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Carlisle man wins world champion shooting match

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He has shot 99 on 12 different occasions and is a winner of 25 grand championships who competed in his first one when he was only 10 years old.

Adams uses Winchester Model 101 pigeon grade over and under 12 gauge shotgun for the competition.

"It's hard to shoot clay pigeons with anything. They're not hard to hit, but they're easy to miss," he said with a grin.

He shot against the top trap shooters in the world, including people from all 50 states and various other countries.

"You gotta pay're yourself out and put your mind out front," he said about his concentration technique.

"You can't be thinking about work and week or the mistakes you made last week. You've got to be right there in it. If you miss one bird, you're out," Adams said.

Adams has made friends all over the world, including an Australian fellow he now calls "everybody's mate."

Adams said he bonded when he was a child, but doesn't hunt anymore.

"Hunting's about most likely to get you back into it and I don't want to trap shoot," he continued.

'You can do a hundred things and be mediocre or set your sights on doing one thing and be good at it'

Gerald "Grizzly" Adams

Ernest Sooby, Per Dillius and Kimball Booth, laugh it up as they set right down on the bench beside Frederick's Restaurant (formerly Garrett's) in downtown Carlisle Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Miller is new elementary principal

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Nicholas County moved to the new principal assigned to biological sciences in college, but has taught all subjects in his teaching career.

His first time as principal of a school, Miller talked about some of his priorities in the Nicholas system.

"I don't focus on discipline as a rule, it is not my primary concern, although I've spent a lot of time the first few weeks of school dealing with behavior problems," he said.

"I'm more concerned with education."

"Discipline is a part of that, of course. If children are not well behaved, class gets disrupted and I must address that concern."

"I have spent a great deal of time with a small percentage of students who are in trouble."

"I've been overwhelmingly surprised at how well behaved the student population in general has been, though. Only about one percent of students find themselves in trouble."

"I'd rather focus on the classroom observing bench and monitoring the hallway."

"You have because I want what's best for the students," he said in a Tuesday interview.

"We have a totally new administration in Nicholas County, with two new principals and a new superintendent, so we're trying to do our best at working together as one school system."

"I just one piece of the puzzle," he added.

The school administrators just finished a consolidated plan to achieve a streamlined learning environment.

The two-year plan is an overall list of things the schools need to improve on.

Miller hopes to emphasize better reading skills at the elementary level.

He also wants to improve levels of learning in the arts, humanities and long-vocational studies.

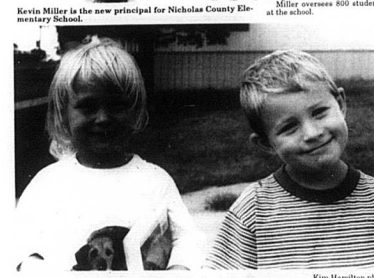
Miller said he has already begun departmentalizing teachers who teach the same subject areas.

The same-subject teachers will be able to plan together for their particular classes so each will know where the other is in regard to lessons and planning.

Miller said he has an open door policy to hear principal complaints as long as the proper channels have been used first.

"There are no sides in every story and the truth lies somewhere in between," he said of disagreements.

Miller oversees 800 students at the school.



Kevin Miller is the new principal for Nicholas County Elementary School.

Hannah Coldiron, left, and John Dalton Wagner were spotted just outside the pre-school classroom building on the campus of Nicholas County Elementary School recently.

Staying cool at pre-school

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He and his wife, Mildred, live in Bartonsville. They have three children: Patricia, Michelle and Gerald Mark Jr.



Gerald "Grizzly" Adams of Carlisle, aimed high and set his sights on winning the world championship doubles trapshooting competition in Vandalia, Ohio in August. He scored a perfect 100 during the shoot.

AAA offers guidelines for refinancing a mortgage

Following the Federal Reserve's recent decision to maintain current interest rates, AAA Financial Services says now may be the time for homeowners to save hundreds of dollars on mortgage payments each month by refinancing.

According to economists at Fannie Mae, the popularity of refinancing will continue through 1999, constituting about half of the \$1.3 trillion mortgage origination market.

Generally, if one or more of the criteria listed below applies to you, now may be the time to refinance your home.

"The interest rate of the refinancing is at least 1 percent less than the rate you are now paying,"

By refinancing your house you will consolidate first and second mortgages and obtain a lower interest rate.

"The term of the loan will be shortened, enabling you to pay it off faster and have interest rate you can afford to pay more each month and then reduce the term of the loan from 30 years to 15 years."

"The refinancing interest rate is at least a full point better than your current loan, but you want to obtain money for a home improvement. For example, you made paying 8 percent on your current mortgage and can refinance at 7.5 percent, and get \$10,000 for a new kitchen."

"You have an adjustable-rate mortgage and want to trade it in for the security of a fixed-rate mortgage."

You must also decide if you plan to stay in the house long enough to pay off the refinancing fees. For example, if the refinancing fees cost \$200 and you reduce your mortgage by \$50 a month, then you need to remain in the house for three more years in order to make the refinancing worthwhile.

In addition, the cost of refinancing can often be rolled into the new loan, meaning you would spend no money out of pocket.

County tax refund to those eligible

To the Citizens of Nicholas County:

Anyone who paid vehicle or boat tax from January 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998 are eligible for a refund on Hospital tax.

You may contact the County Clerk's Office at 259-3730 for more information.

Remember the month of September is the deadline.

City issues water shortage advisory

Due to the dry weather the month of August and the beginning of September, the City of Carlisle has declared a Water Shortage Advisory.

There is an immediate need to begin voluntarily conserving water, according to Mayor Ron Clark.