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**Election letters**  
Readers write about the right to vote and give opinions about this year's best office holder candidates. See page 2.

**Haunted House**  
Don't miss a tour of the Haunted House 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 27-28 and Oct. 31 at The Old Jail, Main Street, Carlisle. A chili supper will be held 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 28 at The Jail, also sponsored by Tourism Inc.

**PROMOTIO**  
THE NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HAS QUALIFIED FOR STATE COMPETITION. MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES APPLAUD THE BAND'S EFFORTS ON PAGE 8. THE MERCURY AND MANY CARLISLE MERCHANTS WISH CHILDREN A SAFE HALLOWEEN. TRICK OR TREAT IS TO 11 P.M. OCT. 31. SEE PAGE 10 FOR SPONSORS.

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## State to review plan School board acknowledges planning committee recommendations

By Leigh Stone  
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CARLISLE - The Local Planning Committee's recommendation for a new facility was acknowledged by the Nicholas County Board of Education during a special called meeting held Monday, Oct. 23.

Nicholas County School Superintendent Randy Every sent the recommendation to the Department of Education Tuesday morning.

"We should know something in a month. They'll look it over and see if it's feasible. It was unanimously accepted by the board," reported board member and planning committee member Don Elder.

Board member Ricky Hicks made the motion to acknowledge receipt of the LFC recommendation with a second by Elder. All board members were present including Chairman John Cleaver, Jr., Vice Chairman Mona Vice and Louise Zachary.

Every said the report will go through various departments in the department of education, including building and grounds and finance. They'll go through it with a fine tooth comb, he assured.

Elder and Every said the school district has 2.3 million available in bonding potential. All four phases of the capital improvements plan, total \$13,747,000. But Every cautioned the state would reject the plan or the funding may not be available for all the phases of the plan, even within the next 15 to 20 years.

"I know that's not 3.4 million, but it's realistic. If we can keep working like we're working," Elder claimed.

The district is already paying an annual \$197,743 bonding payment for the next 16 years for the elementary school and bus garage - that's until the year 2011. A payment on additional \$2.4 million in \$230,000 annually for the next 20 years in addition to the \$197,743 currently being paid, Every said.

Phase 1 of the committee's plan is for the construction of a new \$3,400,000 high school. It would have a core curriculum with science and technology plan, cafeteria and library for grades 9-12 and a capacity for 400 students.

Phase 2 of the timeline for improvements is the completion of the new high school at an estimated cost of \$2,930. For an additional \$1,940,000 a new gymnasium will be constructed. Phase 3 of the timeline is the conversion of the existing high school to a middle school housing grades seven and eight at a cost of \$1,870,000.

"You'd have to make payments to both. It's like if you have a living room suit and you decide to get a bedroom suit, too. You still have to pay for the living room suit," Every said.

The board has placed \$140,000 in escrow the past two years to demonstrate bonding ability.

Every reckoned the bonding formula roughly \$11 for each 1/2 acre, a contribution of \$85,000 to get bonding potential for \$650,000.

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## Halloween happiness

April Hawkins and Jennifer Hall, sixth graders at Nicholas County Elementary, are ready for Halloween. Hawkins, who resides at 4423 Myers Station, and her father, Ronald, used pressed wood to create a mask for her. Her mother, Bernice Hawkins, and a cousin, Misty Hawkins, took or treat in Carlisle. Help was sought from their mother, Bernice Hawkins and a cousin, Misty Hawkins. Trick or treat in Carlisle and have their photograph taken. The Mercury will publish all photos possible in coming issues.

## Lions Club Turkey Shoot Saturday

The Nicholas County Lions Club will sponsor its second annual Pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Lions Horse Show Ring at West End Park. Shooting for turkeys (and hams) will begin at noon and continue until dusk, rain or shine. Registration for the event will begin at 11 a.m. at the show ring. Shoots will be offered in three classes: open rifle, modified and full choke. Extra choke shotgunners will not be accepted. All shooters' weapons will be screened for lead.

Fifteen targets will be set for every shot. Should there be less than 12 shooters in any of the three weapons classes scheduled, classes will be combined to make a full shoot. For additional information, call Lion Brent Gaine, Turkey Shoot Committee Chairman, (606) 289-7112 or Lions President Eddie Carter, evenings 289-7041.

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## Court to receive AOC roof response

CARLISLE - Harry Hoffman of the Administrative Office of the Courts has received the two bids for the Nicholas County Courthouse roof and will give approval soon.

Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith said Tuesday morning that the Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have a special called meeting 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the conference room to discuss the bids.

The courthouse, built in 1894, is in need of repair but especially needs a new roof. Magistrates gladly accepted a donation of \$7,500 from an anonymous contributor a couple of weeks ago for the roof. The donation was made through representatives of Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism Inc. The magistrates agreed to the stipulation that they match the donation with county funding. Other donations have also been received for the roof.

**Tobacco growers applaud task force**  
LEXINGTON - Leaders of America's largest tobacco grower organization yesterday applauded an Oct. 16 report from Kentucky's Tobacco Task Force and grower officials promised support for the legislative efforts of State Rep. Pete Worthington (D-Dwight).

"The legislators are right. Tobacco will continue to play a long-term role in Kentucky's economy," said Bob Kuczek, president of the Barlow Tobacco Growers Co-Operative Association. "And their desire to aid small family farmers is right in step with our own diversification projects, so we volunteer to help Rep. Worthington."

The task force's Oct. 16 report said that recent tobacco industry changes have stabilized Kentucky's tobacco economy, but the report also called for a plan to protect small counties from future tobacco crisis.

In a subsequent interview, Rep. Worthington said he welcomed input to the Co-op and other prior to the task for the

screenings for Nicholas County school children, and sponsorship of Carlisle's annual Community Christmas Parade and the Nicholas County Schools' annual Honor Society banquet.

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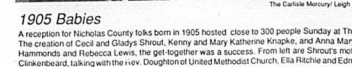
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1905 Babies  
A reception for Nicholas County folks born in 1905 hosted close to 300 people Sunday at The Old Jail. The creation of Cecil and Gladys Shred, Kenny and Mary Katherine Knapke, and Anna Mary and Don Hammonds and Rebecca Lewis, the get-together was a success. From left are Shred's mother, Alma Clinkerbeard, talking with the Rev. Doughton of United Methodist Church, Ella Ritchie and Edna Russett.

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