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Flying under a new flag

Carlisle and Nicholas County will now be served by only one in-county newspaper. The Nicholas News and The Carlisle Mercury have both been sold to an investment company, which will take operational control March 1.

The newspaper will be published under a new, single flag, The Carlisle Mercury, The Nicholas County News. The office will be located at 117 S. Locust Street, in the basement of the Deposit Bank building.

The phone number to reach The Mercury will be 289-6425. The fax number will be 289-4000. There will be some additional numbers published in the coming editions.

The mailing address is The Carlisle Mercury, P.O. Box 572, Carlisle, Ky. 40313. This address will change as time goes along.

M.C. Investments is the holding company, which owns the newspaper that is owned by Chris McGehee. He also owns the Breckinridge County Herald-News.

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County awarded emergency funds; deadline March 9

Nicholas County has been chosen to receive \$12,047 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact Margaret Hilliard for an application at 859-289-1172. The deadline for applications is March 9.

Nicholas County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Community Action Council participation. These agencies are responsible for providing energy and housing assistance.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from several national agencies.

The general board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The Local Board made up of Community Action Council, Nicholas County Education Director of Safety Doug Buchanan told members of the Nicholas County School Board, Monday night, that there are several grants in the works, along with an extremely cooperative effort with the City of Carlisle.

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Lady Jackets Region Bound!



For the second straight year, the Nicholas County Lady Jackets have advanced to the 10th region tournament with an upset win, 52-42, over Pendleton County, Tuesday night. NCHS faces Harrison County, Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in Cynthiana.

By Hank Bond
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Bretz was two of two and Hannah Dixon absolutely drained one from beyond the arc and Nicholas had a 27-17 lead.

Brittanie Sosby connected from in the lane to make it 29-17 and when Dixon hit a six-foot baseline jumper the Lady Jackets had pulled ahead 32-20, which was the halftime score.

The third quarter appeared as though it could be the undoing of the Nicholas County run.

After Amanda Hamilton hit one of two free throws to open scoring in the quarter and give NCHS a 33-20 lead, Pendleton County went on a 10-0 run to make it 33-30 with 44 seconds to play in the quarter.

Tara Wilson sank two free throws to push it back out to five, but Pendleton County hit a running lay up with one second left to make it 35-32 going into that decisive final eight minutes.

The fourth quarter was loaded with fouls and free throws.

Between the teams there were 24 free throw attempts in the final quarter.

Although the charity tussles kept Pendleton County in the game for the most part, Tiffany Wilson hit four free throws within 40 seconds and Tara Wilson hit two more and Nicholas County had put together a 49-40 lead with 1:15 left to play.

Pendleton County did hit one more lay-up to cut the margin to 49-42, but three of four free throw shooting by Tiffany Wilson and the Lady

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School board, city walking together

Nicholas County Board of Education Director of Safety Doug Buchanan told members of the Nicholas County School Board, Monday night, that there are several grants in the works, along with an extremely cooperative effort with the City of Carlisle.

City officials have provided the district with enough funds to purchase four door

alarms, to be placed on the doors most difficult to monitor in both buildings.

Everyone will always be able to get out, however if the door is opened the alarm will sound until it is reset," Buchanan said.

These are individual alarms, which will prove to be quite beneficial in building security, he added.

In addition within the safe

route to school program, also in the cooperation with the City of Carlisle, there are several steps being taken to make it safer for children to walk to school.

This can include flashing lights on West Main and Concrete Road, plus some crosswalks to make it safer for those children walking

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Arnold honored for years of service

LEXINGTON - Community Farm Alliance (CFA) has honored Representative Adrian Arnold with the Dorothy Robertson Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing him for his commitment to CFA's principles and family-scale farmers in Kentucky.

A resident of Mt. Sterling, Arnold retired in 2006 after 33 years of service in the Kentucky House of Representatives.

During that time, he was a steadfast champion of rural issues in the Agriculture

and Small Business and the Local Government Committees.

During the presentation, CFA members highlighted key pieces of legislation that Rep. Arnold was instrumental in securing during his career.

Jo Ann Ship of Montgomery County recalled Rep. Arnold's assistance in fighting for local control over solid waste (SB 2).

Without Rep. Arnold, Montgomery County would be under one big landfill, Bath County would be incinerating medical waste and Adington Brothers would be hauling New York's trash to the Kentucky countryside," said Ship.

Since CFA's inception in 1988, Arnold has also worked with members in passing health care reform (HB 200), attaining cost-share assistance for local schools and state parks in a project called Farm-to-Community.

Dorothy Robertson lived in Bethel and was one of CFA's most dedicated leaders, serving as the organization's representative to the

requiring state agencies to purchase Kentucky-grown agricultural products (HB 669).

With the backing of this last directive, affectionately referred to as the "Arnold Act," CFA members in Bath County took the initiative in selling locally-grown products to local schools and state parks in a project called Farm-to-Community.

Dorothy Robertson lived in Bethel and was one of CFA's most dedicated leaders, serving as the organization's representative to the

National Family Farm Coalition for many years.

The award, given annually to a deserving individual, was presented to Rep. Arnold by Ray Robertson, Dorothy's son.

"My mother worked tirelessly for Community Farm Alliance and other farm causes and she knew she had an ally in Adrian Arnold," said Robertson during the presentation.

"Mr. Arnold never let his position go to his head, he

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