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Nicholas Students link Carlisle to its past?

Third graders may have though correspondence with pen pals

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Children usually write to their parents when away from home.

They either send a card, or a letter, or maybe occasionally pick up the phone.

One Carlisle child hasn't written home for 172 years.

Carlisle, Ky., rumored to be the "child" of a larger Carlisle, this one in Pennsylvania, has recently begun communicating through the mail.

Carlisle, Ky. was incorporated in 1816, and, according to the *History of Nicholas County* was "granted under the name of Carlisle, probably in honor of Carlisle, Penn., because some of the early settlers came from that city."

"There's a good probability that the Carlisle (Ky.) settlers migrated down here from Carlisle, Penn.," said Joan Weissinger Conley, compiler and editor of the *History of Nicholas County*.

"There's been nothing found to prove this, it's just a general consensus," she said.

So is it true? It makes one wonder.

Now, 172 years after the incorporation of Carlisle, Ky., a correspondence through Nicholas third graders has reconnected the "probable" lost child.

"Each student has a pen pal they were matched to and they write to them, at least monthly," said Cheryl Herrin, third grade teacher at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Herrin said the third grade classes at NCES, approximately 75 students, were contacted by Ronald Chipriano, a teacher at Middlesex Elementary School in Carlisle, Penn., and together the two schools set up the correspondence.

"We were doing a lesson on coal mining, studying Pikeville, Ky.," Chipriano said when they discovered the "other" Carlisle.

"Then I just got the idea (of correspondence)," he said.

He contacted the third grade classes in NCES and the Carlisle correspondence began.

Has the Carlisle child began to finally write home?

Herrin said her class, along with Hannah Gabrial and Sue Denton's third grade classes at NCES, began the pen pal system in January of this year.

Herrin said the Middlesex Elementary School's classes mailed 1st students' names to them at NCES and the three third grade classes matched their student's names to those supplied.

"We plan on mailing them Shamrock patterns this month and we mailed them Valentine's cards last month," Herrin said.

Herrin said most of the NCES children also exchanged their pictures with their pen pals.

Herrin added, the majority of the children are very interested in finding out about the other Carlisle and those children's families.

Chipriano said he had no idea of the rumors of the link between the two towns when he thought of the pen pals connection.

"I think that's really amazing," he said in a phone interview after being informed of the probability."

"I had no idea of that when we started," he added.

Chipriano said his class was very excited of the chance of having pen pals when the correspondence began.

"Quite a few have had pen pals

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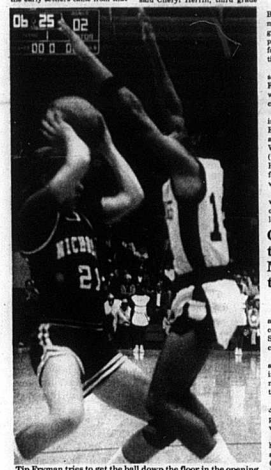

Tip Fryman tries to get the ball down the floor in the opening minutes of Friday's game against the 10th Regional champion Maysville Bulldogs. - Chip Miller Photo

Some school employees to lobby in Frankfort

By Heather Mathes
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The Nicholas County School Board met Monday night with all members present and discussed at great length a motion that would provide a bus and certified driver for the Nicholas County Association of Teachers' trip to Frankfort.

Nicholas County Teachers Association wanted to travel to Frankfort in support of a rally with the Kentucky Eduction Association on March 17.

The rally will concern, according to Superintendent Donald G. Elder, Kentucky teachers lobbying against funds cut in Governor Wilkinson's educational budget (which have not yet reached the House,) and for full funding of reforms and benefit and salary provisions, among other proposals.

The Nicholas Association would be responsible for payment of all expenses, according to the local association.

Elder recommended the motion in support of the local teacher's association.

Billy G. Hopkins, board attorney, felt the motion would not be in accordance with school board policies.

"The policy reads that special trips are permitted as long they are worthy and educational, or for orientseering purposes for teachers and as long as the trips do not conflict with basic busing traffic," said Hopkins.

"However, we have mostly transported students for extracurricular activities in the past.

"I personally feel that this is obviously in political nature but it could feasibly go either way," Hopkins said.

Board members John Cleaver and James Anderson both agreed it was not in keeping with board policy to bus the teachers, while board member Louise Zachary could see both sides of the discussion.

After more debate the board passed the motion on a 3-2 vote with Cleaver and Anderson in opposition to permit the local teachers association the use of a bus and certified driver to their expense.

The Nicholas County School System was previously scheduled to miss school March 17 and 18 for in-service before the motion came up for discussion before the board, according to Nicholas County school calendar.

Next, a request by school employee Don Smith asking on give his accumulated sick days to his wife, also a school employee, was rejected by the board.

Hopkins said, "This is not in accordance with board policy and to do this in the future we would have to set up a provisional program at the first of the year."

Letters addressed to the board and to Elder commenting on the

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Carlisle meters to be removed; Mayor casts tie-breaker vote

By Chip Miller
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Changes in city street parking and discussions of merchants' complaints about loiterers on Main Street topped Carlisle City Council's agenda Monday night.

Council heard complaints from several city merchants concerning individuals spending business and non-business hours in front of their businesses.

Council also heard several complaints about destruction of private property in connection with the problem

"It's the same problem we've had all along, kid's hanging around down on the corner," said Council member Jeff Tyrer about the corner of Main and Broadway streets.

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Center debate: More questions arise over pay increases

By Chip Miller
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Objections and more questions were raised March 10 by Nicholas County Fiscal Court members over the county's role in the operation of the Senior Citizen's Center.

