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Teachers speak out on pay increase

By Rosann Jolly Staff Writer
CARLISLE—Although not on the agenda, the Nicholas County School Board was forced to hear about teacher pay raises for teachers during their regular meeting.
President of the Nicholas County teachers organization, Travis Huber, addressed the board just before the end of the meeting.
According to Huber, Nicholas County High School loses between 18 and 20 percent of its faculty every year. Huber said this averages out to be five to six teachers every year.
"This loss is due to the lack of teachers raises," Huber said. "I know at least 10 counties who have approved raises of 2.6

percent. Only two counties I know of have not. That's not even catching up on pay."
Huber introduced Clifton Byrd, interim director, and Janet Carrico, president of the Kentucky Education Association (KEA).
Carrico spoke to the board in representation of the teachers. She spoke of resolutions in the matter of teacher raises.
"It's very important on the morale of the teachers," Carrico said.
Board chairman John Cheever defended the actions of the board.
"I'm not going to vote this district into a deficit situation," Cheever said.
Cheever asked for a motion to Continued on Page 2

Area resident headed to summer games

By Rosann Jolly Staff Writer
Connie Casini, a nurse at Nicholas County Hospital, will be headed to Atlanta this week to take part in the judging of equestrian events at the Olym-

pic Summer Games.
To take part in the judging of these events, prospective judges must have at least ten years experience in international equestrian judging.
There are only three international events held in the United States each year. The Nicholas event, held at the Kentucky Horse Park each year is just one such event. Casini has been a part of the judging events for 20 years.
Becoming a national official involves personal and professional references. Also, security checks are done on prospective judges.
Casini's trip will consist of an 11-day stay in Atlanta. During her stay, she will have free access to any event. She will only be judging events for three days.
The equestrian events Casini will be judging are the same events the actor, Christopher Reeve, was injured in. According to Casini, safety is being heavily emphasized in this year's games.
Casini has lived in Fleming County for about five years. She has been with the Nicholas County Hospital for four years. She owns a 20 acre farm and constructed her own barn.
Casini is single but has many companions on her farm, such as her four horses and many cats, as she calls them.
"I've competed in some events but nothing like the Olympics," she said. "I'm really, really excited about going to the Olympics in any capacity."



Connie Casini

In Brief

Earlywine - Kelly Reunion
The annual reunion of the late Harley and Lula Kelly Earlywine will be held on August 11, 1996 at the lower shelter at the Lake State Park. A special lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.
Livingood Reunion
The Livingood Family will hold their family reunion at the Central 4-H Camp on July 28 at 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come on down.
Low price physicals offered
Attention! Parents of school athletes. Your local Nicholas County doctors - Villafra, Kardan, Echivert, Lorenz and Curtis - are offering Athlete Physicals at just \$10 each. This offer is good only around Callahan for an appointment and be sure to specify Athlete Physical. The special fee does not include a physical. Paperwork is available, but it would be a good idea to bring your own. A Public Service of your local Nicholas County doctors.



Peggy Seithers, R.N. Wedco, an Employee of Nicholas County Elementary

Exchange student enjoying Carlisle stay

By Laura Fryman Staff Writer
The young man's name is Francisco Fuster and he's from Spain, he lives about 20 minutes out of Madrid.
Francisco is a student at the University of Madrid. His Major is Business/European Economics, he is in his third year at the college.
The nearest city, Madrid, is like New York City, but he lives in the country in a place about like Carlisle.
The family resides on Cliffway drive in Carlisle.
Fuster's parents are Francisco and Francesca Fuster Malton, and they have two other children, Regina and Sergio.
Fuster likes music, and the music that is popular here now, he has already heard about three

or four years ago.
When asked if there was anything here that was very different from Spain, he said, "I do not understand the concept of cruising. I don't understand what you get out of going around and around a block."
In his country, a young adult can go to pubs and dance. The legal age to drink in Spain is 18,

but you can go to the pubs when you're 16.
Francisco has run with the bulls on the streets of Pamplona. The object of the running of the bulls is to get the bull tired and excited for the Matador to fight. Only men are allowed to run with the bulls, and there are at least three or four people hurt Continued on Page 2

Zeos within easy driving distance

Major attractions close to home

By Larry Bohltz Special to The Mercury
LOUISVILLE—Vacation season has arrived for many Nicholas Countyans, and with the cost of traveling nowadays, it is unlikely many local residents will take excursions into the Indiana jungles or the Amazonian rain forests.
One of the next best adventures is available, however, only about two and one-half hours and the popular black-footed penguin, southern African bird and also one of the youngest major U.S. zoos. The Louisville Zoo opens Aug. 1, 1996, with only five animals on display.
The zoo closed shortly afterwards to complete more exhibits and reopened May 1, 1993.
It has been growing ever since and now exhibit approximately 250 species from around the world in spacious, naturalistic displays resembling the animals' native environments. The zoo owns more species, however, than are shown.
The zoo is divided primarily into five geographic areas of outdoor exhibits: Islands, the North and South American Panoramia, the Australian Outback, the African Plains and the African

Valley, and two major indoor buildings, the HerpAquarium and Metadon.
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Symposium a success

The Safety Symposium was conducted this year by Wedco R.N. Peggy Seithers. The Program was a big success with 150 in attendance.
Door prizes were given winners named, Judy Pettit, Zack Hixson, Todd Byrd, Justin McHale, Samuel Farrell and Tina Gayhart.
Seithers said that definitely they would have another symposium next year. With the exception, it will be done in half a day instead of a full day, in order for all the kids to be there for the door prizes.
The Symposium had safety tips on: All Terrain Vehicle, Seat Belt Safety, Fire Safety, Fire Arm Safety, Emergency Care and Water Safety.

Board discusses construction

By Rosann Jolly Staff Writer
The Nicholas County Board of Education met with the Kentucky Local Planning Commission Tuesday to discuss whether to build a new high school or to refurbish the existing one.
Ron E. Murrell Jr., an architect from the firm of Ross & Tarrent in Lexington addressed the meeting concerning long term goals, financial status and adjustments.
Robert Lape gave out information to help the board and LPC understand what they are up against.
"This is a time of coming together," said LPC consultant Gene Schiles. "There is much confusion on funding either a new high school or remodeling the old one."
The estimated cost for a basic core curriculum high school science and technology labs, cafeteria and library for grades 9-12 (400 students) on existing site across from the parking lot (separate from existing facility) is \$3,364,000. The estimate does not include completion of the building.
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Michael Fryman, Josh Fryman of Carlisle, Woody Fryman of Ewing

Major attractions close to home

housed now in the HerpAquarium next to the Islands.
The HerpAquarium
Opened in 1993, this building is divided into habitat areas containing approximately 100 species of reptiles, amphibians, fishes and aquatic invertebrates.
The habitats are water, forest and arid lands (desert and savanna).
The building's largest exhibit is a walk through rain forest featuring, at a safe distance, Cuban crocodiles, Australian snake-necked turtles and a huge reticulated python from South-east Asia.
A large Amazon River aquarium just inside the rain forest entrance features freshwater stingrays, dolphin catfishes (the largest fish species in the HerpAquarium) and yellow spotted sideneck turtles.
Other major HerpAquarium exhibits include Komodo dragons, Olla monitors, aquarium highlighting the Pacific Ocean coral reef and the Southeast Asian mangrove swamp, a large exhibit of diurnal desert lizards and tortoises, and a wall of Kentucky reptile and amphibian Continued on Page 2