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Teachers sue Nicholas School Board

**By Leigh Stone
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A teacher and former teacher of the Nicholas County Schools have sued the Nicholas County Board of Education and Superintendent Randy Eversly.

Nicholas County Elementary teacher, Brenda K. Anderson, formerly the elementary school guidance counselor for many years, filed a lawsuit in Nicholas County Circuit Court within the last two weeks stating she was reassigned to class beyond the deadline this summer.

Travis Huber, the chemistry teacher at Nicholas County High School, new employed by the Mason County Schools, filed a civil suit in Federal Court in Lexington stating actions by Eversly, the board and board member Sherry Upstegraft were in violation of his civil rights.

Both lawsuits are under review by School Board Attorney Dawn Leitch.

Eversly said neither educator talked with him before or after filing the lawsuits.

'She (Anderson) was never assigned. She was hired and assigned as a classroom teacher. The Site Based Council eliminated her position (guidance counselor) July 3 and reassigned her to an eighth grade classroom,' commented a source close to the school system.

'The Mercury couldn't contact Anderson for comment.' A spokesperson at the elementary school said she had been ill for several days.

Eversly said Tuesday he was disturbed by the suits and by being named in them. 'I'll agree with (Huber) Mrs. Anderson said the board as a whole and me, being with the board.'

Eversly said her lawsuit was successful because the school system's insurance would have to pay. Eversly said Huber's action doesn't typically a dollar amount.

He said Huber's suit mentions a letter from Upstegraft to Eversly. Huber's suit claims the letter states she would support Eversly's suit.

Overcrowded elementary solved by hiring teacher

New principal criteria discussed

**By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor**
The overcrowding dilemma at Nicholas County Elementary School is on its way to being solved.

The first step in hiring a new principal to replace Gerald Hammons was to determine that position was also taken.

Site Based Council was asked by Superintendent, Randy Eversly to make a list of criteria for the new principal and present it at a special called meeting for 4 p.m. today (Thursday, Aug. 28).

Eversly said there were two ways he could assist with hiring a new principal. 'I can walk you through it and you can have a work session to come up with criteria. Or I could get you a consultant but then we'd have to pay for them.'

Hammons has since attained the migrant teacher position and a school spokesperson.

Acting principal Pam Rendall cannot assume the position due to nepotism. She has sisters employed at the school.

To alleviate overcrowding, a kindergarten/first grade teacher will be hired. The contract was reached at Monday night's elementary site based decision making council.

Acting Principal Assistant Principal Pam Rendall had an attendance along with Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Eversly, and site based members Winnie Donahue, Nicolette Mallory, Pricy Darrell, Randall Dale and secretary Patty Ockman.

There are approximately 832 students at the elementary one hundred as students are in kindergarten.

Glenna Norton, a K-1 teacher, asked to teach kindergarten, alleviating the need for a kindergarten teacher.

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New teachers welcomed

Nicholas County Elementary School has four new teachers with ties to Nicholas County. They're either from Carlisle, or Nicholas County High School graduates, or have relatives in the area. From left are Stephanie Carson, Rhonda Curran Fryman, Stephanie H. Duncan, and in front, Sara Curran.



Annual bus safety

Each year Nicholas County Elementary School kindergarten students get a lesson - school bus safety. On Tuesday morning, all four classes of kindergarten students were given the annual tour. Pictured are teacher aide Marjorie Wilson with teacher Mrs. Vace and at right, teacher Anne Dand and aide Mrs. Ritchie. Students in Mrs. Taubee and Mrs. Storey's classes also participated.

JMHC approves contractor for September facility renovation

Funding for the renovation project and new nursing home beds to the Johnson Matthers Health Care facility was approved last Tuesday night by the Board of Trustees.

Having unforeseen delays renovation of the existing facility may be begun as soon as September.

Renovation is expected to take no longer than 10 months. The M. J. Anderson Company, a contracting firm from Louisville, Kentucky, was the successful bidder for the work. Construction will be in three phases.

Other communities pleased with federal housing program

**By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor**
Carlisle's proposed million dollar housing grant would work to keep Carlisle residents from moving to Paris, Millersburg or other nearby communities, believe Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Kopp.

From discussions with other areas mayors, other communities being with the federally funded housing are relatively pleased with the outcome.

'Elderly people are very happy with what's been done for them,' said Vaneburg

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Mann-Minton family reunion

The Mann-Minton family reunion will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, at Blue Links State Park. The lunch is at noon. Family and friends welcome.

Special called NCE site based meeting

There will be a special called meeting of the Nicholas County Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Council at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28 at the school library.

Marie Chetham Club meets Sept. 7

The Marie Chetham Club, formerly the P.M. & P. Club of Carlisle will meet 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at The Depot. A potluck meal will be served. Please try to attend.

Conservation District meets at Old Armory

The Nicholas County Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, September 3, at 7:30 at the Old Armory in Carlisle. For additional information call 289-5165.

Women's Club meets at Old Jail's Home

The Carlisle Community Women's Club will be hosting its annual meeting for new members 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 at The Old Jail's Home. All interested women in the community are cordially invited to attend. New members are encouraged to bring a friend.

Business After Hours hosted September 9

The Carlisle Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business After Hours wine tasting party at Forest Retreat Inn 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Please RSVP by Sept. 2. Reservations only at 289-2489.

Fiscal Court changes Sept. meeting date

Nicholas County Fiscal Court has changed its regularly scheduled meeting for September. The court usually meets 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month but has been rescheduled to meet 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16. Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith said a public hearing is set for 4:30 that same day to set tax rates.

JMHC Blood Drive set for October 27

An unusually low number of donors turned out for this year's Nicholas County Bloodmobile Drive Monday, Aug. 18. Only six donors were registered at the drive. The last three county bloodmobile drives held at Johnson Matthers Health Care had averaged 45 volunteer blood donors.

Since each donation can help up to three hospital patients, as many as 18 people could benefit from the generosity of six donors.

The next Nicholas County Bloodmobile Drive at Johnson Matthers Health Care is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27. For more information, contact Bob Shepherd at 289-7191 or Glen White at 1-800-775-

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