

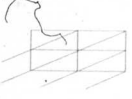
# GENERAL NEWS

## Are you smarter than a 4th grader?

By Stephen Scalf  
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Last month presented an interesting scene at Nicholas County Elementary School. Parents of 4th grade children went back to school. Unlike most back-to-school nights, which are opportunities for parents to sit down with teachers and review their child's progress, last week's program put the parents in the student seat.

The reason: Imagine a 4th grade student asks you for help with a math problem and hands you something that looks like this:



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or like this:

- (Novice) - answers the question and checks work.
- (Apprentice) - properly labels the answer
- (Proficient) - is able to explain the process for solving the problem (using charts and diagrams)
- (Distinguished) - is able to explain using proper terminology (vocabulary) and representations.

A similar scale is used for other subjects. 4th graders are preparing for the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) evaluations that are scheduled to begin May 12. This back-to-school night taught parents some of the methods teachers are using to prepare the students so the children can receive some additional help at home.

## Authority members meet

By Charles Mattox  
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Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority met March 9 at Whitaker Bank in Carlisle and discussed strategies on how to attract new businesses to the area as well as keep those here from fading into obscurity.

Members greeted Paula England of the Blue Grass Area Development District (BGADD). England said she would assist the Authority with information regarding training funding, which may become available to assist with employee relocation and training in Nicholas County.

Authority Chair Duane Kenney and others expressed enthusiasm at England's input and are hoping the assistance of BGADD will expedite the relocation of LC Manufacturing from Bourbon County to Carlisle. LC Manufacturing currently leases the former Jockey Building and company officials had expressed a desire last year to move their production factory to Carlisle when weather permitted.

In other business the Authority:

- Tabled reviewing information regarding board members terms dates and appointment times due to Authority member Judge-Executive Larry Triche's absence.
- Continued discussion on needed repairs to the building leased by Eagle Cycles LLC, with Authority members Phil Pack and Kenney reviewing photographs of the building.
- Discussed sealed bids received regarding materials from Panel Masters abandonment of excess materials.
- Discussed auditors' conclusion of audit period ending June 30, 2008, and payment to Stand-Field CPA.
- Authority members will also be working closely in the future with the new Chamber of Commerce organization, which is beginning to meet regularly.

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# GENERAL NEWS

## Army band to perform at Millersburg Military Ball

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY CADET CORPS (USAC) - The U.S. Army Jazz Band - The Dragons from Fort Knox, Ky. - will be the entertainment for the first Millersburg Military Ball to be held on Friday evening, April 24th. A gourmet dinner will be followed by dancing and an evening of celebration and reminiscing. Further, historic items from the 113-year history of MMI will be on display.

The Ball, which is open to the public, will celebrate the history of Millersburg Military Institute (MMI) and the

future of the U.S. Army Cadet Corps (USAC), which purchased the historic campus in September, 2008.

Additionally, the largest parade in the history of Millersburg - with 37 units registered thus far - will be held on the morning of April 25th, followed by the formal Activation Ceremony for the NCTC. The public is invited to attend. Civil organization - military and civilian - can still register for the "Parade of Cadets."

Reservations for the Millersburg Military Ball, or for the Parade of Cadets, are available

online at [www.goaarmy-cadets.com/100th](http://www.goaarmy-cadets.com/100th), or by visiting the National Cadet Training Center, or calling (859) 484-2100, Extension 23.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

As you and most of Nicholas County must know we have some work to do in Nicholas County to provide a humane place to care for displaced pets. NCAWS is hard at work trying to raise the money for a new shelter as well as a veterinary care and to implement spay-neuter programs and a few days ago a volunteer asked to put a collection jar at a local business and the person who owned this shop said something to the effect of "People can't be worried about dogs when we have families in Carlisle starving."

Now I don't know the full reality of this statement but I do know that stray animals can't go to school and receive free or reduced meals, they can not apply for a job to gain income or file for unemployment, food stamps, medical cards, SSI, KTAG, they can't look to local charities to have their utility bills paid or receive HUD Housing. They can't show up in an emergency room and be given medical treatment regardless of ability to pay. They can't

turn to a neighbor, family or friends to help them. So that is why we should be worried about stray animals.

Look I know times are tough and everyone is feeling the crunch. I am a mother of two amazing children who do not benefit from any type of support from their Father. My son has special needs so believe me when I say I understand the difficulties that most of us are faced with in those trying times. I am just like anyone else who is struggling to make ends meet. I have made robbing from Peter to pay Paul an art form. I know what it is to be on top of the world and I also know what it is to be surrounded in darkness unsure of [whether] or not I would ever see the light of day again, never the less I refuse to sit back and do nothing no matter how much money I do or don't have. No matter how much time I can find to give!

So I beg all that read this to get involved. Lets show everyone that Carlisle is more than the BAD press that seems to surround us all the time. I do not speak

for all of NCAWS as I am just one person surrounded by a group of amazing human beings trying to make a difference. Animal control and welfare is a community-responsibility. Allowing animals to roam free without proper care is a detriment not only to the animals themselves but also to the community as a whole. They cause damage to property; they spread disease, if left to become wild they pose a threat to our physical safety as well as the safety of our pets not to mention the horror of hitting one of them while we are on our way as the safety of our pets has these obvious implications I have to ask,

As a community what message are we sending out when we allow animals to suffer right in front of our eyes? You don't have to be a humanitarian to feel the pain that comes with watching an animal starve, freeze in the winter or be overtaken by injury or disease.

Our local government has a legal responsibility to ensure that stray animals are cared for in a humane way.

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