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Parents meet with educators to air grievances

## Coach, athletics come under fire

by Jennie H. Duncan  
"I'm glad you all got everything off your chests. Now that night to make you all feel much better."

That was the comment of Bill Hunter, chairman of the Nicholas County Board of Education, at the conclusion of a two-hour board meeting Monday night that attracted some 40 concerned parents and students who voiced opinions, suggestions and grievances aimed at the school's athletic program and coaching staff.

But "getting it off their chests" might not have been the case, since most parents had prepared notes several pages long which contained carefully thought-out ideas and opinions which they obviously felt strongly about.

Eddie Day, in a lengthy presentation, summed up what he feels is needed to improve and maintain a strong athletic

program by saying, "The main key is starting in the elementary school by providing coaches and strong balance (for basketball and football)." Also, "We need the superintendent, principals, teachers and county citizens working together behind the program. It's taken us four or five years to get to the shape we're in, and it's going to take everyone working together to get it straightened out."

At the onset of the meeting Hunter explained that 26 persons had signed up to speak before the board, and that each one would be given three minutes to express their ideas.

Cheryl Sarna was the first parent to speak. He voiced strong negative opinions concerning high school basketball coach Mike Kenney, as did several other parents. Some of these opinions were: Kenney's inability to

control his temper; players did not respect their coach because he has not earned that respect; that there were no awards trophies because Coach Kenney reportedly has said one player would get them (awards); and no senior's rights to hold dance three minutes drive by a close, but other parents relinquished their time in order for him to continue. He concluded by asking that Kenney be removed from his coaching duties. The time limit was not rigidly enforced from there on and the board allowed speakers to finish what they had to say.

From high school senior and basketball team member Doug McCord came the comment, "Our coach didn't motivate us."

Another student and team member, Darren Robinson, voiced the only positive opinion at the meeting concerning Kenney by saying, "When I was a freshman, I went from 17" to 7.7. I was fat, weak and awkward. Coach Kenney helped me, and told me I had to work a forward position. Also, "How you play on the floor is within yourself. He (Kenney) can try to teach you, but it has to be within you."

Robinson and McCord both complained that the gym was not open enough after school hours and on weekends for practicing on their own. Robinson goes to the local elementary school on weekends at a cost of \$2.00 charged by the school for practice. According to Robinson, the justice is always great at these practice sessions.



Attend tobacco program  
Pictured are some of the 106 farmers and their wives who attended the countywide tobacco program and dinner held Monday night at the elementary school cafeteria. —Mercury photo

## Troubled tobacco program offered very little solace

by Emily A. Well  
There's going to be some kind of change in the tobacco program and farmers might just as well be preparing for it. That was the opinion of two keynote speakers at a special countywide tobacco meeting Monday night at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Some 106 persons were on hand to hear Gary Palmer, UK tobacco specialist and Wilson Housigan, UK agriculture policy and government program analyst, who were introduced at the dinner meeting by Mike Phillips, Nicholas County Extension agent for agriculture.

Housigan traced the decline in per capita consumption of kury to recent years, noting that imports, health issues and overpricing have taken their toll.

"For example, tobacco companies pay \$1.50 for an imported burley compared with 11¢ for the locally grown leaf. They (the tobacco companies) look for profit," Housigan said.

THE PRICE SUPPORT program could be saved, it is felt, but it would take cooperation between growers, manufacturers, Congress and the Reagan administration.

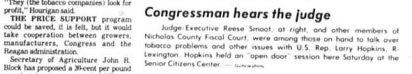
Secretary of Agriculture John H. Block has proposed a 30-cent per pound need-cost assessment on the 1985 crop, up from nine cents levied on this year's crop, and over price support levels.

Housigan feels that at 30 cents farmers might vote out the program next March. (A two-thirds vote of growers is necessary to pass the referendum, which ends after the 1985 crop year. As Phillips pointed out, "that means it takes only one-third of the growers to vote out.")

BECAUSE IT COSTS approximately \$100 million to pay the interest on past tobacco from 1962 alone and since it costs about \$300 million over the last three years to underwrite the pool costs (purchase, process and storage charges) the most assessment increase would mean there is no point out.

Currently over 57 million pounds of burley are in the pool. Next year's effective quota has been set at 30 million pounds.

"Speaking in Washington, Sen. Wendell Ford is optimistic about negotiations with W.J. Hoffeld, the Tobacco Co. which could lead to the program," Housigan said.



