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City Council
monthly meeting

The Carlisle City Council will have its regular monthly meeting on Monday night, January 10, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Building.

Fiscal
Court
to meet

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 11, at 4:30 p.m., at the Nicholas County Fiscal Court room.

Nicholas
County
Bookmobile
fall schedule

The Nicholas County Public Library will be at Myers Road, Myers Station, Cassidy Creek Road, and Moorefield on Tuesday, January 11th.

They will be at Headquarters Road, Dog Walk Road, Morning Glory, Johnson Road, and Headstart on Thursday, January 13th.

They will be at Carlisle, Shepherd Hills Apt., Nursing Home, and Assembly of God Day Care on Tuesday, January 19th.

Anyone interested in having the bookmobile stop at your house, please contact the Nicholas County Public Library at 289-5595.

Board of
Education
meeting set

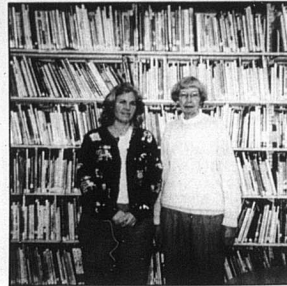
The Nicholas County Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m., instead of Monday, due to the observance of Monday's Holiday.



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Rebecca Reid, left is the new Librarian at Nicholas County Library. Jorita Anderson, right is retiring after 20 years of service.

Nicholas County librarian changes
leadership after Anderson retires

Rebecca "Becky" Reid has been named the new Nicholas County librarian, after the retirement of Jorita Anderson, who had held the position for the past 20 years.

Reid comes the library after being with the Nicholas County Water District for the past two years.

Reid is married to the Greg Reid, who serves as superintendent of the Nicholas County School System. She is the mother of two teenage sons, Richard 16, and Sam 14.

Reid graduated from Morehead State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science

degree. "I will try to continue the fine leadership that Janita has done for the past 20 years," Reid stated to The Carlisle Mercury earlier this week.

Reid's goals for the new millennium is to keep updating the library with the tools of the future and providing quality books and material that the citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County are interested in.

Reid also welcomes any suggestions that you may have. You can call the Nicholas County Library Monday - Friday with your ideas.



A Bicentennial Profile:
Stephen Neal

A treasure of Nicholas County's rich history

denying to any persons within to jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

From the backwoods of Nicholas County, before the time of the Civil War, emerged a figure who would come to shape the history of this country. He would, unknowingly and without credit, provide an entire culture with the means it so desperately needed and deserved to achieve freedom and equality.

The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states that "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor

these words were written by Nicholas County's native son and this writer's great-great-great grandfather, Stephen Neal. Neal was born in 1816, the eighth child of John and Priscilla Neal of Pittsylvania, Co., Virginia. The Neals were direct descendants of Irish settlers, according to my great uncle's genealogy research. In 1819, the Neal family headed west and settled on a Bath County farm, then later moved to a farm in Moorefield.

Stephen spent most of his childhood on the farm, as schools at that time were few and far between. However, he attended as often as possible and, after learning to read and write at the age of seven, became virtually unstoppable in his quest for knowledge. He was a natural born scholar, reading every book he could find, and eventually developing an immense store of information as well as remarkable talents for

writing and speaking eloquently. At eighteen, Neal began studying at the old "academy" in Moorefield under Professor Henry T. Trimble, who was a famous teacher and alumni of Transylvania University. There he learned Greek and Latin. This was to be the extent of his formal education, for at the age of twenty, he began teaching school and spending the rest of his time learning the practice of law in the office of Carlisle Attorney William Norvell.

