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## N.C. Court receives state road funds, discusses senior center

By Chip Miller  
of The Daily News Star  
Nicholas County Fiscal Court designated rural county roads to be repaired from leftover funds of the State Highway Department, February 10.

Court said it is annual county road aid funds the state highway department contributes.

Three representatives from the Flemingsburg District Office of the State Highway Department were given a list of rural county roads, one from each magistrate in his district.

Magistrate Orville Atkinson was absent from court.

District highway engineer Jim Brown said road aid offered to Nicholas County is in the amount of \$80,000.

Court adopted a resolution for the road aid and passed it unanimously.

Magistrate Elmo Myers suggested Goose Creek Pike, Magistrate Earl French, Upper Shaysburg road, Magistrate Melvin Fryman, Dog Walk road, Magistrate Floyd Bassell, Hickory Ridge Road, Judge Executive Haves Smoot offered Ox Bow Road for Atkinson's district.

Court discussed the request for funds by Community Action for garden seeds.

Court turned down the request based on a lack of future funds.

Court discussed purchasing

equipment for Morning Glory Road after getting a permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Court discussed the problem with water from a stream washing over the road and have had a complaint of the water freezing, making the crossing impassable.

Fryman brought up questions county employees had on pay increases at the Nicholas County Community Senior Citizens Center.

Court decided to wait until 2 p.m. that afternoon until two representatives of Bluegrass A.D.D., Development District would be in to discuss the matter with Nicholas County Attorney Jack Cooley.

Court last standing if it is the court's responsibility regarding budget appropriations and handling of financial matters for the Senior Citizens Center.

Court reappointed Kenneth Stephenson for three more years to the Nicholas County Fire Board.

Court passed the nomination from James for Bobby Price to fill Robert Williams term on the board.

Williams had one year left of his term. Smoot said Williams wanted to resign.

Bobby Crockett requested to purchase a tractor computer from the county, because of trouble with city trash service.

Court decided to holdover court

action until further notice on any city resolution to Crockett's problem with trash service.

Pat Allen, field representative from Senator Mitch McConnell's office opened court with an introduction and offered the senator's services if needed in future.

## Court's role in seniors' center is established

After meeting with Roberta Flegg and Peggy Chadwick, representatives of Bluegrass A.D.D., Smoot and Cooley said the Senior Citizens Center situation was a misunderstanding.

The court misunderstood its role in the responsibility of the center, Cooley said.

He said the meeting with the A.D.D. representatives "helped clarify the court's responsibility."

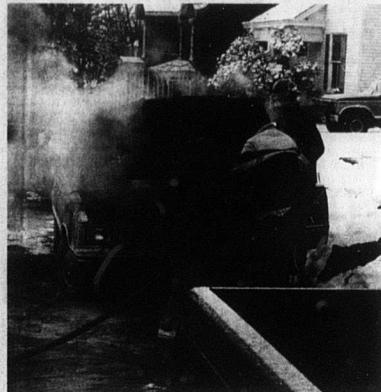
According to Smoot, the court thought A.D.D. was covering the center for the past 11 years.

And he thought the fiscal court was taking care of the center, said Chadwick.

According to Smoot, the center has been operating so well that no one noticed the misunderstanding.

Cooley said the court and A.D.D. were not in total mutual understanding on the role of the court with center.

The court will now take a more active role in the running of the center, said Smoot.



Carlisle City Volunteer Firemen responded to this vehicle fire February 13 at 832 a.m. on Symmons Street. The Plymouth Heliant K, belonging to Bonita Barnett, was possibly caused by a short in the electrical wiring. (Book Road Photo)

## Craftsman turns hobby into business

By Heather Mathes  
of The Daily News Star  
In the late Indian Summer of 1983 John Sibert, craftsman and woodworking expert, began what has proved to be, not only a profitable business, but an enjoyable hobby as well.

"I had made my daughter a decorated wooden recipe box in August and she decided to take it to where she works and show it off," Sibert said.

"The next day she told me to make 14 more just like them for the girls in her office," he added.

Sibert started his hobby from his wife, Wanda Sibert, summer coming kitchen.

"Last summer I pretty near ran her out with all my stuff piled up, but I had to just build my own shop where I could hold everything," he said.

Sibert now makes 33 different items from what he calls "scraps." Woodboxes, wall hanging lamps, candle lamps, doors in three

sizes, quilt racks, boxes in all sizes, bookshelves and craft boxes, Cabbage Patch cradles, Barbie-Doll furniture and magazine rack tables all come from the shop of Sibert.

"I make most of everything out of pine because oak and cherry are becoming scarce," he said.

Sibert uses many different kinds of tools to shape and turn the wood.

"I use three different kinds of table saws, lath, sanders and a drill press," said Sibert.

Even after all this work he gets the wood into the shapes that he needs, there are still several steps to be considered.

"After putting the pieces together there is still stain or varnish and water to be put on and sanding to be done," he added.

Sibert offered the example of the hanging lamps that he has a few in them, "I first cut the back piece and the base.

