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A happy occasion

Susanna Jones, left, and Mary Susan Dotson represented the Nicholas County 4-H Club at ceremonies honoring the 75th birthday of A.H. during the Home Fair in Louisville. Friends of A.H. in Kentucky were presented a check for \$200 from the local club, delivered in a birthday card designed by Derek Zachary.

Board approves school tax rate

At a called meeting Monday night, the Nicholas County Board of Education set a general purpose school tax rate for the 1984-85 year of 15.3 cents per \$100 assessment, 14.8 cents special voted, and 40.8 cents for motor vehicles.

Supt. Donald Elder noted that the figures were the lowest possible to comply with state-mandated raise in order to receive power equalization funding.

Mrs. Kathy Carwell and Mrs. Beverly Doyle were hired as teachers, while Mrs. Linda Conroy and Mrs. Catherine Baker were named to the substitute teacher list.

Miss Annette Davis was named varsity cheerleading sponsor and Mrs. Carol Hannon as gym sponsor.

The board also accepted the resignation of Miss Suzanne Davis, an elementary teacher.

BY OTHER BUSINESS the board voted to give \$5 to all students, grades K through 12, to be used towards the purchase of instructional supplies.

Gave the Little League Board of Directors permission to use gym facilities during 1984 season.

Approved budget for coming year.

Granted students 10 days excused

'O, how we need you' plea to blood donors

Central Kentucky Blood Center and the Nicholas County blood committee have scheduled the second blood drive of 1984 in Carlisle next Monday, August 27, at the First United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At least 100 donors are needed at this time.

"All blood types are needed all the time at Central Kentucky Blood Center, however, the need for type O donors is increasing rapidly," a spokesman at CKBC said. "O positive donors are needed because their type is always in demand. More people (one out of three) have O positive blood than any other type. This means rare patients in the 40 hospitals and clinics served by CKBC need type O positive.

"Type O negative donors are needed because their type is so rare. Only one person out of every 10 has type O negative blood. It must be given when needed."

Because the need for type O blood is so great, CKBC asks donors to give blood regularly.

"Many people who have not donated have type O blood. You are needed to help meet the needs of patients in Nicholas County Hospital," it was pointed out.

For information about donating call Phil Hastings at 280-7062.

Two more file for seat on board of education

Two more candidates — Marion Sims Jr. and Bradley Schuchling — have filed for a seat on the Nicholas County Board of Education.

Sims, who filed Aug. 19, will be opposed by William E. (Bully) Hunter, present board chairman in District 4, Schuchling, who filed Monday, joins Mrs. Rose Marie Farris and John

County lowers '84 tax rate

Fiscal court has set the county tax rate for all real and tangible property for tax year 1984 at 15.3 cents per \$100 assessment. This includes real estate, personal property other than motor vehicles and motor vehicles.

The new rate represents a slight decrease from 1983 tax rate of 15.7 cents on real estate and 15.3 cents on tangible property.

The court at its August 13 meeting also set the Volad General Hospital bond sinking fund rate for tax year '84 on all real and tangible property at 17 cents per \$100 assessment, down from 20.6 cents a year ago.

THE COUNTY will be paying more for its employee insurance coverage.

Robert Montgomery, representing Blue Cross/Blue Shield, discussed the rate raise from \$11.45 per month, now being paid, to \$66.40 for a single person and from \$11.45 to \$74 for a family contract.

After hearing two other options which offered less insurance coverage, the magistrate voted to continue the present coverage for individuals at \$66.40. This same amount would be applied towards a family policy, leaving the remaining \$108.20 to be paid by the policy holder.

Kenneth and Darlene Thornburg requested an extension on their lease of the gym (Ken-Dart) at the old armory building. Court agreed to renew the lease for two years at \$1,000 per year, with an option at the end of this period of one to five more years. Either party may terminate the arrangement following a 30-day notice.

THE ROAD Department was authorized to help with dirt and seeding improvements needed at the landfill, with work beginning last Monday, Aug. 20.

Jimmy Sepp has been employed to work for the Road Department at \$3.30 per hour, effective Aug. 17.

The next meeting of Fiscal Court is scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 1.



Reserve grand champion!

Uble, owned and shown by Fred Day of Carlisle, was judged 1984 reserve grand champion steer in A.H. beef cattle competition of the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville last Wednesday. Uble, shown here with

Carroll County A.H. agent Owen Pinn, at right, next month. (See Here Abouts, page 7.)

