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## NCHS test scores improve Ranked 36th statewide



Ashley VanMeter

Brandi Rogers

By Leigh Stone  
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NCHS test scores are up at Nicholas County High School. "We ranked 36th in the state," proclaimed NCHS Principal Greg Boyd. "We improved 177 percent overall from last year."

Boyd said there are many reasons for the improvement. It was due to the work of the teachers. They worked hard in planning and talking to kids. Both those here now and the five that left. The test, KIRS, Kentucky Instructional Results Information System, are the product of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) of 1990. The KIRS tests help teachers examine the scope of knowledge students have

attained. Boyd said since KERA Teachers are also changing the way they talk to kids. "A Agriculture instructor and Future Farmers of America Adviser Doug Behanan gave an example that instead of asking a closed end question of naming the planets, students

could give essay answers printed about characteristics of the only planet. Boyd said he's been working a number of STAR School Transformation Assistance and Bonuses. He said, "We've been in STAR one and a half years. We've constantly been improv-

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NICHOLAS CO HS Academic Index	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Reading	28,380	27,200	40,440
Mathematics	32,475	32,400	40,740
Science	33,870	31,900	47,800
Language Arts	32,740	32,740	32,740
Social Studies	28,300	28,300	28,300
Art & Communication	30,800	30,800	30,800
Physical Education	18,840	18,840	18,840
Writing	27,120	29,650	26,120



Kassi Tubbs

Sarah Clay

## Elementary approves Saturday school; in-school suspension began Monday Saturday schedule is 7 a.m. to noon

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
Six youngsters sat at wooden cubicles, studying intently. That would be the picture presented this week at Nicholas County Elementary School as the site based decision making council approved principal Marvin Moore's recommendation to begin in-school suspension.

"If they talk, we add a day. They're in total isolation to send the message, we're not playing games here. We're serious," principal for 10 days, introduced a teacher seated nearby the students located in the main stage area next to the cafeteria. Moore said he didn't feel the area was adequate but no one can think of another space to put the school suspension students. "This isn't comfortable. We know this building is very crowded and that problem will take financial help. It's only been here 10 days," his voice trailed off.

A student shyly raises his hand. The only sound is the decision making council had approved Saturday and in-school suspensions at last Wednesday's regular meeting. "I want to make a motion we don't need Saturday School at this time," said parent member Jim Galbraith.

Also at the meeting were principal Greg Boyd, secretary Paula Hunter, members Jim Simons, Elizabeth Johnson

and Karla Allison, all teachers. Parent member Doris Edom was absent. Teacher Jim Lilly was also present to give a report on Reading Component Outcomes.

"I've already had some telephone calls and they haven't been positive. They want to know what the council will do."

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Amy Hatfield

Ursha Mitchell

## Annual Youth Salute honors NCHS seniors academics, service noted

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
Six Nicholas County High School seniors were recognized in this year's Youth Salute. The 17th annual awards ceremony was held Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Kentucky Horse Center at 3350 Farris Pike, Lexington.

A total of 229 high school seniors from 34 high schools in Central Kentucky were recognized. NCHS students included Ashley Brock, VanMeter, Brandi Leigh Rogers, Kassi Tubbs, Sarah Whitney Clay, Amy Hatfield, and Ursha Nichole Mitchell.



The view from here

Ed Huffine with General Restoration steps inside a section of newly acquired cast iron fencing in order to position it into place high atop Nicholas County Courthouse.

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## -In Brief-

### Alternative School forum cancelled

The Alternative School Calendar Forum for Dec. 10 has been cancelled until further notice.

### Christian Church Christmas Program

The Carlisle Christian Church Christmas program is 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21.

### Cancer Coalition meets today

The next meeting of the Nicholas County Cancer Coalition will be 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Nicholas County Cooperative Extension Service Office.

### Blood Drive schedule

The Central Kentucky Blood Drive will be held at Johnson-Mathers Health Care Monday, Jan. 5 from 2 to 7 p.m. The schedule for 1998 is March 23, June 1, Aug. 17, and Oct. 26.

### Marie Chetham Christmas Dinner

The Marie Chetham Club will have its Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Please make reservations by Dec. 15 to Gladys Bassett at Jeanette Vire. All members are invited to attend.

### Eat Lunch at NCHS December 16

Parents and guardians of Nicholas County High School students are cordially invited to visit and eat lunch at the high school Dec. 16.

Parents may visit their student's classroom, and talk with their teacher and principal. There will be a special music program during advisory time from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m.

### Frank Lynam honored for service

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Housing Commission Inc. and its board of directors has made a resolution honoring former member Frank Lynam.

Lynam died Oct. 5, 1997 and had served for more than 10 years.

### Conservation District extends heavy use deadline

The Nicholas County Conservation District has extended the date for taking applications for incentive payments of \$250 toward installation of "heavy use area" feed for livestock feeding. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 3, 1998.

Applications will be selected by a random drawing at the Conservation District Feb. 3, 1998 meeting. The project will be completed by June 30, 1998. Additional information may be obtained by calling the district office at 259-5165 or farm producers may stop by the office Tuesday-Thursday each week to sign an application.