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Sports...

Whitney Gray and Tabitha Fryman each scored in double digits last Thursday night as the junior varsity Lady Jackets walloped Lewis County, 55-16, in Vanceburg.



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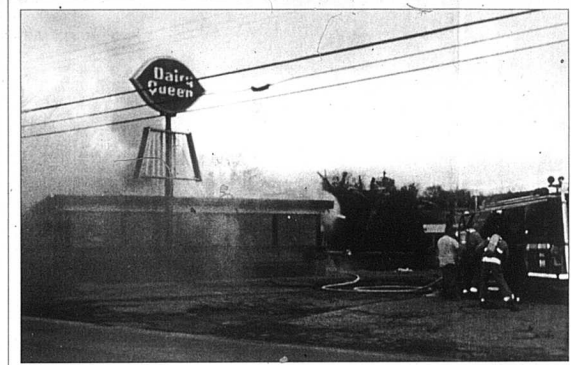
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Members of the Nicholas County Fire Department extinguish the fire at the local Dairy Queen.

Fire damages Dairy Queen

By Elicha Insko
Staff Writer

At approximately 4:45 p.m. on Monday, January 8, the Carlisle City Fire Department responded to a call

at the Dairy Queen.

The Dairy Queen, owned by Licha Farrah and operated by Judy Goins and Bo and Michelle Henry was heavily damaged by smoke and fire.

The fire apparently started in the

grill's exhaust and did extensive damage to the ceiling and the equipment.

The Dairy Queen will remain closed until sometime around March.

Students of the Week



NCHS student of the week Heather Howard

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

Heather is a Senior at the Nicholas County High School and the daughter of Jeff and Beverly Howard.

Her interests include varsity basketball and varsity softball.

Heather was nominated by Theresa Hammonds because she has a positive attitude and strong ethics.



NCES student of the week Meghan Barnett

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

Meghan is in the fourth grade and the daughter of Bobby and Karvel Barnett.

Her interests include little league cheerleading for the Mavericks and playing basketball for the Grizzlies.

Meghan was nominated by Mrs. Kiskaden because she is a delight to have in the classroom. She is always eager to participate and a positive role model for her classmates. She is an excellent student.

Rising gas costs and cold weather causing shortage in winter supplies

By Elicha Insko
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With the cold winter weather we have been experiencing and the rising cost of gas prices, there is definitely a shortage of winter heating supplies.

The cold weather may mean bad business for home owners but for Southern States and other supply stores such as Reid and Vice, business is not bad at all.

Roger Rice, manager at Southern States, told the Carlisle Mercury the store was staying busy with the cold weather. Kerosene heaters seem to be the hottest item.

"We are down to one kerosene heater now, but we do have more on order. The supply store is staying well stocked in winter supplies and we do take orders for gas. We are keeping our shelves well stocked," says Rice.

The Community Action Council announced that because of lack of funds the Winter Care program that assists Nicholas County residents has been shut down.

With the rising cost of gas, those low income families who receive help paying their heating bills through the Community Action Council need to be aware that those funds have been suspended for



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now. Donations for the program are being taken. Kentucky Utilities customers can donate money to the fund through their bills.

It's not clear on how people will be affected by this shortage. The Community Action Council has said if donations are received, the Winter Care Program will be restarted.

Heating help on the way

Government funds help needy residents pay escalating heating bills

Kentucky Financial Assistance Network has just published a booklet, "How To Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

The federal government has budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it," says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network's headquarters in Washington, DC. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tells consumers

how and where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to KY Financial Assistance Network, Government Help For Energy Bills Dept. GHEB-EDU, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Signs of the Times

Scenes such as this one at Reid and Vice are the norm throughout Nicholas County as the area experiences one of its coldest ever winters. Roger Rice, manager at Southern States, says his business and similar businesses are staying busy keeping up with the demand of area residents who want to stay warm.

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