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School board to study disease policy

By Ronny East
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Nicholas County Board of Education took action on a recommendation from Commonwealth Disease Control requesting school districts formulate a policy regarding communicable diseases.

In Monday night's regular meeting, the board reviewed the proposal which addresses confidentiality in dealing with any case involving a contagious disease.

Superintendent Donald Elder told the board, "They're concerned with who to inform, should a situation arise."

Several board members expressed concern over the impact of the proposal as written.

"I would want to have of there was any possibility of a serious illness being spread around the school," said board member John Cleaver.

Elder suggested the board come up with its own proposal, if the one submitted is unsatisfactory.

"A clear bill of health from the health department is good enough for me," said Elder.

According to local attorney Betty Hopkins, Kentucky statutes specify who should be taken into custody in case of a disease of this nature, without need for a board policy.

In other business, Elder relayed communications from the Nicholas County Schools Drug Task Force, NCHS Student Council and members of the community on making the school parking lot available to students Friday and Saturday nights, under supervision.

Board member Louise Zachary asked if this would take place June through August and suggested a

City tax under fire

By Janie H. Duncan
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The recently imposed city income tax came under fire by four concerned citizens at the regular monthly meeting of City Council Monday night.

First to speak was Mrs. Roy Gause who contacted a baby-sitting service in her home and who received a license tax notice in January.

"She H. Fryman and I are the only baby-sitters in Carlisle, operating out of our homes privately, to get a license notice. I think we're being discriminated against."

She further stated she and Fryman came up with 11 to 20 names of persons baby-sitting in Carlisle. Fryman said she is licensed to operate a baby-sitting service in her home.

Gause stated that she was told in January by Mayor Lee Beitz that she did not have to pay a later charge if she did not pay the fee by the February 8 deadline.

Council members Clarence Card and Carlisle Lister felt the mayor should not have exempted Mrs. Gause from the late charge.

"When you go to a doctor who gets a tax notice," Lister stated Council. That question was put to the Mayor and Council several times not only by Mrs. Gause, but by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dale. Finally, the mayor replied, "Here in the office."

City Clerk Mary Tapp said that she had made up the list, and that it had been reviewed by several Council members, some of whom denied they had seen the list.

Ordinance to be redrawn

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City Council voted to dispense with collecting penalties for late charges until the ordinance is rewritten.

Originally the number of businesses in Carlisle to receive the tax notice was approximately 75. To date, Clerk Tapp said Council 17 notices have been sent out.

New fire truck discussed
Bill Vignocchi, a representative of Warren Fire Equipment in Northern Kentucky discussed with Council the cost and payment plans available on the purchase of a new fire truck.

Assistant Fire Chief Tommy Crawford told Council that the truck they use now is 20 years old, and it would pass inspection as a back-up truck only. According to Crawford, the department is required to have a main truck and a back-up truck for adequate fire protection.

Council told Council members that a basic truck cost around \$10,000. With desired equipment, the truck cost would increase to \$12,000. He also said the kind of equipment on the truck could increase or decrease the amount of insurance an agency would allow on the truck.

He also stated there is a 10 year run-through warranty on a water tank, and a two-year pump warranty. Also, that the engine is diesel because a diesel engine does not overheat when stationary pumping at a fire site.

Vignocchi presented a minimum standard equipment outline to be used in drawing up a bid notice which will be advertised. He suggested including the truck and equipment separately.

A resolution was introduced which authorizes Mayor Beitz to sign the grant application on the sewer project as completed by Ingersoll A/E/C.

Farmers need card

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On February 19 at 7:00 a.m. farmers, who missed our first meeting, may apply for more than 100,000 acres of farmland.

Those who do not have a personal card authorizing the purchase, will be added to the "little courtroom" in the County Courthouse.

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Dropout

By Mark Bond
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Even though dropout figures for Nicholas County Schools have improved substantially over the past three years, it is a topic of concern.

All across Kentucky school systems are taking as many steps as possible to help students complete their education, even when problems do arise.

In Nicholas County it's no different, as Betty Lynn Conrad, director of special personnel for Nicholas County Schools explains.

"The steps became more complicated, and covered a longer period of time, before a student would be allowed to actually withdraw from school."

Parents

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"However, if the parents would consent in writing, the student would be able to leave that day."

"This program did little to deter children from dropping out of school. In fact, the number of dropouts declined very little."

"This was all changed a little later," Conrad explained.

"During a special session of the legislature, a new law was passed which changed the way a student could withdraw."

"This has made a great deal of difference."

"The steps became more complicated, and covered a longer period of time, before a student would be allowed to actually withdraw from school."

"Now the parents must come to the school and give notification that they are planning to withdraw from school."

"Once this notification is made under the new law, there is a 60 day probation period, before the student is actually allowed to terminate his or her public education."

Next: Some comments from those who have dropped out of school.

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"We will take a look at the case schedule and give as much assistance as possible to get the student back on the right track, and working toward completing the year."

"Also, at sometime during the probation, the parents must come to the school and view a video recording produced by the state. This video shows the disadvantages of the student withdrawing, including the hardship it will put on the student."

"However, at the end of 60 days, if the parents are still intent on allowing the student to withdraw from school, they will be allowed to do so," Conrad explained.

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She Kirby (left) and Wilbert Winkle, sponsors of the Nicholas County High School Ecology Club, are shown selling candy at the high school during breaks. The club sponsors the sale of the candy each day as a means of raising money for their club activities each year. — Bill Gaudin Photo.



Eyes and ears

By Mark Bond
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Members of the Nicholas County High School newspaper staff for 1986-87 are: front row, left, Carol Bond, Leann Carrett, Carla Evans, Nina Viduffler, Sarah Blunt, Sandy Warner, Middle row: Pam Kirby, Pat Tucker, Wanda Eckler, Pat Dale, Cyndi Miller, Pam Leonard, Back row: Ms. Harbison, Melissa Crowder, Todd Gause, Brad Wilson, Brian Johnson, Melissa Section. — Bill Gaudin Photo.

