GENERAL NEWS

Joshua Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guthrie of Carlisle and a freshman at Nicholas County High School, was elected recording secretary of Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow, at the organization's Winter Banquet in Lexington on March 7, 1987. The Order of the Arrow is an adjunct organization of the Boy Scouts of America. Its purpose is to strengthen the Outdoor program in Scouting. Joshua will be responsible for all records of the Lodge. He is Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 58 of Carlisle, a Life Scout, responsible for all records of the Order. He was a member of the Bluegrass Council Contingent to the National Scout Jamboree in 1985, a participant in the National Order of the Arrow Trek to Philmont Scout ranch in New Mexico in 1986 and a member of the Blue Grass Council Contingent to Philmont in 1986. Joshua is pictured with lay advisor Tommy Martin and Kawida Lodge Chief Allen Scott. — Bill Guthrie Photo.

Court hears rough . . . . . .

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to retain additional surplus in preparing for the years ahead."

One comparison, Spaulding offered, with the difference in the carry over from last fiscal year, to what has been projected for this year.

In Revenue Sharing, Nicholas County was able to carry over $97,383 last year. The projected carry over for this year is expected to be about $23,000.

A marked reduction, and a problem compounded by the fact there will be no additional receipts from revenue sharing this year, or in the future.

Spaulding also told the court: "The appropriation ledger free balance used in the analysis is the amount of budgeted expenditures remaining for the current fiscal year. Since merely appropriating funds does not guarantee that those funds will be realized careful monitoring of fund balances is essential to assure that expenditures do not exceed receipts.

The budget analysis also included a detailed breakdown of the items for each budget area.

Items included projected and budgeted expenses, along with a look at the long range spending predicted for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Spaulding's analysis was based on figures at the close of county business, February 28, 1987.

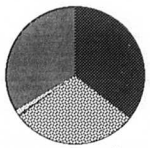
Spaulding told the court this was her best analysis of how the budget looks now and how it will fare on July 1.

She also pointed out to the court, she certainly could not control and additional expenses the county may have the remainder of the fiscal year, which have not been budgeted.

She also pointed out on several occasions during her talk, that the budget revenue projections were on a best guess basis.

Nicholas County High School teacher Peter Chamness was dressed for a formal affair as he taught his classes at the high school last week.

Budget Analysis	Balance 2-28	Percent	Est. Receipts	Free Bal	7-1-87 bal	Percent
General Fund	$93,791.00	35.51%	$62,442.00	$111289.00	$40944.00	54.64%
Road Fund	$77,162.00	29.21%	$67,500.00	$173984.00	$678.00	0.90%
Jail Fund	$1,416.00	0.54%	$6,549.00	$19618.00	$3046.00	4.06%
LGEA Fund	$3,251.00	1.23%	$7,425.00	$17755.00	$6893.00	9.20%
Revenue Sharing	$88,526.00	33.51%	$0.00	$66153.00	$23372.00	31.19%
Total	$264,146.00		$145,916.00	$389009.00	$74933.00	



February 28, 1987
Balance In Accounts

- General Fund 35.5%
- Road Fund 29.2%
- Jail Fund 0.5%
- LGEA Fund 1.2%
- Revenue Sharing 33.5%

Figures are estimates

Mercury Graph

Forum draws . . . . . .

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Fayette County Health Department, 10 Kentucky counties offer family life education courses in their school systems.

Another 10-12 Kentucky schools offer the course on a consulting basis, where Family Life Educators train the schools' teachers to teach the course.

"The program has been so successful because the courses are based on each school's needs." Jordan explained.

"We use other schools' programs for a background, but no program is exactly the same. The courses are designed especially for each school," she continued.

Contents of the course will be appropriate to the age of the students participating.

The course is planned to be taught one period daily for five days in grades 5-8, and for 10 days in grade 9.

First day of the fifth and sixth grade program will be spent with males and females together.

Time will be spent for the teacher and class to get acquainted, establish rapport, and provide an introduction of the general subject and purpose of the course.

The second and third days will be spent with males and females separated, discussing development of anatomy, reproduction, physiology, emotions and personal responsibility as a general concept.

The students will spend the last two days as a group discussing healthy family relationships and evaluating the program.

