

RECOGNITION NIGHT

Nicholas County Bluejackets have Recognition Night. Those honored were the Varsity Boys and Girls teams, Junior Varsity boys and girls teams, Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders, and all the coaches. See Page 6 for photos of the recognition night event!

Social News on Pg. 4

Mrs. Hollar has Saltwell News on Page 4 along with news on barley tobacco stripping, the Sutton family welcomes birth of Marissa Dawn Sutton, and the Barnett family welcomes Kevin Thomas Barnett. The Headquarters Homemakers will meet at the Country Club in Paris Dec. 2.

Poster Winners

The City of Carlisle announces the winners of its Municipal City government "What It Means To Me" contest. See Pg. 3.

Special Olympic Physicals. See Pg. 2.

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Auditor advises board to split financial duties

Class A Band students to receive rings

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Certified Public Accountant James Smith presented the Nicholas County School Board the audit for 1995-96 and issued some advice.

He wants the district to have more than one person responsible for the district's financial records.
"For this school district to keep track of its money is very important, with your concern of bonding, we need good records to rely on so I suggest you find a way to split the work between two to three people, work to divide it differently than the past. My recommendation will wind up at the state. I will give suggestions as to how to carry this out," Smith said stating that to his knowledge one person, the treasurer, was responsible for financial records.

On the numbers side, the district ended in the black in June with a slight discrepancy, it showed \$800,000 for the budget but \$800,000 in credited money. There was \$153,000 in a construction fund and \$123 for the facilities support fund and \$49,000 in the technology fund.

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All of that money was earmarked and left us all with a minus of \$80,000. One of the things the board must do, that they may not want to do, is pull it back from the designated funds.

One reason the board had the various funds is on the request of the accountant and the

state. Board Chairman Cleaver asked if the board should continue to keep different accounts and Smith indicated "yes" but he wanted the district to get its

budget balanced correctly. "Right now you have over \$300,000 to the good in the general fund and that's what the state looks at," What you do

have a substantial balance and you're not a deficit district. The board has committed funds for buses and another \$140,000 for new construction. There's

money for the certified teachers retirement, so we have a lot of money set aside.
"As Smith concluded, "what is Continued on Page 2

Jail housing fund depleted health fund not far behind

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The records are open. All people have to do is ask to see them.

So says Nicholas County Treasurer Wanda Dotson about the county's adult housing jail fund deficiency.

Since last week's announcement during Nicholas County Fiscal Court, that the adult jail housing allotment is down to its last \$541, people have stopped by to ask questions.

"We've had local people come in here and say, 'Where are you putting our money?'" Wanda Dotson County Treasurer

about \$2,000 left over last year. Last year's (adult housing) budget was \$80,000.

"We're not out of money in the jail fund. It's the housing I'm talking about. This year we had a big drug bust. A lot of them got 90 days. We didn't have that last year. I don't

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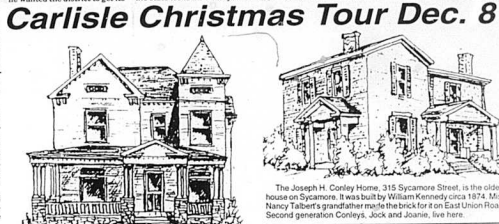
knows how many prisoners we have had total this year. Our jailer Billy MacCaune brings in some money from the work release program but it's not enough to offset these housing costs. I mean, the people are coming to court like herds of cattle and they're going to jail and we have to pay for that and we're just a small county. Other counties, I think Harrison County, has seen this already last now it's hit us," Dotson explained.

She expects to transfer funds to cover housing at the Dec. 10 meeting of Fiscal Court.

The medical fund is something she has her eye on. The state allows \$24,000 for the jail, and separate money for medical \$24,000 this year. "We allotted \$6,000 for medical with \$2,003 from the state to date we've already spent \$5,165. We've had

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Carlisle Christmas Tour Dec. 8



The Ken Knappke Home, 216 Sycamore Street, was built for Hanson/Kennedy in 1920. Second owner was Gaines Dudley, Stanley Hutchings, a local dentist, purchased the house in 1925. Ken and Mary Catherine Knappke, present owners, bought it from him in 1974.

The Joseph H. Conley Home, 315 Sycamore Street, is the oldest house on Sycamore. It was built by William Kennedy circa 1874. Miss Nancy Talbot's grandfather made the brick for an East Union Road. Second generation Conleys, Jack and Joannine, live here.



The Terry Lenox Home, 324 Sycamore Street, is a 10-room, two-bath home built circa 1887-1903 while H. M. Taylor owned it. Present owners, Letha and Terry Lenox bought it in 1989 from Bert Egner. They have redone most of it. C. R. King was an owner 1941-50.



The Henry Potts Young Home, 432 Sycamore Hill, was built for Belle Cheatham circa 1887-1901. This house was part of a "suburban" development in Carlisle known as the "Elmwood Addition." Begun in 1887, Nathan Young Sr. bought it in 1921 and Henry P. Young in 1935. Henry and Ann Young completely renovated the house before Henry's death in 1994.

Silk Stocking Row on display

By Rob Lane
Special To The Mercury
Carlisle will be able to catch a glimpse of its own past when five homes will open their doors at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

The event, sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society, will center upon what was once known as Carlisle's most prestigious neighborhood, Sycamore Street.

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One of the Carlisle homes, although not on Sycamore, will feature Dickens' Village, a collection of miniature homes. One known as "Silk Stocking Row," Sycamore Street has many examples of Victorian architecture. Four of these homes will be on display within one block walking area. They are the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knappke, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lenox, and Mrs. Henry P. Young. All four homes have been renovated.

Abol removed from Sycamore but nonetheless fascinating, will be Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shroat's display of Dickens' Village with a display of more than 100 pieces at their home at 295 Moorfield Road.

Sycamore Street was developed primarily during the last quarter of the 19th century, al-

though some houses appear to be older. The oldest is probably the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conley. Built in 1874 for William Kennedy, it features brick that was made on East Union Road. Two generations of Conleys have lived there since 1923.

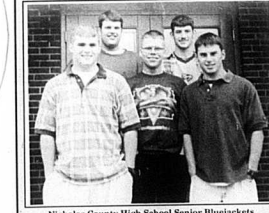
The Lenox home was built sometime around 1890 while H. M. Taylor owned it. Mr. and Mrs. Lenox have lived there since 1989.

The Knappke home was built for Hanson Kennedy in 1920. Other owners have been Gaines Dudley, a tobacco warehouse owner, and Stanley Hutchings, a dentist. The Knappkes have

lived there since 1974. The Henry Potts Young home was built for Belle Cheatham near the turn of the century. It was located in what was once known at the time as the "Elmwood Addition." Nathan Young Sr. purchased the house in 1935 and Henry P. Young purchased the house in 1985. The Youngs completely renovated the house before Mr. Young's death in 1994.

While not located on Sycamore Street, The Shroat's Dickens' Village collection harkens back to the Victorian era. The village is a collection of a distinct. The Knappkes have

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Nicholas County High School Senior Bluejackets

Students of the week

This week's Students of the Week are Nicholas County High School's Senior Football Bluejackets. Colin Broderick, Robby Caswell, Bradley Hollar, Mike Mathes, and Aaron Wills were chosen by teacher Pat Massie and assistant principal Ron Baker for contributing greatly to the football program at NCHS.

"These players have contributed for many years, and this has come to an end for them," said Baker. "We are very proud of these young people, and wish them the best of luck

in future." A "thank you" was also extended to coach Greg Letcher and all of his people for a job well done.

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