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**NCHS band named class AA champs**

The Nicholas County High School Marching Band receives the Class AA and Reserve Grand Champion honors during competition at Madison Central High School in Richmond.

The Bluejackets also won first place in best effects, best auxiliary, best percussion, best visual and best music on Saturday.

Eric Hale, director and Cara Wilson, field commander, took home distinguished ratings for their performances.

**Open House at NCHS**

**Sept. 28**  
Monday, Sept. 28, from 4-6:30 p.m. has been designated as Open House at Nicholas County High School.

This year's open house is being held in conjunction with open house for the elementary school as that parents with children in both schools will find it convenient to visit with their teachers.

The high school has five new teachers this year along with several new programs. The open house provides parents of Nicholas County a chance to meet new teachers, discuss their children's programs, check on grades and homework assignments, and view the school's classrooms and facilities.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria during this event.

Information regarding the open house will be available on the "weekly activities" menu of the NCHS Bluejacket Hotline at 259-3717.



Carlsle Mayor Ronnie Clark accepts the American Hometown Leadership Award from Tom Hatlicki, executive director of the National Center for Small Communities in Washington, D.C. recently. He received a grant of \$1,000 for economic development.

**Mayor receives Hometown leadership grant for \$1,000**

The National Center for Small Communities (NCSC) has announced that Ronnie Clark, mayor of Carlsle, is the recipient of the American Hometown Leadership Award for outstanding leadership of communities with populations of 25,000 or less.

Wal Mart, which co-sponsors the award in promoting strong leadership in small towns, is presenting a grant of \$1,000 to the city of Carlsle in Clark's honor.

The Wal Mart Economic Development Grants are earmarked for community improvement projects to help attract new employers to Carlsle.

"The winners of the American Hometown Leadership Award demonstrate not only outstanding leadership qualities, but also the creativity and initiative needed to bring a measure of excellence to their work," said Tom Hatlicki, executive director of NCSC.

"Their ability to envision great things for their community, and their ability to translate that vision into action, makes them deserving of our highest honor."

Wal Mart awards \$2 million annually in economic development grants to support local efforts to attract new business.

This year, the company will award more than \$700,000 of these grants to nearly 300 communities across the country through the American Hometown Leadership Award.

The award recognizes outstanding civic accomplishments by individuals who serve on a local government's elected board or council, or advisory committee in a community with a population of fewer than 25,000 people.

"Wal Mart's traditional customer base is comprised of small communities throughout America," said David Glass, president and chief executive officer of Wal Mart Stores, Inc. "We are committed to improving these towns and townships not only by providing quality retail establishments, but also by lifting up the best leaders who are making a difference. We can all help in their endeavor."

NCSC is the only national, non-profit organization devoted to serving the leaders of America's smaller communities.

The mission of NCSC is to provide small town decision-makers with the tools to govern effectively and the skills to expand local economies, protect natural resources and preserve community character.

Last year, the Wal Mart Foundation contributed \$102 million to the community development grants, matching contributions to community organizations and other programs.

Most of Wal Mart's 720,000 U.S. stores, supercenters, Super Club and distribution center associates live and work in small towns across America.

**Changes in burning laws to be enforced starting Oct. 1**

Oct. 1 is the beginning of the official Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season in Kentucky.

With the passage of House Bill 456 by the 1998 General Assembly there is a significant change in the law concerning burning during forest fire hazard season.

Kentucky law designates Oct. 1 through Dec. 15 as Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season. During this time, the law restricts burning within 100 feet of non-wooded burning anything capable of spreading fire into wooded areas from 4:30 p.m. to midnight to the new hours of 6 p.m. to midnight.

The change in the burning law is intended to prevent fires by allowing burning only during the time when typically the wind is calm and humidity is increasing.

While burning is allowed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., no one should burn unless the air is calm and there is adequate moisture in the air to allow control of fire. It is illegal to start a fire any time of the year on or near timberland without taking all reasonable precautions to prevent it from spreading.

One of the leading causes of forest fires in Kentucky is fire accidentally escaping when people burn trash and other unwanted material. Reasonable care can be reported by calling 1-800-27-ARSON (1-800-272-7666).

"Wildfire damages more than just trees. Wildlife, residential structures, forest resources, forest water quality are lost or damaged by wildfire. Kentucky is blessed with 12.7 million acres of forestland. Please exercise extreme care with fire in and around our forests," said Mark Matasewski, director of Kentucky Division of Forestry.

