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**Hoop Action**

Head coach Nikki Smoot's Lady Jackets lost their season opener to Montgomery county Monday night. The club visits Mason County and hosts Augusta, also this week.

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## Plans for Jockey building in progress

By Elicha Insko  
Staff Writer

Judge-Executive Larry Tischer announced on Monday, Nov. 27, that the Jockey Knitting Plant in Carlisle held the official closing transfer of the Jockey property on Concrete road on Tuesday, Nov. 21. The property consists of the former Sewing Plant and Mechanical Service building being transferred to the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority.

Present at the closing were Jockey Inc. representative Mark Jaeger, Vice-President and General Counsel for Jockey International Inc. Bascom Sorrell, President of Carlisle Knitting Operations, Judge-Executive Larry Tischer, and Blugrass and staff, Jan Schum, Craig McAnnelly and John Belvins. Industrial Authority Members include Mike Pryor chairman, Lanny Hutchinson, Larry Wills and Tom Ockerman. Panel

Masters Inc., Jan Akley and Brady Dunning attorney from Brown Todd and Hayburn.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority will hold possession of the property until the company, Panel Masters Inc. of Kentucky, purchases the property from the authority.

Word from Panel Masters Inc. is they will start operations with approximately 50-60 employees with expectations of 150 employees within 24 months. The company has some equipment but are waiting on some that has been ordered to use in the Carlisle plant.

Tischer said, "At this time we do not have all the information on applications that we need but we were informed they would start taking applications in this project after the 1st of the New Year - with operations to start late February or March of 2001."

He added, "This adventure



Elicha Insko photo Bascom Sorrell, president of the Jockey Carlisle knitting plant, hands over the keys to the facility to Mike Pryor, chairman of the Industrial Authority. Also present were Larry Wills, Lanny Hutchinson, and Tom Ockerman, all members of the Industrial Authority.

has been in process since January of 2000 and thanks to the work of our community, it's starting to shape into a reality.

Tischer would like to thank Jockey International for working with them on the project, our local banks for their letters of support, the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority for helping bring the project together and The Nicholas County Fiscal Court for attending meetings and supporting this project.

Tischer would also like to thank Panel Masters Inc. for their willingness to locate here and the Blugrass Ad District Staff for all their work and efforts in making this project a reality for this community.

"This is a major step for the community and I hope it works out," says Tischer.

Tischer is not exactly sure where applications will be

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## Toys for Tots project accepting donations

Do you have a few extra dollars this holiday season? Do you like to see children's faces light up as they open up their presents from Santa? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then we have

a winter project for you. The Nicholas County Fire Department is now taking new and used toys in good condition to be used for their

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## Students of the Week



**NCHS student of the week**  
Jenny Dryden

This week *The Carlisle Mercury* is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County High School.

Jenny is a Senior at the Nicholas County High School and the daughter of Victor and Angela Dryden. Her interests include softball, academic team, marching band, drama club, yearbook staff, GATE, principal's club and was Governor's Scholar this past summer.

Jenny was nominated by Theresa Hammond because she has outstanding academic ability and puts in time and effort for the Academic team.



**NCES student of the week**  
LaTonya Jackson

This week *The Carlisle Mercury* is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

LaTonya is an 8th grade student at the Nicholas County Elementary School and the daughter of Brenda Jackson.

Her interests include basketball and her favorite class is P.E. She was nominated by Tony Smith and Sandra Sweeney because she works hard and her grades have dramatically improved.



Holly Bussell



Dana Plank



Lindsey Ockerman



Summer Ring

## Snow Queen to be crowned at Parade

By Elicha Insko  
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On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Nicholas County Lions Club will sponsor the annual Christmas Parade to begin at 6 p.m.

The snow queen and princess will be

crowned following the parade on Saturday night. The parade will feature floats and classic cars and trucks.

Representing the Queen's court are four Nicholas County High School Seniors: Lindsay Ockerman, Holly Bussell, Summer Ring and Dana Plank.

Lindsay Ockerman is the 17 year old

daughter of Tom and Patty Ockerman. She is a member of the boy's varsity cheerleading squad, a member of the NCIS marching band, vice-president of the senior class, and a member of the pep club.

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## Corner gets new look and business

By Elicha Insko  
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On Friday, November 24th, The Corner Store opened its doors for business. The store is located at 138 East Main Street.

The new store is owned and operated by Tracy Smith who has been a resident of Nicholas County for the past two and a half years. Her husband Chris Smith is the owner of the building.

"We wanted something in town year round with good prices, and not charging an arm and leg," says Tracy Smith.

The new store carries Carhartt clothing and

accessories as well as other miscellaneous gifts, with future plans to eventually expand to other name brand clothes.

If the store doesn't have what you are looking for in stock, they will order and it usually takes up to two weeks for delivery. Tracy also says, "We have other long term plans. I think we will do good, expand with Carhartt to have a bigger and better selection."

The store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10 until 5 and closed on Sunday's.

The Corner Store invites you to stop in and take a look and maybe do some Christmas shopping.



"The Corner Store" is appropriately located at the corner of Main Street and Broadway. It also is located directly across from the Nicholas County Courthouse.

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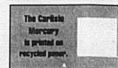
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