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Homecoming candidates

Four Nicholas County High School seniors are vying for the title of 1998 Homecoming Queen. Students will vote on their choice at a school assembly on Friday. Parents night will also be held Friday, with parents being announced during half-time.

Four competing for Homecoming Queen

Four Nicholas County seniors are competing for Nicholas County High School Homecoming Queen to be named Friday at half-time of the boys basketball game against Sayre. They are: Jennifer McCord is the 18-year-old daughter of Gary and Brenda McCord of Carlisle. She has been a member of Pop Club, County High Band, Pop Club, Drama Club, Bowling Club, and Dance Club. She was among a number of who won Among American High School Students. After graduation, McCord plans to attend cosmetology classes at Kentucky Tech in Lexington. She is being escorted by Jed Hale, son of Debbie Williams of Carlisle. Amanda Fiero is the 18-year-old daughter of Otis and Dorothy Fiero. During high school, she has been a member of Pop Club four years, Spanish Club four years, FFA four years, Lady Jockeys basketball two years, Environmental Education Team two years, FFA two years, VICA two years, PFA two years, Eco-

Workers from Jockey and the Carlisle Fire Department showed the flat roof of the Jockey sewing factory building Tuesday in an effort to prevent heavy snow from causing the roof to collapse. The roof did not collapse, but the weight of the snow caused concern that the flat roof might buckle, unable to hold all the heavy snow that covered it. Warren Skiles, plant manager, said "It was our fear that the roof might cave, but it didn't happen. The plant closed at 9 a.m. last Wednesday after the first snowfall dumped about 10 inches of heavy snow on the ground. Skiles had planned to open the plant back up on Friday, but six more inches of snow Thursday put a damper on workers coming back, and caused the fear of damage to the roof from the weight of the snow. After the second snow didn't melt over the weekend, Skiles decided to check the building for safety before bringing any employees back in. Employees were scheduled to go back to work there this Thursday if all the snow and ice were cleaned up. "We wanted to be sure everything is right before we brought anyone back in," Skiles said. "We wanted to make sure the building is safe enough to work in. Thanks to the mayor and the fire department, we'll be back in business." The problem with wet snow is that it weighs more than a nor-

Snow is cleared from Jockey sewing center

mal snow, Skiles continued. Normally, snow weighs about four pounds a square foot, but this snow was calculated at weighing about 16 pounds per square foot. "Altogether, we had about 60,000 pounds of snow on the roof," he said. Skiles was alerted to the problem last Friday, when a maintenance worker who went to work at 5 a.m., noticed some rickling in the ceiling. Skiles said. "I decided then it was not worth it to bring in employees because it could be a potentially hazardous situation. I wanted to be absolutely sure there was no risk involved before bringing them back to work," he said.

Council votes 4-2 to squelch parking rule

The Carlisle City Council voted down a measure to adjust an ordinance that limits parking on city streets to 14 days. The ordinance, which would prohibit parking unlicensed or inoperative vehicles on the street for an indefinite length of time was defeated 4-2 during a public hearing on Tuesday. Council members discussed their concern about cable TV rates. Mayor Clark announced that he was able to obtain free trees through the Resource, Conservation and Development (RCAD), and will distribute them to the ball parks and water and sewer treatment plants. He also discussed applying for Historical Preservation and funding more money to Blue Lake State Park. Guests attending the meeting were Sherry Uptegraft, Billy Trison and Mike Gostly. They discussed with council the Doreville project.

Brandie Workman is Student of Week

Brandie Workman, 14, a Nicholas County High School freshman, has been nominated Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Bobbie and John Workman of Paris. Workman is a straight A student who enjoys art. One of her interests is drawing. The child is in college and she plans to go to college and work towards "to make a living as a chef." The baking class and decorating them," said Workman. Her favorite flavor is vanilla. She said she likes to work "because my friends are here." At home, Workman helps her mother with babysitting and housework. She enjoys spending time with her pets, two dogs and one cat. "Brandie is a caring and hard working student who I have had the pleasure to have in class," said James Henson, the teacher who nominated her.



Brandie Workman

Blackberry Festival to be held in town

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted to hold the Blackberry Festival in Carlisle on the courthouse lawn again this year, but most of the discussion was about possibly moving the festival to a 10-acre site near the Argey in the future.

There has been some resistance to moving the Blackberry Festival, according to members of the court, who met in the fiscal court of the courthouse Tuesday. "You all will have to plan it based on the feedback from files you represent," said Dorey Lynn, representative with the American Legion. "I've talked to more people who want it moved," said Magistrate Danny Hughes. "I've talked to more people who don't want it moved," said Magistrate Danny Hughes. March of the meeting was spent with court members discussing the property and looking for a deed of the land and Park in the future. It had been held on a fair board and then to Hughes said he wanted to sell the recreation department to the people of Nicholas County "because of being patient in letting emergency agencies get the roads cleared during the 16-inch snow last week." He added a "thanks" to the National Guard and local farmers who helped clear roads during the winter storm.



Weighted down

Heavy snow from last week's winter storm caused this carpet to cave in at the home of Ashby McCaffrey in Henryville. Nicholas County was blanketed in 16 inches of weighty, wet snow last Wednesday and Thursday.

Few in area witness storm power outages

A survey of the utility companies that serve Nicholas County turned up a very thankful bunch who said residents in the area were lucky during the winter storm to have not had power outages.

Ralph Kanner, area manager with Kentucky Utilities, said "We were very fortunate not to have any power off. It speaks well in that our tree-trimming program has worked very well and our equipment is in good shape." Nearby counties were hit hard by the storm, in which the heavy, wet snow laid on trees, causing them to fall over power lines, causing outages further west. "At the beginning of the storm, we had some outages on Connet Pike, but it was nothing too significant," said Mitchell Judy, engineering assistant with Harrods RECC. "We had a line out that affected the Rose Hill and Sugar Creek area, which affected about 98 customers, but they had power back on in about an hour."

"We were real fortunate when you consider the amount and the type of snow we had," he added. When the storm started Wednesday morning, Feb. 4, he said customers witnessed an outage for about an hour and a half, but power was quickly restored. "We sent two crews to help fix the Main RECC with their customers in Rowan County, where they got it ready," Mitchell said. "There are a lot of pine trees over there and the weight of the snow broke a lot of them. That's what caused most of the outages."

Terry Lytle, superintendent, said the co-op had no power outages in Nicholas County.