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Ministers, leaders discuss Soil Stewardship Week

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

A group of local leaders are drumming up support for environmental preservation. Pastors and church representatives, along with local district Natural Resources Conservation administrative directors gathered Monday morning, March 2, for a breakfast meeting at Garrett's Restaurant in Carlisle.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the upcoming Soil Stewardship Week, which begins April 26 and runs through May 3.

During this special week, local churches are being urged to make the community more aware of the need to preserve our Earth.

District Conservationist for Bourbon and Nicholas counties, Gary McFarland, was on hand to answer any questions about activities or events at be planned to raise awareness of this important cause.

The Nicholas County Natural Resources Conservation District has recently changed its name from Soil Conservation District. The name change came about as a way to encompass a broad field of natural resources.

instead of just soil conservation. A large group of about 20 men and women gathered around an table at the restaurant for breakfast and discussed the various reasons to commit to the progress of Earth preservation.

Edgar Darrell, Nicholas County's District Conservation representative, organized and presided over the meeting.

Although the minister's breakfast was a new event, there is a possibility of making it an annual event, due in large part to the successful outcome of the event.

Rankin is new editor of the Carlisle Mercury

Amy Rankin has taken the post as the new managing editor of the Carlisle Mercury.

A native of Nicholas County, Rankin, 21, is the daughter of Harold and Jo Rankin of Cynthiana, where she also resides.

"I would like to establish that I hope will be a lasting relationship with the people of Carlisle," Rankin and Tuesday. She is a graduate of Mayville Community College with a degree in Arts and Journalism, and has recently begun her career in news writing.

"My goal for this newspaper is to keep the citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County in touch and informed of the events that occur," Rankin said.

"I will focus my attention on you, the reader, and will make a commitment effort to be available for breaking stories, achievements, and everyday events that come into your life."

"Any time you have a question or a comment, please feel free to drop me a line and share your news or ideas."

"I look forward to serving you with the best possible coverage of the news I can deliver." Call Rankin at 289-2464 for news and features.



Amy Rankin

Ballard enjoys teaching in Nicholas County system

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

She is more than a successful Betty Ballard has served Nicholas County High School as guidance counselor since 1988.

However, that is neither the extent, nor the limit to her experience. In August of 1967, Ballard began her teaching career at the South County High School, instructing in both biology and chemistry.

After eleven years of teaching experience, Ballard became a guidance counselor in 1978.

encompassing the vast knowledge she acquired after receiving masters degrees in both biology and counseling.

Ballard states that in the past 31 years she has seen a number of changes in schools. Yet, one thing that has not changed for her is the fact that she believes the students come first.

The respect that Ballard has worked so hard to receive is one of the principal reasons she says she has never had any regrets regarding her career decision.

She worries, however, that respect from the general public may be declining for those, who like herself, focus so much time and energy on the education of children.

Ballard was awarded this year with a plaque and a special luncheon held at the high school in her honor.

Rosanne Bow, a math teacher at the school, and her seventh math 109 class awarded their counselor for her commitment to the students.

When asked her opinion of the Nicholas County High School, Ms. Ballard responded, "This is a good school, an excellent school."



Rosanne Bow's math 109 class presented school counselor Betty Ballard with an award of recognition during a luncheon for her, held Monday, March 2.

Reading across America Day is observed at school

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

Monday, March 2, was declared Reading Across America Day. The day is recognized nationally by schools in honor of Dr. Seuss. A highly acclaimed author of children's stories.

In observing this special day, Nicholas County High School

students participated in reading activities in class that related to various topics they had been studying throughout the year.

Simultaneously, the entire school read its related activities for a brief period of time while divided by their various classroom schedules.

Both the Kentucky Education Association and the National Education Association showed their support of the activity and recorded the extensive data regarding all schools who participated.

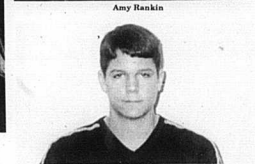


Erica Briely

Briely is receptionist

Erica Briely, 20, daughter of Randy and Jimmy Walker of Carlisle, is the receptionist at the Carlisle Mercury. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Briely and the mother of Morgan Padgett. She is in charge of answering phones, placing classified advertising, display ads and submitted news.

JMHC Auxiliary to meet March 10 The JMHC Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday morning, March 10, 1998 at the Library at 10:00 am.



Jacob Broderick

Student of the Week

Jacob Broderick, 15, a Nicholas County High School freshman, has been chosen Student of the Week.

He is the son of Ricky and Donna Broderick and is a Nicholas County resident.

Some of Broderick's extracurricular activities include playing football and basketball. He also enjoys watching sports and listening to music.

Broderick is also an active member of the Academic Team KUNA. Shoot for the Stars, and his youth group at the

Carlisle United Methodist Church. As a student, Broderick is considered to be active and makes good grades.

He is described as being polite to both his teachers and his fellow students and is very trustworthy when under the supervision of a substitute teacher.

His attitude is considered pleasant and he always participates in classroom activities.

After high school, Broderick plans to attend college at the University of Kentucky, and major in sports medicine.