"I cut out about a dozen at one sitting first."

"Then the top or the 'warp piece' is laid. All these pieces are done with a router so that they will hold the globe properly," said Sibert.

"I make most of everything out of pine because oak and cherry are becoming scarce," he said.

"I stain it, sand and seal the lamp and hopefully sell it right away," Sibert concluded.

"Where did Sibert learn his craft?"

"My father was a carpenter, but he did a lot of his work slowly by hand."

"He taught me and now I have a carpenter's license and work regularly in construction," said Sibert.

In the past few years there has been a general buildup of Kentucky craft shops and this has proved to be great competition for Sibert.

"There has been a lot of competition in the past few years with other craft shops."

"However, we are a wood working shop and so we keep up pretty well, especially during Christmas," he said.

Sibert says he will be in business for a long time to come.

"I think that this is something that we can fall back on after retirement and all," he said.

Sibert resides with his wife, Wanda, at their home on the Meyville Road.

Sibert's woodworking shop is directly behind his home and business hours are anytime that we are there."



These Nicholas County students represented NCE in the district event of the third annual Governor's Cup Competition February 13. Front row, Amberly Burke; second row, left to right, Greg Watkins, Jill Harvin, Melissa Maulny, Andrea Siskin, Alicia Sibert; Kevin Feaback, Courtney Burke, and Johnny Griffith; top row, Angella Campbell, Janella Sibert, Justin Abney, James Anderson, Jennifer Beatty, Sianna Cox, Brad Allison, Brian Dunn, Brian Conroy, Mary Ann Lawrence, Sandra Swearing, Barbara Foss.

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## National FFA week to be celebrated February 20-27

More than 45,000 FFA members will promote FFA, high school agriculture and the food and fiber industry during National FFA Week, February 20-27.

FFA members in 8,000 chapters across the United States, in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will organize events and activities to create awareness of food support for high school agriculture and the FFA.

FFA activities and programs will be promoted by FFA members and through public service announcements on the local, state and national levels. This year's theme is "FFA-Agriculture's New Spirit."

High school agriculture classes stress hands-on experience in many diverse areas of agriculture. FFA activities provide leadership development, career training and award incentives for these young people.

Kelli Evans, national FFA president from Hayes Center, Nebraska, said FFA Week is the chance for members and communities to recognize achievements and activities available through FFA and high school agriculture.

"We're proud of this commitment to young people and agriculture. As FFA members and students in agriculture classes, we are receiving the business, science and leadership skills we need to prepare for the diverse and challenging careers in agriculture. FFA Week is held during the week of George Washington's birthday (traditionally to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture."

The National FFA Center is located on part of Washington's original Mt. Vernon estate near Alexandria, Virginia.

FFA is a national organization of 45,000 students in 8,000 local chapters preparing for agriculture careers.

FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in high school agriculture by giving students practical experience in the application of agriculture skills and knowledge gained in class.

Developing agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship is FFA's major objective.

## Local farmers could pay more in state taxes

### Nicholas County farmers affected

Nicholas County beef and dairy farmers probably will be paying a county-wide total of \$20,872 by April 15 as a result of changes in the federal tax law, according to a University of Kentucky agricultural economist.

Local farmers may have to pay considerably more in taxes in 1987, as a result of the federal tax law enacted in late 1986.

"Overall, Kentucky dairy and beef farmers could pay as much as \$25 million more when they file their income taxes as a result of the new federal tax law," said Fred Benson, UK Extension agricultural economist.

The increased tax bite comes as a result of a provision in the new law that penalizes farmers for deducting expenses incurred in raising replacement animals for the herd. The previous tax laws al-

lowed them to deduct from their income the amount they paid out to raise a replacement animal to maturity, Benson said.

Farmers still will be able, if they choose, to deduct from their income the costs associated with raising replacement animals.

However, if they do choose to continue to expense their animals, they will have to live with using a slower depreciation schedule for all of their other capital assets purchased for the farm, Benson said.

Whether a farmer should choose to deduct the costs of raising replacement animals or choose to capitalize them depends on the individual's situation, he said.

"A farmer who will put into his hands a lot of expensive capital assets, such as tractors, combines and buildings, will probably want to capitalize his replacement animals, even though his tax bill on them may increase. By capitalizing them, he also will be able to depreciate other capital assets," Benson said.

Farmers who do not anticipate buying any big ticket items may want to continue to use the expensing method, which may reduce their taxes for the first couple of years, but may increase their taxable income when they sell animals from the herd, Benson said.

The expensing method also has advantages for farmers placing small capital items put into service. The current tax law does allow a maximum of \$10,000 in capital assets to be deducted (expensed) from income, Benson said.

However, Benson cautions, once a farmer decides to deduct expenses for replacement animals, he will be forced to use a slower, straight-lined depreciation for all other assets.

"Farmers may want to have a tax preparer familiar with tax laws review their situations before they make the decision whether to capitalize their production expenses," Benson said.