Congressman hears the judge  
Judge Executive Reese Smoot (right) and other members of Nicholas County Fiscal Court were among those on hand to talk over tobacco problems and other issues with U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins, R-Levington, Hopkins held an "open door" session here Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. —Mercury photo

## BGK-made underwear ad wins Ms. Liberty Award

Jackey International was one of five recipients of the fourth annual "Ms. Liberty Award," presented by Women Against Pornography, a national feminist organization, with offices in New York City.

The "Ms. Liberty" award is the highest "Director's" Award was presented to Jackey International for having the most original and creative advertising to answer the problem of how to sell its "Jockey For Her" line of underwear without exaggerating the woman's size.

The ad features a woman in her underwear in a "realistic" situation.

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The Jockey For Her line is currently made for Jockey International at Blue Grass Knitting plants in Carlisle, Mt. Vernon and Marysville.

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100 donors needed at blood drive  
Central Kentucky Blood Center and the Nicholas County blood committee have scheduled the first blood drive of 1985 in Carlisle for Monday, March 18, at the First United Methodist Church from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. At least 100 donors are needed at this drive.

A blood donation is a relatively simple, vital procedure requiring less than an hour's time. When registering the retester will ask your name, address and other basic information. During medical screening, a "mini-physical" is completed to determine your eligibility as a donor. Generally speaking, if you are in good health and between the ages of 17 and 60 you probably are eligible to donate.

The donation is usually completed in five to eight minutes, followed by relaxing with refreshments for about 15 minutes before returning to regular activities.

Persons with questions should call Phil Hastings, local chairman, at 285-7962 or visit the blood drive.

## June 7 last day of school

June 7 will be the last day of school for students and staff, as a result of a revised calendar adopted at the March 13 meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education.

School was originally scheduled to end May 23 but was extended 13 days due to being closed during the winter storm. Having to make up just 13 days (instead of the usual 19 days of missed instruction) was achieved by taking 10 teacher days for which the district was eligible.

Also, three days of spring vacation set for April 8, 9 and 10 were cancelled. There will be no school April 11 and 12 while teachers attend RLA Conference.

In addition, schools will be closed Thursday, June 6, a professional day for teachers.

Continuance exercises will take place Sunday, June 9.

Pre-arrival registration for Kindergarten, Head Start and NEW first grade students is scheduled for Friday, April 1. Times will be announced at a later date.



Coaches and athletics is topic  
Pictured are some of the 45 persons who attended Monday night's School Board meeting in the high school cafeteria. The school's athletic department and coaching staff were discussed. From left, is Mrs. Linda Woolley, Served on table clockwise from left are Clyde Sarna, Mrs. Bonnie Fryman, Mrs. Josie Hughes and Mrs. Lou Mitchell. Top left, partially hidden is Tom Fryman and Debbie Hillier. —Mercury photo

## State grants distributed

Distribution of previously announced state funding grants were approved at the March 11 meeting of the fiscal court.

A total of \$438 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, from a special emergency fund for snow and ice removal this winter, was deposited in the County Road and Bridge Fund to be added to road maintenance labor.

Additionally, court voted to reimburse the Carlisle-Nicholas County Recreation Department some \$486.50 from money received from the State Treasurer and earmarked for the recreation board.

AS PART of a budget appropriation for fiscal year 1984-85 court authorized payment of \$200 from the Revenue Sharing Fund to the Senior Citizens Program.

The magistrate also gave permission to County Attorney Joseph H. Coaker to leave \$1,000.00 in his delinquent tax collection account and approved the settlement on 1984 commissions on delinquent tax collections which he presented to the court.

A request by Margaret Hunter of Community Action for \$200 towards the elderly garden project was approved, with money coming from the continuity fund of the Revenue Sharing Fund.



Provides offensive punch  
Darren (Dart) Robinson is expected to provide a lot of offensive punch for the Bluebirds baseball team this spring. The big 200-plus pound senior cobbler a pinch from assistant coach Charlie Durham during practice last week. —Mercury photo

ALSO APPROVED was the hiring of Glenn Cady by the County Road Department to work at the quarry for \$2.50 per hour.

A decision on purchasing a copying machine for the County Education Office, as requested by agent Mike Phillips was deferred to a later date.

The next regular meeting is scheduled Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.