State police, agents destroy marijuana field; no arrests made

A field of marijuana with an estimated street value of anywhere from \$20,000 to \$10 million was destroyed here Wednesday night, August 15, by Kentucky State Police and agents of the state Alcohol Beverage Control Department.

Lester Cole, supervisor for ABC eastern district and Carl Hannon, his counterpart in the western district, led state police about 8 p.m. Wednesday after receiving a tip "from a reliable source" that marijuana was being cultivated in an isolated section of the county, about five miles east of Carlisle on Scrub Grass Road.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, no arrests had been made.

Cole said that 2,000 plants were growing about 12 inches apart in a plot measuring 90 feet by 200 feet, a little less than an acre.

PLANTS MEASURED from 12 to 14 feet in height and were ready for cutting, Cole said.

"Our expectations are that the field would have been harvested within a week had we not moved in," he said last Thursday.

Cole also said that 20-25 plants had been removed from the middle of the field before officials arrived on the scene. He put a \$1 million price tag on the illegal hemp field.

CAPTAIN DALE, former of the Kentucky State Police post in Dry Ridge set the street value dollar amount at \$10 million. He said it was among the largest fields ever discovered in this area, prior to a later discovery of an 18 million field, marijuana, in neighboring Fleming County two days later.

Kentucky State Police and ABC agents worked throughout the night to destroy the marijuana here. Three plants were taken as evidence.

"As marijuana goes, it was a beautiful field of plants," Cole said.

Cole refused to divulge the exact location or the name of the property owner. It is still under investigation. He is trying to determine if the field was leased to another person," he said last Thursday.

LOCAL LAW enforcement officers were not involved in the search and destroy mission but were on the scene the following morning. Sheriff Charles King noted that horse tracks leading to the field indicated that was the way the grower or growers gained access to the area. Vehicle tracks made earlier by investigating officers also contained fresh horse tracks, evidently made after the state team had destroyed the plants and left the scene, King said.

King also described the marijuana as "big and tall." He said the plot measured 70 feet by 200 feet and contained 2,000 plants, worth between \$20,000 to \$60,000, based on an average price of \$300 per stalk.

King said because the plants were extra large and leafy the street value might run as high as \$60,000.

Fire destroys parked car

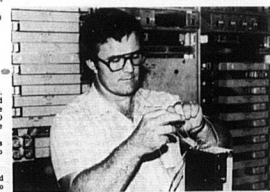
A 1977 Pontiac, parked at the home of David Smith on Crayton Creek Road in Carlisle, was destroyed by fire about 5:30 a.m. Monday, August 20.

Nicholas County Fire Dept. chief Mark Hagler said Smith heard a loud noise, looked out and saw the car on fire. A short time to have caused the fire, since the automobile had not been driven since Sunday afternoon.

Legion fish fry Saturday night

The annual American Legion fish fry will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Carlisle City Tavern.

All members of Post 17 and their families are invited.



An added 'touch'

J.D. Turner, South Central Bell switching equipment technician, prepares Touch-Tone equipment for installation.

Phoning made easy: just push a button

Telephone customers in Carlisle are now able to make calls on Touch-Tone telephones, featuring push buttons instead of dials, according to Carl Sims, district manager for South Central Bell.

Special equipment has been installed in recent weeks in the Carlisle central office to make it possible for both Touch-Tone and dial phones to operate through the same facilities.

To arrange for Touch-Tone service, residence customers should call 1-800-566-3111. All calls are toll free.

Business customers should call 1-800-566-3111. All calls are toll free.

Some confusion among residents.

Under a new state law, these personal property tax payments must be made at the time car and truck licenses are issued, through the county clerk's office.

News briefs

Evening classes set for adults, students

Nicholas County Schools will offer a series of adult and student evening classes in home economics and vocational agriculture during the 1984-85 school year.

Other classes may also be available in computer literacy, photography, art, typing and income tax preparation, depending on the interest expressed in each area.

Classes will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 one night a week, from one week to six weeks. Dates will depend on availability of classroom space and teachers.

Some classes may require a fee for materials.

According to Supt. Donald G. Elder, "We will try to arrange to offer any

Story headline causes confusion

Only city personal property taxes on cars and trucks will be collected by the county clerk starting in January 1985, county clerk Mary Tapp said that a headline in last week's paper had confused the term "personal," causing

Larry Hopkins here August 27

Congressman Larry Hopkins will be in Carlisle Monday, August 27 from 11 a.m. at the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center on West Main Street.