

Festive Open House & Crafters Guild will be held downtown Carlisle Nov. 30. Crafts at the Old Jail 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CorAlice owned by Betty Hughes, Doug Garrett of Garrett's Furniture, Barbara Biddle, Carlisle Cleaners, and Carol Sparks, Canterbury House, participation.

Recognition Night
The Lady Jackets, Bluejackets & cheerleaders to be honored 6 p.m. Nov. 15

Christm:
Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary will host its Christmas Banquet 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 in the conference room at Johnson Mathers Health Care. Craft items can be purchased.

ly's wed.
See Page 5

THE CARLISLE MERCURY

SERVING NICHOLAS COUNTY SINCE 1867
A Park Newspaper, © 1996
130th Year, No. 45
Carlisle, KY 40311-0272
Thursday, November 7, 1996
50¢ per copy

NOV 7 1996

Mattox wins Nicholas school board by two votes

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
One of the closest school board races in history occurred during Tuesday's General Election in Nicholas County when write-in candidate Betty Poe narrowly lost by just two votes to Donna Gail Mattox.

"We counted and recounted that lady, Mrs. Poe, did have homework. But Donna Gail won," stated Nicholas County Court Clerk Doug Fryman at 7:22 p.m. as the photocopied results were distributed to those wishing to know the latest results. More than 70 people

crowded the hallway of the courthouse for more than an hour as votes were turned in and tabulated. Nicholas County had a high voter turnout, 2.43 total votes, an estimated 92 percent. "I really didn't expect this. This was a pretty good turnout," Fryman said.

Poe said later Tuesday night she wasn't discouraged. "You never know. You work hard. My campaign people worked very hard, two men and a lady. I'll talk to my people about a recount, but I really don't know what because it would create a tax burden. However, Mattox wants a new facility. Mattox has extended bonding potential outside and that is local planning committee recommendation. Continued Page 3

Nicholas band earns highest honor

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The Nicholas County Marching Band carried away the state's top honor in its class Saturday when it won the top prize - the Governor's Cup in the 1996 Kentucky Music Educator's Association (KMEA) Kentucky Marching Band Championship. Nicholas County won the Class A while Mercer won Class AA, Harrison Class AAA and Lafayette won Class AAAA.

The KMEA bases class sizes on the number of band members. The four winners were among 63 bands that traveled to Lexington last weekend of the championships. Sixteen bands competed in the final after surviving the semi-final rounds held Saturday morning at four Lexington high schools. We are so grateful to these young people for coming to Lexington and filling our city with music," said Mayor Pam Miller. "Their hard work and

dedication are truly inspiring." Second place winners in the final competition were Lloyd Memorial (Kenton County), Class A; Harrison County in Class AAA and North Hardin in Class AAAA. Third place winners were Campbellville, Class A; Adair County in Class AA; Beachwood High (Campbell County) Class AAA; and J. D. Dunbar/Fayette County in Class AAAA. Fourth place winners were Trace County Class A; Madison

Central, Class AA; Boyle County, Class AAA; and Boone County, Class AAAA. Members of the 1996-97 Nicholas County Marching Band include: **Fates** Allison Darrell, Hollis Russell, Pierce, Allison Grant, Clarinet, Lindsey Ockerman, Kristina. Continued Page 3



Alex and Lydia Wilson are happy the Nicholas County Marching Band claimed the Governor's Cup. See Page 3 for related story.

Teachers won't receive compensation

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Three former Nicholas County Elementary School teachers will not receive compensation from the Nicholas County Board of Education because the teachers did not meet the state's definition. The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled Friday, Nov. 1, that teachers, Paula Guthrie, Linda W. Simons and Debra F. Hammerman made the complaints too late to comply with the law.

when another former employee, teacher Henry Spickler, was accused by the teachers of sexual harassment during a 12-year period. Spickler wasn't named in the suit. The appeal process began July 1995 when a judge ruled the board deaf of any wrongdoing. The original civil suit was filed in Nicholas Circuit Court March 28, 1994. According to the July 6, 1995 issue of the Mercury, the teachers' attorney, Bruce

Simpson, said the appeal would be made. "It won't be over until the U.S. Supreme Court says it's over. They're very determined to proceed," he said of his teacher clients. Spickler voluntarily gave up his teaching certificate for 10 years after a Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board appearance in February 1994. He told The Mercury in 1994 that allegations of sexual harassment were untrue. He also resigned as minister of Millersburg, Presbyterian Church March 1994.

Reportedly, the harassment included incidents where he getting the children to practices and staying involved with their children. The ability of these children Continued Page 6

Nov. 1-8 proclaimed Jr. High football week

By Laura Fryman
The Jr. High football team won the Central Division Conference Championship Oct. 24. Carlisle City Council has proclaimed Nov. 1 thru Nov. 8 Junior High Football Week. The Proclamation read as follows: WHEREAS the Nicholas County Junior High football team has displayed athletic prowess and have brought glory and honor to our school and our community; and WHEREAS these students have compiled a record of 7th grade, 6 wins, 0 losses, 50 yardage, 7 wins, 0 losses, for the 1996 season; and WHEREAS the Nicholas County Junior High Bluejackets

never been done with an undefeated record. Mayor/Commissioner Clark said, "I am very proud of the achievement they have made in football. Hopefully it will spill over in every thing they do." Mayor Clark also said, "I would like to thank the parents for doing such a wonderful job of their children." The Community Action Council initially set the meeting, reported Margaret Hunter, in charge of CAC Rural Programs, Nicholas County. Welfare reform: what will mean to you, your family and

ball. Hopefully it will spill over in every thing they do." Mayor Clark also said, "I would like to thank the parents for doing such a wonderful job of their children." The Community Action Council initially set the meeting, reported Margaret Hunter, in charge of CAC Rural Programs, Nicholas County. Welfare reform: what will mean to you, your family and

getting the children to practices and staying involved with their children. The ability of these children Continued Page 6

Community gives welfare reform ideas

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Unsubsidized work as a goal of welfare reform and Nicholas County community members gave input about what can be done to make state policy changes. Hosted Monday afternoon by the Nicholas County Extension Service, with agent John Mark Hack as a facilitator, Anne Hagger of the Department of

Social Insurance, Frankfort, asked the more than dozen local people present to give views to compile for the state in determining Kentucky's welfare reform policy. The Community Action Council initially set the meeting, reported Margaret Hunter, in charge of CAC Rural Programs, Nicholas County. Welfare reform: what will mean to you, your family and

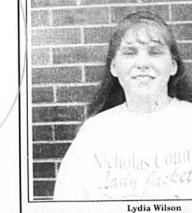
your community? The objective is to provide an overview of changes in public assistance and to get local feedback to state government," Hagger stated. One of the biggest changes in public assistance is the new five year limit on assistance. The five years of assistance is cumulative and counts, even if other years of assistance are received. Continued on Page 7

Student of the week

This week's Student of the Week is senior Lydia Wilson, who is the daughter of Sharon and David Wilson of Carlisle. Wilson was chosen by teacher Pat Massie and assistant principal Ron Baker. She was chosen for her band performance and her hard work and hours contributed.

Massie said she enjoyed having Wilson as a student, and that she is a very hard worker.

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.



Lydia Wilson



These trick or treaters visited The Mercury office Halloween night and got treats and a photo. For more pictures, see page 7. All other photos will be published in upcoming editions.