In 1838, Neal married Frances Ann Johnson of Nicholas County, with whom he would have four children. Two years later he was admitted to the bar in Carlisle. He and Frances then moved to Madison, Indiana, where he worked in the office of Judge Joseph G. Marshall. In 1843, Neal made his final relocation, with his family, to Lebanon, Indiana, just north of Indianapolis. He immediately opened his own law office which would prosper for nearly 50 years. During

this time, he was elected to the Indiana State Legislature. He became an ordained minister in the Christian Church and contributed articles on religion and politics to various magazines and newspapers, including the New York Tribune, on which he worked with a friend, the famous editor Horace Greeley.

In spite of the fact that, for generations, his family had been slaveholders, Neal's just nature forced him to reject slavery. His strong opposition towards it led him to take part in the "Free Soil" movement of the 1840's and 50's. He was instrumental in the establishment of a new, abolitionist Republican party in Indiana. Physically unable to enter military service during the war, he didn't take part in battle. However, his first-born son, Daniel O'Connell Neal, died in service with the Union Army.

After the war, Washington was scrambling to deal with reconstruction and legislation de-

signed to help end the persecution of African-Americans and nullify the "Black Codes" of southern states. The Civil Rights Act of 1866 was the first to define citizenship and protect civil rights within states. Doubts remained in Congress regarding the constitutionality of this act and debates raged as to the measures which should be taken in order to restore government, to no avail.

In April 1866, Congress appointed the Committee of Fifteen which was to handle post-war legislation. Meanwhile, Neal was working on a solution. He believed the problem with the Civil Rights Act could be solved by amending the U.S. Constitution, leaving no doubt as to the act's meaning. In an 1899 letter to a Mr. William D. Guthrie of New York City, Neal relates, "In relation to the debates on the measures of reconstruction and legislation de-

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Disney's "FANTASIA/2000" is here

In celebration of the new millennium, Walt Disney Pictures' FANTASIA/2000 is now playing at the Louisville Science Center IMAX Theater on New Year's Day for an exclusive four-month engagement.

In celebration of this event The Carlisle Mercury is giving away four tickets to the event. All you have to do is subscribe to The Carlisle Mercury and you will be in a drawing to be held on February 1. Tickets may be used at any time up to April 30, 2000.

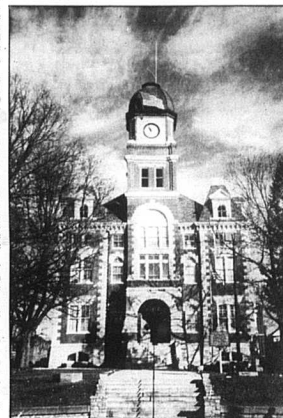
Continuing Walt Disney's bold 1940 experiment in sight and sound, FANTASIA/2000 offers an exciting showcase for the talents of a new generation of Disney animators and filmmakers as they visually interpret classical compositions - by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Respighi, Saint-Saens, Egar, Grieg, and Stravinsky. Originally conceived as a "repertoire program" with changing musical selections, the film returns in time for the millennium with seven new selection plus "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" from the 1940 classic.

World renowned conductor James Levine takes up the baton this time out as he leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Like its pioneering predecessor, this new version of "Fantasia" embraces all the latest technological tools and innovations to tell its stories and create breathtaking imagery. This production is under the personal supervision of Roy E. Disney, who serves as chairman of Walt Disney Feature Animation. Don Ernst was the film's producer.

The Louisville Science Center IMAX Theater is one of the 40 theaters in the United States and 75 theaters worldwide to be showing the 76-minute film, FANTASIA/2000 will be showing until April 30, 2000.

The Louisville Science Center, 727 West Main Street, is a not-for-profit educational institution dedicated to improving public understanding of science, math, and technology through interactive exhibits and programs. The Science Center

houses the only IMAX Theatre in Kentucky, is the state's largest field trip destination, and served over 463,000 people last year. The Science Center receives generous support from the City of Louisville.



A DRASTIC CHANGE IN WEATHER... The weather just a week ago showed snow around the Nicholas County Courthouse. Sunday's weather was a nice change for the winter with temperatures in the 70's. It could be a while till we see temperatures like that again.