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Bluejacket Action!
Defeat was the conclusion when the Nicholas County Bluejackets met the Paintsville Tigers, but watch out Powell County this Friday night! See football action on Page 9.

FFA TUG PULL
The NCHS FFA will host a tug pull at West End Park, Sept. 29-30. Entry fee is \$10. Admission is \$3, with \$10 and under free. Concessions will be served. Friday is the 9:00-9:00 class. Weigh-in is 8:30 a.m. Saturday is 8:00-9:00 and 9:00-12:00 class. Weigh-in at 8 p.m. Pull at 7 p.m. Many prizes and trophies.

PTA OPEN HOUSE
THE ANNUAL NICHOLAS COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT AND HAD A LARGER CROWD THAN USUAL SAID PTA PRESIDENT VICKY FLEMING. SEE PAGE 23 FOR PHOTOS OF FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

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Low 52.
Friday - Sunshine again. High 78. Low 55.
Saturday - Still sunny! High 82. Low 54.

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Health issue or financial matter? Council considers water district request for additional water purchase

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - A health issue, but it's also a matter of money and who pays it when it comes to deciding whether the Nicholas County Water District will get its additional four million gallons of water per month from the City of Carlisle. After a little more than an hour debate at Monday night's special called City Council meeting, council agreed to determine another meeting time to confront the Nicholas County Water District's request. The day and time will be announced

at the regular Oct. 9 city council meeting. Gary Layne, of Central Association Engineers Inc., Lexington, was hired by the NCWD. Mayor Ronnie Clark stated, "My point is, we're buying water and everybody needs to pay their fair share. The mayor said citizens had talked to him since the last meeting and told him they didn't want to pay for county residents to have water. "I do mind paying my taxes and my bills and someone 10 miles down the road getting a service. I don't think people in

the county would want that," Clark contended. Layne countered, "You wouldn't find anybody in the county who'd ask you to do that. They will pay their fair share." NCWD members Sue Kirby, Jim Simons, President Sam Reynolds and secretary Boogie Hall were in attendance at the meeting. As Layne pointed out, a recent study of county water users noted contamination in several drinking water supplies. Allowing more lines, with water provided from the city, would clear up a health problem.

"We have people getting sick," Layne said. The mayor and members of council said they didn't want to continue on Page 3



The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo
Gary Layne, left, represented the Nicholas County Water District by talking to Carlisle City Council in special session Monday night. Here, council members Loby Estlywee, Susan Faulconer and Charles Faye hear what Layne has to say in increasing the water supply to the county.

School Board passes tax rate

By Leigh Stone
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - A brief 20 minute meeting held by the Nicholas County Board of Education settled this year's tax rate. The board with all members present voted unanimously to use the compensating rate, as was recommended by Superintendent Randy Eversly. As read by Board Chairman John Cleaver to the more than 20 educators present, the tax rate was set at 28.6 cents for real property, 41.2 cents for personal property, 25.5 cents for motor vehicles and three percent for utilities. Interim Board member Ricky Hicks made the motion to accept the rate. Board member Louise Zachary seconded the motion

with Don Elder, Cleaver and Vice Chairman Mona Vire in favor. According to the Kentucky Department of Education Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Calculation Form, the compensating tax rate for real estate will generate \$480,551.34. Personal property revenues will generate \$60,049.17 for the school district. The board conducted a public hearing Wednesday, Sept. 20, and had a tie vote following the hearing of two to two. Vice wasn't present. At that time, Elder and Cleaver voted 'no' to a motion by Zachary for a four percent increase amounting to 40.1 cents for real property, 41.9 cents for personal property, 25.5 cents for motor vehicles and

three percent for utilities. Both Hicks and Zachary said they wanted some of the money earmarked for a building project. Both Hicks and Zachary voted 'no' Sept. 20 to a motion by Elder that received a second by Cleaver to adopt the compensating rate of 28.6 cents for real property, 41.2 cents for personal property, 25.5 cents for motor vehicles and three percent from utilities. Hicks said his vote was influenced by the fact a school district can't earmark an increase specifically for building project. The Local Planning Committee has met regularly to determine the direction the district should strive toward concerning building construction. Continued on Page 12

NCHS Marching Band rocks Russell High

By Dennis Booth
Special To The Mercury
The Nicholas County High School Marching Band brought home this season's second reserved Grand Champion trophy and scored its second superstitious from the Russell High School Band Festival last Saturday, September 23. The Nicholas County High School Band strated its staff against three other Class A bands and finished the preliminary portion of the contest in first place. The band also walked away with the Best

Field Commander award and the chance to compete in the final round of competition for the Grand Champion Award. A score of eighty above would have given Nicholas County a superior rating, but the Bluejackets finished the preliminary round with a score of 79.05. The second and third place winners in Class A were Russell and Rowan County. After earning the right to compete in Russell High School's final round Nicholas County had to face eight other bands, ranging in size from Class A

AAAA. The Bluejackets performed an excellent show during the final round, and seemed optimistic about its chances at winning the Grand Champion Award. Nicholas County tied with personal power Campbell County, a Class A band, for Grand Champion. According to the High School Marching Band Rulebook there are only two ways to break a tie: (1) Compare the bands' music scores, and (2) march the show again. Continued on Page 3

St. Jude auction set on Oct. 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced that Mark Mattox, real estate broker and auctioneer in Carlisle, will conduct a "Get SOLD on St. Jude Kids" auction. The event is being sponsored by the National Auctioneers Association to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, as a portion of a scheduled Oct. 7 auction being held at the National Guard Armory in Carlisle. Funds raised by the event will go to continue research, patient care and education programs at the hospital. "Businesses and individuals are invited to donate items to be auctioned," Mattox said. "The funds raised in this event will help ensure that children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases will have a better chance to live. For more information, call me at 600-288-5720." St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located at Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases in children. St. Jude is non-sectarian, inter-racial and currently provides medical care to more than 150 patients each day. All costs of treatment beyond those reimbursed by insurance are covered by the hospital. At St. Jude, scientists and physicians work side-by-side seeking not only better means of treatment, but also the cause, cure, and prevention of terrible killer diseases. All information gained at St. Jude is shared freely with other hospitals and institutions throughout the world.

Seven named to Youth Salute '95

LEXINGTON - Seven Nicholas County High School students were recognized in this year's Central Kentucky Council of Youth Leadership's Youth Salute. More than 850 high school senior from 38 high schools in Central Kentucky are being recognized at the 15th Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception to be held in their honor Saturday, Sept. 30 at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Continued on Page 3



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Nicholas County students in this year's salute include Kathryn Layne Allison, Leia Brookshire, Jan Hamon, Chris Kelley, Karen Livingood, Kyle Smoot and Shannon Wheaton.



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Nicholas County High School Marching Band won a second superior in competition this past Saturday at Russell High School, missing the top grand champion by only 1/10 of a percent. They're now qualified for state competition. Hear the band at Rowan County High School this Saturday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. Some band members displayed their trophies Tuesday. From left to right are Music Director Eric Luke, Kathy Schandling, Jonnie Bantz, Kate Hopkins and Gretchen Roberts. Back row (l-r): Jake Dunston, Allison Grant and Sarah Curtisinger.