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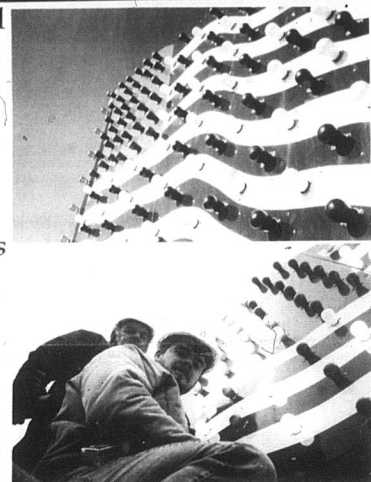
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## Youth who struck principal may escape formal charges

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
The two youth accused of being in a physical confrontation with Nicholas County Elementary Principal Pam Randolph Tuesday afternoon "It's still up in the air," admitted Randolph Tuesday afternoon. "It's not been decided" if a seventh grader and a high school student were involved in a confrontation when Randolph attempted to inter-

vene and was struck. Randolph appeared in juvenile court the next day. The Nicholas County Board of Education had an expulsion hearing before Monday night's regular board meeting. The expulsion hearing made the regular meeting late one hour due to the nature of the hearing, concerning juveniles, board members didn't comment. Randolph said the juveniles were given expulsions one year

as is typical for such incidents. However, the students are not to another school district should another school district decide to accept them. Parents will be responsible for transportation. Randolph advised The Mercury in contrast School Board Attorney Dawn Lathour for more information. Lathour was not available for further comment.



**She's Back**  
"Old Glory," the lighted U.S. flag, had her lights turned on 3:45 p.m. Friday for the first time since renovation of the Nicholas County Courthouse began. High on the scaffold, more than 100 feet from the ground, are Larry Starner and Ed Huffine with General Restoration Inc. The flag is believed to be one of two in the U.S. It features a fully aluminum construction; contains 129 bolts: 36 blue, 43 red, 38 white and on the staff in yellow, 10. It weighs approximately 175 pounds.

## Federal funding cut slices Nicholas senior citizen meals

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
Senior Citizens in Nicholas County will soon feel the pinch of Uncle Sam's wallet. According to Angie Bowles, director of the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center, Main Street, the number of meals offered by the center has been reduced by the federal government. "Due to budget cuts by the federal government, the funding for meals has been cut. We regret having to cut the amount of meals will be able to serve the community," said Bowles. Meals served within the center come first. Those served by an as needed basis due to health reasons are given first

consideration. Those clients with a companion able to prepare a meal themselves will be placed on a waiting list. "Due to budget cuts by the federal government, the funding for meals has been cut. Angie Bowles

The senior center had the community rolls behind it during the late summer to collect funds to keep the center open. It saved interest and penalties to the Internal Revenue Service which have been paid full. Congressman Steve Blasser, Mayor Ronnie Clark, State Senator Beverly Nunnally, State Representative Jim Lovell were credited to senior executives for helping keep the center open. President Betty Fay also said Senator Woodell Pate was in contact with her about the problem. The center has been serving meals three times a week and also delivering meals to seniors at their home.

## County looking for low-cost garbage collection agency

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
Wanted, garbage collectors. Nicholas County Fiscal Court unanimously agreed not to renew the third year contract with Local Sanitation of Morehead at a special meeting Monday in hopes of providing citizens with a better rate. "They wouldn't tell us what they would raise it. When I called they said at least 10 percent," said Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith Tuesday morning.

"They couldn't tell us what they would raise it." Chuck Smith  
Nicholas County residents pay \$5.75 for garbage pickup now. "We agreed to open it up for bids. We'll decide at the next regular meeting," said the judge. Local Sanitation has provided good service the past couple

of years the judge noted. "We've received few calls for them," Smith noted. Local Sanitation recently bought out a competitor, Turley, who had bid for Nicholas County's business two years ago.



**Drama Class performance highlights meeting**  
Kathy Caswell's Drama Class performed several songs for the Nicholas County Board of Education before Monday night's regular meeting.

## -In Brief-

**Thanksgiving Service**  
First Baptist Church of Carlisle Pastor The Rev. Kevin Thomas invites the public to a Thanksgiving Service 7 p.m. at the church Sunday.

**Supervisors Awarded**  
In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a certificate of Appointment was presented to four supervisors of the Nicholas County Conservation District at the November meeting. Those receiving a certificate were: Donna J. Galbraith, Stanley Alexander, Elder A. Darrell, and Eugene Letcher. Their term started Jan. 1, 1997 and ends Dec. 31, 2000.

**Geography Week**  
Nov. 19-21 is being celebrated at Nicholas County High School as National Geography Week. This year's theme is "Keep Wilderness in Sight." Mr. Ron Baker's geography class will celebrate by doing projects to make others aware of National Geography Week. Others are also getting involved in the celebration. The UT geography department is having an open house Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. in 400 Geology and Geography Building.

**Whitaker Bank presents the Angel Tree**  
Susan Irvin of Whitaker Bank of Carlisle showed Sharon Gompston, left, the bank's Angel Tree. The bank has hosted the program for many years. Each angel tells the needs of a local child. This year, please bring gifts worth \$25 no later than Dec. 12.

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