Seventh and eighth graders will spend the first two days as a group discussing family relationships, puberty and emotional development.

The third day the males and females will be separated, discussing development of anatomy, reproduction, physiology and reproduction.

Dating, sexual issues, saying "no", contraception, responsibility and an evaluation of the program will be the topic of the fourth and fifth days, when the students will be together.

Ninth grade students will spend the entire 10-day program as a group, discussing anatomy, reproduction, birth control, pregnancy, childbirth, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual behavior, dating, teen marriages, parenting and an evaluation of the program.

The program will be revised each year as students move up in grade level to avoid repetition.

Students participating will be encouraged to instigate discussions with their parents.

"Parents should be the primary sex educators, with the school backing them up with factual matter," Scott said.

"Parents and churches play an important role in establishing morals and values," he added.

Parents against the courses being taught in the school system offered their arguments.

"It should be the parents place to teach these things to their children, not the school," one parent said.

"If I don't let my child participate, what affect will the other children have on my child when discussing the classes?"

"Will the classes be voted mandatory in the future?"

"Will contraceptives be handed out?"

"These children are not thinking about sex right now, but they will be after attending these classes."

On the other side . . .

"It is obvious that everyone here cares about their children, or they wouldn't be here. But there are parents who don't care and don't take the time to teach their children about sex, or about morals and values," one parent, who is for classes, said.

"Children are more apt to believe what they learn in school than what their parents are trying to tell them.

"These children are thinking about sex right now. They are already talking about it among themselves. Isn't it better they get the facts from educated personnel than from each other?"

Again, it was pointed out, those children not receiving parental approval for attendance of classes will not be required to attend.

According to Jordan, children not participating in the program will be given another assignment while the course is going on.

"The program is not set in concrete," Jordan stated.

"Topics can be added or deleted without throwing the whole program out.

"Since the program started 10 years ago, no school has made the course mandatory," Jordan concluded.

Arguments surfaced from those opposing the program that there was not enough notice of the meeting given for everyone interested to attend.

An article appeared on the front page of the March 19 issue of The Carlisle Mercury, urging parents and other interested members of the community to attend.

A memo was also sent home with each student the day before the meeting.

The notices went home the day they were supplied to the school for distribution.

Some felt another meeting should be held.

"I was given the same notice as everyone else and I'm here," one concerned parent stated.

"If these people cared so much, why aren't they here?" asked another.

The majority voted not to have another meeting and to offer family life education courses to grades 5-9.

Along with Jordan, Fayette County Health Department was also represented by Richard Franklin, Family Life Educator.

Wedco Health District was represented by Maggie Cooke-Nosle, Juanita Wilkerson, and Lee Rose.

A total of 85 people were in attendance.

Nicholas County School Board members did not take an official action on a request from those attending concerning the board's stand.

Board members present voiced agreement in allowing the majority rule, of those attending, as to whether the classes should be offered or not.

According to one official, the school system will work with the officials of the Family Life Program, as to when the program will actually start.

The program could begin as early as this spring, or be delayed until next school year.

Dawn Curran Letcher, sophomore Pre-Law student at Morehead State University, spoke to Charity Griffith's science classes at Nicholas County Elementary School last week. A 1982 graduate of Nicholas County High School, Dawn was the winner of the Northeast Regional Science Fair at M. S. U. and a participant in the National fair of Science and Engineering at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is a Dean's List student at Morehead State and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Curran. Under the sponsorship of the Department of Psychology at M. S. U., Dawn will be traveling to Raleigh, North Carolina in April to participate in the National Science Convention. — Bill Guthrie Photo.

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The Nicholas County High School Drama Club will present the play "Hi and Sis In New York" on Thursday, April 2, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Admission will be $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for students. The cast members include (front, l-r): Tracy Manley, Alana Estle, Cinda Ritchie, Pat Dale, Jennifer Hancock. The cast members include (back, l-r): Kelly Howard, Janie Halsey and Shannon Ziegler; (back, l-r): Carol Bond, Pam Kirby, Chris Knapke, Neal McLeslie, Tom Cobb, Cindy Clark and Theresa Oakley. — Bill Guthrie Photo.