**Elliott man charged in shooting murder**

A 26-year-old Elliott County man is accused of murdering a Carter County man at the scene of a party Monday, Kentucky State Police announced.

Sid Parsh, 26, is accused in the shooting death of Earl Edward Gilliam, 48, of Procter Road, Carter County. Police said the shooting occurred at Parsh's home at 334 Whisman Road, at 3:14 a.m.

Gilliam was shot with a small-caliber firearm, and was pronounced dead at the scene at the Elliott County Coroner Mark Lewis.

Parsh was arrested at the residence at 4:44 a.m. shortly after state police arrived. He was lodged in the Lower County Detention Center, under \$100,000 cash bond, and held in Frankfort. Det. Kenneth Shanks is the investigating officer.

**Council rolls back taxes; discusses noise, loitering**

The Carlsle City Council voted to hold the second and final reading of an ordinance that would lower the city property tax from 19 to 18 cents per every \$100 assessed.

The measure was approved during a special meeting Monday, Sept. 21.

During the regular, Monday 14 meeting, council discussed concerns from city residents about loud noise, loitering, littering and fighting on the streets.

These apparently are people driving through town with their speakers blaring loud music, people hanging around on city sidewalks throwing their trash on the ground and people fighting on the streets.

Council discussed creating laws to keep these public nuisances from happening, but decided to table any action until the laws could be difficult to enforce.

One proposed ordinance was aimed at setting a curfew for minors who are 17 and under, but most of the people on the streets are over than 18.

The mayor is drafting letters and therefore not legally bound to send to each business during the night.

In other council action, he decided to adopt ordinances concerning the East End Sewer Project for use of right of way, accepting measurement standards of grant funding, creating a financial management plan and accepting an affirmative action plan for Interyville.

Council also approved a company named Air Source Tech to inspect asbestos for the project and the mayor has written a letter to the planning commission to ask if mobile homes can be replaced or upgraded in therevills in case of fire and disaster. Currently, no new homes can be set in the area.

There has also been some discussion about poor television cable service from Frontier's own Cable Company, based in Richmond.

The mayor said he finally learned that a recent outage was caused by a fiber optic cable being cut by a construction contractor.

He voiced his concern about having a difficult time getting through and then hearing two different stories from the company as to what the problem was.

Those with cable service may call the Richmond office and ask for credit for lost programming during the time the cable was off.



Haskley Caswell, left, junior, and Kevin Livingston, right, a sophomore, folded the American flag at the end of the school day Tuesday.

**NCHS offers community computer classes**

Nicholas County High School is offering free computer classes for the entire community.

The classes will be held in the computer lab building in back of the high school.

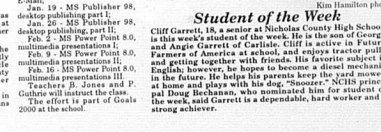
To register for the free classes, call the computer lab at the high school at 259-3717 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays.

Each class will be limited to 12 participants.

The following classes are available on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

- Oct. 13 - Computer Basics, "How It Works"
- Oct. 20 - Windows 95, Introduction
- Oct. 27 - Windows 95, Intermediate
- Nov. 3 - MS Word 8.0, word processing I
- Nov. 10 - MS Word 8.0, word processing II
- Nov. 17 - MS Word 8.0, desktop publishing I
- Dec. 1 - MS Excel 8.0, Introduction
- Dec. 8 - Internet IE, part I
- Dec. 15 - Internet IE, part II
- Jan. 5 - Internet IE, E-application
- Jan. 12 - MS Exchange, 4.0
- Jan. 19 - MS Publisher 98, desktop publishing part I
- Jan. 26 - MS Publisher 98, desktop publishing part II
- Feb. 2 - MS Power Point 8.0, multimedia presentations I
- Feb. 9 - MS Power Point 8.0, multimedia presentations II
- Feb. 16 - MS Power Point 8.0, multimedia presentations III
- Feb. 23 - MS Power Point 8.0, multimedia presentations IV

The effort is part of Goals 2000 at the school.



**Student of the Week**  
Cliff Garrett, 16, a member of Nicholas County High School, is this week's student of the week. He is the son of George and Angie Garrett of Carlsle. Cliff is active in Future Farmers of America at school, and enjoys tractor pulls and putting together with friends. His favorite subject is English; however, he hopes to become a diesel mechanic at home and plays with his dog, "Boomer." NCHS principal Doug Hochman, who nominated him for student of the week, said Garrett is a dependable, hard worker and a strong scholar.