In the February 10 meeting of the court, questions were raised over pay increases and a supposed bonus given to the employees at the county center.

After meeting with representatives of Bluegrass Area Development District, Roberta Flagg and Peggy Chadwick, February 10, the court discovered operation of the center to be under its supervision.

According to Nicholas Judge-Executive Reese Smoot after the meeting with ADD, the court thought ADD was overseeing the center for the past 11 years and ADD assumed the court was doing the same.

Meanwhile, the center's operation ran unobserved by either entity and with court-approved budgets.

Fiscal Court last week discussed the misunderstanding further after being presented with a tentative budget for application of monies for next year," according to Shirley Vice, director of the Senior Citizen's Center.

This is the first Senior Citizen's Center budget the court has been asked to review.

Vice requested the court view copies of last year's center's budget and grant approval for the center to apply for the same amount for next year from the state government.

"I need your approval now before I can apply for the money," Vice said.

Magistrate Orville Atkinson strongly objected to the court approving the budget.

"I can't look at something in five minutes and then approve it," he said.

Atkinson asked why the court was now asked to approve the budget.

"We've never had a budget to look at before from them. Why now?" he said.

Court members explained last month's discovery. Atkinson was absent from that meeting.

"I would need at least a week before I approve any budget," Atkinson said.

Court, on Smoot's suggestion, decided to temporarily approve the center's budget until Vice could get additional figures for the court to review.

Vice's temporary approval from the court will allow her to file for the state monies.

An hour later, near the close of court, Atkinson voiced his objection to the pay raises at the center.

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New factory sets opening

The Nicholas County Industrial Authority scheduled an open house, Wednesday morning, March 16.

The open house was scheduled to celebrate the initial operation of Magic Image, Inc.

The new industrial facility is located at 254 East Main Street in the Harper's Garage Building.

According to an Industrial Authority spokesperson, several local people are expected to be employed at the new facility, however, exact numbers have not been established.

An official operating schedule for the new operation has not been released, as of press time.

Nicholas falls to regional champion, Maysville

By Hank Bond
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MAYSVILLE - A 12-0 run midway through the first quarter by Maysville, effectively eliminated Nicholas County from the 10th Region Tournament.

Maysville advanced to a finals berth against Montgomery County, by claiming an 86-47 win.

Kelly Brookshire hit a jumper from the free throw line with 7:22 to play in the first quarter to make it 2-0, and Andy Anderson connected from nearly the same spot on the floor to make it 6-4 with 5:38 to play, before Maysville flexed its muscle.

The running and gunning Bulldogs counted a three pointer to go ahead for good with 4:12 to play in the first quarter, 7-4.

At a pre-game scouting session, Friday morning, Nicholas County Head Coach Lee Cruse told his players, "To stop Maysville, you must stop Mike Case." The pesky senior guard is the Bulldogs' floor leader.

Work as he might, Case just couldn't find the range in the Nicholas game, as the Jackets' held him to only seven points.

But, stopping Case simply wasn't enough, as Maysville used superior inside strength to take control of the ballgame.

Center Chris Wilburn had 22 to lead Maysville, he also pulled down a game high 16 rebounds.

Pat Moore tallied 21 points from his forward spot, plus pulled down eight rebounds.

For Nicholas County, Tip Fryman, a senior, finished his career with the Jackets hitting for 17 points. Senior Todd Day added 12 points for Nicholas County, and pulled down nine rebounds. Another senior, Kelly Brookshire pitched in 10 points to round out double-digit scoring for NCHS.

Maysville claimed a 21-10 advantage at the end of the first quarter, and continued to roll in the second quarter, out scoring Nicholas County 21-11, to lead 43-21 at intermission.

The third quarter proved to be no better for the Jackets as Maysville rolled to an 18-8 scoring advantage to limit 61-29 at the third stop.

With the wide Maysville advantage, Cruse was able to clear his bench early in allowing everyone dressed for the game to play.

Other seniors seeing action for the last time for Nicholas County included, Neal Metcalfe, Togie Hughes, and Scot Allison. Other starters for Nicholas County included Anderson, a junior, and junior center Danny Wells.

Seeing playing time in the fourth quarter, in reserve roles, were David Sparks, David Bretz, and Collier Mathes.

"I'm happy we were able to make it to the regional semi-finals," Cruse said after the game. "That's a great accomplishment for our teams. We've got nothing to hang our heads about."

Before the game, at the scouting session, Cruse offered his team some sound advice.

"There's about 64 teams left to play basketball in the state. There are 14 teams in the 10th region, who won't be playing tonight. I would imagine that if I called up anyone of them and said we decided not to play, they would be glad to take our place today against Maysville."

Nicholas County ended the season with a 10-17 mark.

Maysville wins regional title; first time since 1978

Friday night Montgomery County battled back from some long odds, trailing by eight points inside the last six minutes of the game, the Indians claimed a come-from-behind win over Bourbon County, 79-75.

The Montgomery County win set up a showdown Saturday night with Maysville.

Saturday night 6,000 screaming fans packed the Mason County fieldhouse to watch as Maysville upset regional favorite Montgomery County, 81-72, to claim its first regional crown in a decade.

It was 1978 with the Bulldogs managed a trip to the Sweet 16.

The trip is the 17th for the Bulldogs, to the state tournament.

This time Case was a prime scoring factor in the Bulldogs' win, canning a game high 25 points, including three of five shooting from three point range.

Maysville will advance with a 27-7 record, while Montgomery County finished its year, 27-5. Montgomery County has never won a regional title.

The Indians took a four point win over Maysville in Mt. Sterling, during the regular season, but it appeared nothing would stop the Bulldogs in their quest for the Sweet 16 trip.