

4-H at Capitol
Nicholas County 4-H and Youth Development Agent John Mark Heck will attend a recognition ceremony Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Capitol grounds. The event will be sponsored by the Kentucky Environmental Education Council. The Council provided the Nicholas program with a \$500 mini grant.

CARLISLE CRAFT WEEKEND
Downtown Carlisle will host a crafts display 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Old Jail Saturday, Nov. 28. Tours will be held by the following businesses: Corbin, Garret's Furniture, Carlisle Cleaners and Canterbury House.

Welfare Refo
The Nicholas County Library will meet on welfare reform 7 to 8 Monday, Dec. 2. The public is invited.
Holiday Closing
The Nicholas County Water District will be closed Nov. 28-29 and will reopen Dec. 2.

Sticking Row (Sycamore Street, Carlisle). Homes include the Ken Knapp's Home, the Joseph H. Conley Home, the Terry Lanox Home and the Henry Potts Young Home.

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Compromise called for at final facilities hearing

Citizens speak out on grades 7-12 sharing building; 300 signatures collected

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Compromise was called upon following conclusion of a public hearing on the best school facilities plan for the Nicholas County Schools.

Nicholas County resident Kelly Bussell called for compromise at Tuesday night's hearing at the elementary

school. The compromise would be to share the school building with the plan authorized by the Local Planning Commission as George R. Dutton Jr., program manager, Kentucky Department of Education, Frankfort, and L. Robert

Dutton said the Department would review what it has heard in the taped hearings and he would compile a report that would be open to the public. The state should approve the plan, Feb. 3.4. Only one plan had been rejected that he knew of. The board of education meets in six months, while rejected an 18-month plan from the board.

He said due to his position, he wasn't allowed to comment on the plan regarding the school facilities issue. He likened the position of a man and wife one shouldn't get between the two sides. We want to listen and everybody has a right to talk. We do ask you to be brief and hold it down to five or six minutes.

Everyone who signed in was allowed to speak and no one was told his time was up/ve



The Nicholas County Marching Band won the top state honor, the Class A State Championship, and is being recognized by the City of Carlisle with a proclamation proclaiming Band Week the first week of December. Mayor Ronnie Clark reads the proclamation Monday to the students and Band Director Eric Hale. This photo was taken at Lafayette High School after the win. Back row (l-r): Eric Hale, Timmy Crump, Sarah Clay, Jeremy McGovern, Wesley Brodbeck and Sharon Kennedy. Middle row: John Hamilton, Ben Hale, Adam McKee, Paul Baker, Landon Hutchison, Eric Jolly, Alan Wilson, Eric Lanze, Jeremy Bussell, Katie Hopkins, Sarah Curtsinger, Kathy Schandling, Kimmy Bantz, Kyle Galbraith, Rutha Mitchell, Jeremy Owens and Jay Grant. Andrea Snapp, Andrea Snapp, Jennifer Scott, Geneva Masters, April Haskins, Jessica Platt, Kristen Bailey, Lindsay Oesterman, Holly Bussell, Alison Bando, Johnson, Jennifer Scott, Geneva Masters, April Haskins, Jessica Platt, Kristen Bailey, Lindsay Oesterman, Holly Bussell, Alison Darrell, Allison Grant, Megal Hale, Jeremy Hamilton, Megan Darrell, Lyvia Wilson, Elizabeth McCarty, Melissa Woosley, Danielle Snapp, Reneeena Ankner, Ashley Hughes, Jessica Letcher, Andrea Hutchison, Hannah Clark, Calli Wilson, Gretchen Roberts. Bottom: Eric Hart, Matthew Lawrence, Jake Denton, Max Ision, Joey Wagoner, David Flora and Travis Woosley.



City of Carlisle proclaims Band Week in honor of Nicholas Band
Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark presented Nicholas County Band Director Eric Hale and band students with a proclamation naming Band Week the first week of December.

Instructional supervisor says scores to change

By Phyllis Ramsey
Instructional Supervisor
Nicholas County Schools
The KIRIS (Kentucky Information System) results are back for the Nicholas County Schools.

There were some improvements in the scores in many categories, but not enough improvement to be considered successful.

Nicholas County High School was previously classified as Improving and has never been classified as In Decline. The school has not met its improvement goal previously. The school's performance category was Improving Category 2. A school in this category previously was classified as Improving or Decline and did not meet its improvement goal in Accountability Cycle 2. These schools would not have been classified as In Decline or Crisis based on Accountability Cycle 2 data.

Some teaching methods may have to be changed."

Nicholas County High School was assigned a Distinguished Educator and an Advocate from the Regional Cycle 2 data.

Center to work with them. The school must develop a school improvement plan and they are eligible for grants from the Commonwealth School Improvement Fund. It will become a STAR School Transformation Assistance and Renewal school. STAR is a quality planning and assistance process for schools and will be helpful to the Nicholas County High School.

There are six accountability categories for KIRIS:
• Rewards
• Successful
• Improving
• Improving Category 2
• Decline
• Crisis

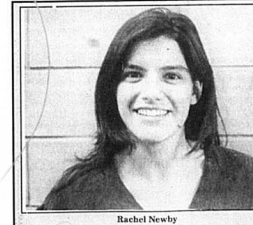
The Nicholas County Elementary School's performance was in the Improving Category. In order to determine the performance level for the elementary school, the scores for the fourth grade students and the scores for the eighth grade stu-

They have shown improvement in many areas, but also went down in many areas. Therefore, they're considered Improving. The school is required to develop a school improvement plan.

The purpose of the STAR process is to assist schools in meeting its improvement goal. The staff at the Nicholas County schools have already begun working on ways to improve the assessment results

for the coming years. Committees have been formed in both buildings to study assessment results and to study curriculum to determine what changes need to be made. Our Non-Cognitive Index, which includes Drop Out rates, Retention Rates, and Attendance, is also an important component of the assessment.

parade schedule
Carlisle-Dec. 7 7:30 has not yet been announced.
Millerburg-Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Nicholas County Band and Girls Varsity cheerleaders will be participating.
Flemingburg-Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. the Nicholas County Band will be participating.
Cynthiana-Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m.
Paris-Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.



Rachel Newby

Student of the Week

Nicholas County High School Senior Rachel Newby, 18, is the week's Student of the Week.
She is the daughter of Joanna and Ronald Newby.
Rachel is the football manager, and she enjoys reading and talking with friends.
On graduation, she plans to attend college and obtain a degree to work with children.
"Rachel has been an extremely dedicated and important member of our school com-

munity, and we're going to miss her when she graduates," said teacher and head football coach Greg Letcher. "She has been a vital part of our football program for four years."
The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.

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