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## Funds on line for high school building improvements

By Leigh Stone  
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Building improvements at  
Nicholas County High School  
are on the way with an \$11,000  
supplement.

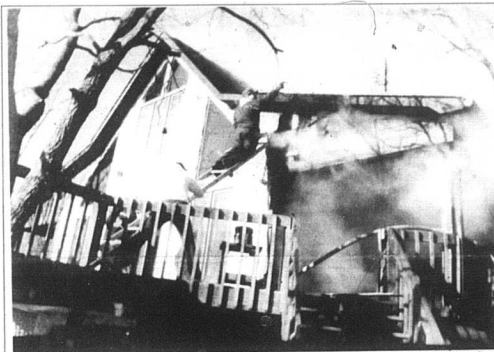
The funds would provide  
doors that close without the aid  
of padlocks and heat efficient  
windows for the gymnasium.  
At Monday night's regular  
board of education meeting Ni-

cholas County School Superin-  
tendent Randy Everly said he'd  
received a letter from architect  
Ronald E. Murrell Jr. of Ross-  
Tarrant Architects Inc., Lex-  
ington stating Mark Rykes from

the Kentucky Department of  
Education approved \$11,000 for  
contingency for the school.  
Included in the deal would be  
a set of keys that couldn't be  
commercially duplicated for all

the outside doors, Everly said.  
According to NCHS Principal  
Greg Reid, \$118,000 had been  
accumulated over the years for  
a project in which the board  
agreed to put toward high school

building improvements. The  
additional money would help  
replace doors that are estimated  
30 or more years old.  
These doors were probably  
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Robert Jolly, Carlisle Mercury Photo

## Fast acting youth helps save Nicholas County home

The Nicholas County Fire Department responded to a house fire at the home of Dorcas and Steve Ockerman, 241 Elderberry Lane Jan. 17 after a call was placed by a neighbor. Ingrid Hammy Friday evening, Nicholas County student John Robert Hall first noticed the fire and ran to Hammy for help. Fire Chief Mark Hughes said the apparent cause of the fire was a heat lamp. The home on a total loss, he reported.

## Board approves community requests

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor

Several items were talked at  
Monday's regular meeting in-  
cluding the auditor's contract  
and approval of a certified re-  
tirement benefits plan.

With a motion by board  
member Ricky Hicks and a  
second by Don Elder, the board  
gave Superintendent Randy  
Everly permission to get more  
information to develop a retire-  
ment benefits plan.

Board Member Donna Gail  
Mattos, in her first official  
meeting as a voting board  
member, made a motion to re-  
commend Everly advertise for

qualifications for energy im-  
provements for the district.  
Johnson Controls made a pre-  
sentation last December stating  
its plan to provide energy effi-  
cient and money saving ways  
for the district. As mentioned  
by Everly, Johnson Controls was  
highly recommended but had  
done work in Indiana and Ohio,  
which both have different school  
financial arrangements.

The board approved the fol-  
lowing personnel action: ac-  
cepted the resignation of high  
school secretary Kay Earlywine  
and hired Paula Hunter.  
Earlywine has accepted a posi-  
tion outside the school district.

The board approved Teresa  
Shumway and Amanda Sanders  
as substitute food service  
workers and Patricia Price as a  
substitute teacher.

Mattos also made a motion  
to table a contract for an ex-  
tended service warranty on the  
school's internet system until  
school board attorney Dawn  
Leather could study the docu-  
ment more thoroughly. Hicks  
gave her motion a second with  
all in favor.

With a motion by board  
member Don Elder and second  
by board member Sherry  
Ungerath, the following request  
were okayed - Rotary Club

Valentine's Bingo Feb. 14, a tri-  
part elementary teacher Tom  
Smith's national honor society  
students to go to Chicago, and  
for Food Service Director  
Martha Taylor to attend a na-  
tional conference at Washing-  
ton, D.C.

At the meeting came to  
conclusion, Hicks asked if grad-  
uate reports were sent home. Hicks  
has children enrolled in the  
school district.

"They were sent last Friday,"  
answered NCHS teacher Kathy  
Green.  
"Well, it's about time we get  
out here," Hicks joked.  
"It might be too soon for  
someone," added Everly.



Gerald Tubbs

## Student of the Week

The Nicholas County High School  
Student of the Week is Gerald Tubbs.

Tubbs is a sophomore and is the 17-year-  
old son of Gerald Tubbs.

Tubbs enjoys working at ball games after  
school and enjoys football games.

Tubbs plans to go into the Air Force after  
high school.

Tubbs was chosen by NCHS Vice Princi-  
pal Ron Baker and faculty member Annette

Flora Baker commented, "Gerald is a hard  
worker and a reliable and responsible  
young man."

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

## NCHS tobacco policy stalled

Policies vary in neighboring counties

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor

Nicholas County High School  
may soon join neighboring  
counties in creating a policy of  
tobacco usage by those under 18  
on school property.

A new high school policy on  
tobacco use was left undecided  
at last Wednesday's Nicholas  
County High School site based  
Decision Making Council  
meeting. At first look, the  
council was leaning toward a  
policy of non-tobacco usage by  
those under age 18.

"I wasn't present. I had a 10-  
day suspension for a penalty  
and I think the council probably  
realized that was too severe,"  
said Nicholas County High  
School Principal Greg Reid  
Tuesday afternoon.

Reid estimated there were  
perhaps 100 students to be af-  
fected by policy. There are about  
400 students total.

The concern is they're al-  
lowing underage kids to smoke.  
Even with a consent form, they  
can fake them. So it's an issue.  
It's still in committee. But I  
think it needs to be a board  
policy, not a site based policy,"  
Reid remarked adding that  
neighboring school districts al-  
ready had such policies.

Both Harrison County and  
Boonville County high school site  
based decision making councils  
passed smoking policies last  
year. Although both counties  
rely heavily on the economy of  
tobacco, both have different  
views of tobacco usage by mi-  
nority.

State legislation is already  
in effect banning those under  
18 from purchasing cigarettes.  
Harrison County has a policy  
of non-usage while Boonville  
County allows it with consent  
forms signed by parents and at  
designated places and times  
during the school day.

**HARRISON COUNTY  
POLICY**  
Harrison County High School  
Assistant Principal Mike Lenox

summed up his school's policy.  
"It's basically no possession of  
tobacco products or lighter on  
school grounds during school  
hours. It went into effect this  
year in August. It was a decision  
of our high school site based  
council and it went pretty  
smoothly. We had the parental  
support to back it up although  
there are probably some people  
who didn't want the policy."

Lenox said his school has  
approximately 1,000 students  
and for the most part, go along  
with the policy.

Penalty for the first offense  
is a two-day stay in the school's  
safe room which is an alterna-  
tive to suspension. Usually a  
parental conference is also part  
of the penalty but Lenox said  
parents may receive a phone  
call rather than being called into  
school for a conference. "We  
want them to know we're con-  
cerned," he said.

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## In Brief

### Beef association meeting changed

The Annual meeting of the  
Nicholas County Beef Associa-  
tion has been changed to 6:30  
p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the  
County Extension Office.

### Annual chamber meeting tonight

Community planning will be  
the focus of the annual meeting  
of the Carlisle-Nicholas County  
Chamber of Commerce sched-  
uled 6:30 tonight (Thursday,  
Jan. 23) at Nicholas County  
Elementary School cafeteria.

Keith Logsdon, a professional  
public planner is on the program  
along with Business Area De-  
velopment District Assistant  
Director Don Hassall.