interested in sharing in a business endeavor for some time," Carol said. Contact Carol Sparks at 259-5544 for employment applications.

Cable rates to raise: new movie channel on the way

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
PARIS - American Cable Entertainment will add American Movie Classics to its Standard Cable Package Jan. 1, 1996, along with a rate increase from \$21.47 to \$22.75.

According to a certified letter sent to Carlisle Mayor Bonnie Clark dated Nov. 16, American Cable's S. Wayne Right, vice president and regional manager, stated: Please accept this letter and the enclosed materials as notice of our intention to adjust cable television rates in your community on Jan. 1, 1996.

Effective Jan. 1, 1996, the rate for the Standard Cable Package will change from the current \$21.47 to \$22.75. The rates for the individual components of that package will also change. The Economy Broadband package, currently \$10.92, will change to \$12.50. The Satellite Tier, presently \$4.30, will be

changed to \$8.75 and the Deluxe Package, presently \$2.25, will be reduced to \$1.00. The foregoing rates, both current and pending, are not of applicable franchise fees.

"Additionally, new rates for one time charges, such as installation, will go into effect Jan. 1, 1996. This is the first change of these rates since 1993.

"We are pleased to announce the addition of a popular new cable channel to our Standard Cable Package on Jan. 1, 1996. American Movie Classics shows classic movies, great and without commercial, 24 hours a day. This popular channel has been widely requested by our customers in the community and we are pleased to announce its addition to our lineup in 1996.

"Every customer will be notified of the change in rates at least 30 days prior to the implementation of the new rates on Jan. 1, 1996."

FFA attends national convention

On November 8-12, five members from the Nicholas County High School Future Farmers of America Chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Those members to attend included Jason Cleaver, Bryan Sapp, Brad Stone, Dexter Sims and W. C. Duncan.

The five Nicholas County FFA members joined more than 35,000 other FFA members from all states including Puerto Rico, Guam, and Japan in listening to several nationally renowned speakers as well as political figures such as Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and Senator Richard Lugar.

In speaking with W. C. Duncan about his experiences at the convention, he said, "Attending this convention really helped realize how we need to help other people in the community. It also made me think about how important responsibility is."

Amanda Abnee one of three fiction winners

GEORGETOWN - Amanda C. Abnee, a 1995 graduate of Nicholas County High School, was one of three fiction winners in the Georgetown Review, a periodical of Georgetown College.

Abnee authored "Blue Haired Ladies and Hand Lotion." Winner and runner-up pieces will be published in the next edition of the Georgetown Review. Copies will be available in the spring of 1996.



Kindergarten students in Joy Story and Susan Roberts classes visited Abraham Mathers Nursing Home Thursday, Nov. 16 for the Sing Along. For more photos of the event, see page 8.

School board welcomes new member

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - Ricky Hicks was officially sworn in as a member of the Nicholas County Board of Education during Monday night's regular meeting.

School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher read the oath to Hicks, who had been selected by an independent committee as interim school board member for District 2 following the resignation of former school board member Jimmy Dale.

About half a dozen teachers and community members were in attendance.

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reed, in his monthly administrative report to the board, "We've had about 358-359 students. Enrollment is about the same this year as compared to last year, although the typical shift of students is ongoing."

"We're like a lot of other places. We're a transient community," Derry said.

Board member Don Elder commented, "We've had 29 entries or re-entries, so minus six we have a few drop-outs."

Every month, The Kids to Bourbon County one month and I move back the next month.

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Nicholas County High School Student of the Week nominated

Nicholas County High School Junior Class President Jennifer Caswell has been selected Student of the Week by NCIS teacher.

"She has shown great improvement in her studies. She asks questions, seeks help, manages materials and utilizes study hall. All these show initiative and perseverance," stated the teacher nomination form for Jennifer.

Jennifer is junior class president and according to the teacher's nomination, "she exhibits the qualities the job requires."

The Carlisle Mercury is pleased to bring back the Student of the Week feature. Published each week, the feature will include the NCIS student's photograph and comments from the nominating teacher.

Advertisers interested in sponsoring the Student of the Week will be specially mentioned. The feature will be prominently placed in each issue. For more information, call the Mercury office at 259-2464.

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The Carlisle Mercury's Leigh Stone photo.

School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher, left, gave the oath to newly elected school member Ricky Hicks at the Nov. 20 board meeting.

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