Ford's Footnotes

By Senator Ed Ford

We have passed the halfway point in the 1986-87 interim as several major issues surface to be discussed.

As is usual in all discussions of the General Assembly, the budget emerges as the dominant issue.

Council . . . . . .

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must carry insurance.

Watson explained that if Jockey leased the line, it could be named as an additional insured [illegible] with Jockey paying any additional premium.

Watson further explained the state could require a long term lease between the city and Jockey on the water line.

The state might also require an escrow or endowment fund be set up out of grant money for the proposed sewer project to cover additional insurance premiums and maintenance.

Lester asked Vanlandingham what the cost of maintenance would be on the water line.

Vanlandingham replied that a normal yearly cost would be $3,000 to $5,000. But he emphasized it is impossible to say exactly how much is required, because "nobody can predict what's going to happen to that line. A leak could cost from $150 to $1,000," depending on the nature of the leak.

Vanlandingham said sometimes it takes hours to find a leak that takes only minutes to repair.

He did agree with Lester that the pressure on the line would be reduced once the project is completed.

Council members Lester and Clarence Cord were very vocal in their insistence that an agreement be worked out between the city and Jockey this week, because of the time element on the grant application for money to fund the proposed sewer project.

At the close of the meeting, it was agreed that M. C. Blair Insurance would be contacted concerning additional coverage on the water line; and that Jockey would be contacted concerning an agreement to lease on the line.

Betty Barton served refreshments to council members in honor of Jeff Tyrer's birthday.

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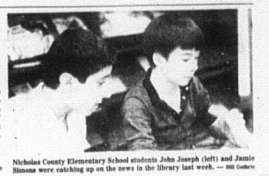
Rose Brady completes two courses

Rose Brady, Property Valuation Administrator for Nicholas County, has completed two more IAAO Real Estate Courses. These courses each require 30 hours of classroom instruction with a final examination. All courses are designed to give practical information useful for assessing property.

Mrs. Brady has attended five courses while serving as PVA including the IAAO Course #4 at Cumberland State Park, February 2-6. The course is titled Assessment Administration and teaches work management, office budgeting, personnel matters, and public relations in connection with assessment problems.

The next course was Course #303 and was conducted at General Butler State Park on March 2-6. The course titled Computer-Assisted Assessment Systems, teaches the history and operations of computer systems and the types of computers and how they differ.



Nicholas County Elementary School students John Joseph (left) and Jamie Simons were catching up on the news in the library last week. — Bill Guthrie Photo.

Hopkins begins fifth term

U. S. Representative Larry J. Hopkins begins his fifth term in office this year, gaining seniority in the Kentucky delegation and within the two committees on which he serves.

Hopkins has been appointed to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts of the House Agriculture Committee.

Issues brucial to the tobacco farmers of the Sixth District — trade, barley quotas, advertising and public smoking bans — arise under the aegis of the Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee, giving Congressman Hopkins the opportunity to have day-to-day impact in representing the best interests of the Sixth District.

He also gains the ranking of Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Investigations Subcommittee.

Hopkins is now the sixth ranking member of the 42-member Armed Services Committee.

Leading committee members on Investigations also provides Congressman Hopkins with many opportunities to help Central Kentuckians.

The reason for the added state revenue is that with new lower federal tax rates in effect, Kentuckians will have less to deduct on their state income tax returns under the category of federal taxes paid.

Other issues that are emerging include Education, Transportation, Liability Insurance, Workers Compensation, Prisons, Human Services and Economic Development to name only a few.

As issues of interest to you develop, please feel free to share your concerns with me. You may contact me at the State Legislature, Frankfort, 40601 or at my home, 319 East Pike Street, Cynthiana, 41031.

Larry Hopkins

Department has requested an additional half billion dollars to implement a Chemical Demilitarization plan, which is being driven by a 1994 deadline chosen arbitrarily, at the Army's suggestion.

"I intend to introduce legislation extending the 1994 deadline so that Congress will realize that the demil process must be driven by public safety considerations, not arbitrary bureaucratic schedules."

Hopkins expects the 100th Congress to deal with issues concerning the federal deficit, trade, the insurance crisis, catastrophic illness protection, educational improvements and arms control, as well as the dumpsailing issue of competitiveness of American business, industry and agriculture.

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