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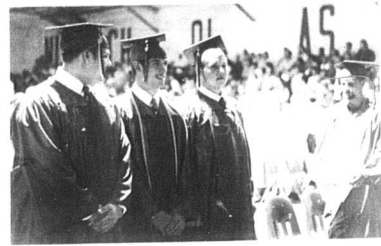
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Nicholas County High School seniors in the Class of 1997 became graduates Sunday, June 1 during commencement. From left are Michael Mathis, Colin Broderick, Jonathan Tabor and Jason House. Special thanks to Special Sponsor Kathy Green for identifying graduation photographs.

## NCHS Class of 1997 graduates

**By Leigh Stone**  
**Managing Editor**  
Seventy-two Nicholas County high school seniors were graduated from the Class of 1997 at commencement exercises Sunday, June 1. Lydia Patricia Wilson was the valedictorian. Tamara Dee Tipton was the salutatorian. Special speaker was 1985 NCHS graduate Dawn Curran Letcher, an attorney with Smith, Richardson & Hughes. After prayer by Pastor Sims, Principal Greg Reed thanked parents for their years of support. The National Anthem was sung by seniors Jonnie Brent, Cole Broderick, Bradley Hillier, Jim Sparks, Jonathan Tabor and Lydia Wilson.



Dawn Letcher was the guest speaker at commencement. See story Page 8.

School board members Mona Vice, Donna Gail Mattox, Don Elder, Rocky Hicks and Sherry Uptgraft were all in attendance. Senior Class sponsors were Billy Keen, Andrew, Kathy Green, Sandra Durham and Jim Simons. Superintendent Randy Eversly distributed diplomas. The Class of 1997 included: Joshua Reynolds, Alvyn Amadea Ann Anderson, Leah Suzanne Barnett, Holly Carolyn Becker, Jonnie Carole Brent, Colin Booth Broderick, Jeffrey Wayne Capps, Jennifer Autumn Caswell, Bobbie Sinner Caswell,

Charles Darren Hunter, Michael Bush Johnson, Michael Brian Jolly, Katrina Dorene James, Robert Laver, Danielle Irene Long, Cynthia Jo Maline, Michael Paul Mathis, Sabrina Kay McFarland, Crystal Rae McKinney, Megan Leigh Metcalfe, Rachel Lynn Newby, Judi Raye Newton, Christopher David Pettit, Frankie Lee Porellif, Jeremy Shane Rogers, Angela Gayle Seaton, Kayte Joy Sexton, Jacqueline Renee Smith, Kami Lee Smith, Sarah Lynn Smart, Bobby Gene Snapp, Kari Lynda Soper, Amy Ross Sparks, Jonathan Eric Sparks, Chad Anthony Sparks, Amanda Ruth Storm, Jonathan Lee Tabor, Tamara Dee Tipton, Rena Lynn Watkins, William Allen Wharis, Aaron Nigel Willis, Lydia Patricia Wilson, Susan Rae Workman, and Edward Michael Zenna.

National Honor Society members included Janice Carole Benti, Colin Booth Broderick, Hannah Ballenger Hunt, Megan Leigh Metcalfe, Kami Lee Smith, Sarah Lynn Smart, Amy Ross Sparks, Tamara Dee Tipton, and Lydia Patricia Wilson. National Honor Society at graduation during graduation were Faith Admann Sarah Clay, Jennifer Luvette Amber Smith, Rebecca Brewer, Nicholas Flick, Ashley Van Meter and Kasia Tubbs.

## Charges considered against Nicholas superintendent

**Board may not pursue charges says attorney**

**By Leigh Stone**  
**Managing Editor**  
The Nicholas County Board of Education is considering charges against Superintendent Randy Eversly.

According to School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher, the charges will not be made public until they are approved by board members and listed in the minutes of a school board meeting. The board has directed the attorney to prepare a letter to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education. They will individually send the letter for approval if and when the board has voted to officially charge the superintendent. Charges will be spread on the minutes. Letcher further clarified that the word "charges" was the word used in the motion. "It is strong. It's meant to be strong," she said. Letcher said she expected to have the charges ready for the board soon this week hopefully.

## Bizarre and blatant describe board action

**Superintendent says he's trying to keep the job he's got**

**Leigh Stone**  
**Managing Editor**  
"Bizarre" and "blatant" disregard of the statute is how Superintendent Randy Eversly's attorney describes the recent action taken by the board of education in bringing charges against the superintendent. "I haven't talked to Miss Letcher in person but I asked for a copy of the charges. Well, her answer was, 'There aren't any.'"

Attorney Wayne Young, an attorney with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators has talked with Eversly and said that the charges are automatically made public. Anyone who knows anything about the process can tell you. Then, the commissioner investigates the charges to determine if

if charges are sent to Commissioner William Cody of the Kentucky Department of Education, they would have to be approved by the commissioner before Eversly could be released from his duties. The board would prefer the charges approved by the commissioner before proceeding further. Letcher said Eversly's contract expires June 30, 1998, but, according to Letcher, if the commissioner approves the charges, and the board votes with a majority, Eversly could be released from his duties for cause, thus making his contract void without the remainder of his contract. However, a vote during last Tuesday's meeting, three board members, Rocky Hicks, Donna Gail Mattox and Mona Vice voted to have the charges drawn up. Members Don Elder and Sherry Uptgraft abstained. According to Roberts Rules of Order, the abstentions are considered a vote with the majority, said Eversly.

With a motion by Board Chairman Mona Vice and a second by Donna Gail Mattox, the motion read that board attorney Dawn Letcher was asked to draft a list of charges against

the superintendent and be submitted then to Commissioner William Cody at the Kentucky Department of Education. The motion came to a surprise to the superintendent. "Nobody's talked to me about anything," he said Monday at

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## -In Brief-

**St. Jude Bike-A-Thon**  
St. Jude Bike-A-Thon will be Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m. at the elementary school parking lot.

**Retired teachers**  
Nicholas County retired teachers will meet Monday, June 9 at the home of Lucille Feiback.

**Hospital Auxiliary**  
The Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, June 10th at the Conference Center at 10 a.m.

**Marie Chetman dinner June 8**  
The Marie Chetman Club (formerly the past Matrons and Patrons Club of Carlisle) will meet on Sunday, June 8, at the Depot on Walnut Street. A potluck dinner will start at 4:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

**Summer Food Program to begin at school**  
Nicholas County Board of Education will participate in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program for children below the age of nineteen.

All children are invited to participate and each will be served the same meal at no charge. Regardless of race, color, nation origin, sex, age, or handicapped. The site listed below will be open to all children under 19 years of age for food service.

Nicholas County Elementary School, School Drive, June 16 - June 11, Monday thru Friday, for breakfast from 7 a.m. till 8:15 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against in the Summer Food Service Program should write the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information call Martha Taylor at (606) 289-3770.



Mindy Simons

## Student of the Week

Mindy Simons is this week's Student of the Week. Simons is the daughter of Jim and Lynn Simons of Carlisle.

A sophomore this fall at Nicholas County High School, she enjoys being friends and playing basketball and softball. Upon high school graduation, Simons plans to attend college and one day would like to have a career in real estate.

Simons was nominated by Coach Greg Letcher for her cooperation, good attitude and being active in extra curricular events.

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