

Trick or Treat Night
in Carlisle - Monday,
October 31
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Nicholas teachers ask board for raise, more days

Nicholas County Teachers' Requests
Presented to Board October 10 meeting
by NCEA President Pat Atkinson

3% raise paid by the Nicholas County Board of Education.
Factors to consider:
 9 Higher insurance premiums
 1 2 1/2% inflation rate
 1 More payroll deductions
 2 1/2% Increase from Nicholas County Board
 5% Total Increase
 *Teachers asked the raise be retroactive to August
 Additional Leave Days
 9 Two Personal Days
 1 One Emergency Day
 In addition to 10 sick days already allotted by the state
 Factors to consider:
 *Nicholas County has one of the highest teacher attendance records in the state of Kentucky
 9 Surrounding Districts already have these days in place
 9 Factors to be considered were offered by Mr. Atkinson in her presentation.

By Hank Bond
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - A large group of teachers appeared before Nicholas County Board of Education, Monday night, asking for an additional raise of 3 percent.
The state had given all teachers a 2 percent raise. Any raise above that figure would have to be funded with local monies.
Teachers were represented by Pat Atkinson, president of Nicholas County Education Association, who said she "was speaking for all Nicholas County teachers."

Atkinson read a prepared statement, which said, in part, the teachers were affected, as all state workers, by the rise in health care insurance premiums, a 2 1/2 percent inflation rate and additional payroll deductions primarily surrounding the 1 percent occupational tax passed by Nicholas Fiscal Court.

The 3 percent increase,

which according to rough calculations would cost the system \$55,000 in payroll dollars, would all come from local funds.
Atkinson was asked if the pay raise would bring the Nicholas County System into line with surrounding systems. She said, Nicholas County, on the average, pays about \$300 to \$350 less per year than surrounding school systems. The increase would bring salaries into line, she added.
Teachers also asked for two personal days and one emergency day in addition to 10 days allowed as sick days by the state.

She said Nicholas County has one of the highest teacher attendance records in the state and surrounding districts have these days on the basis for this request.
Board members asked Supt. Don Elder to present a fact-sheet before the next meeting showing what 1, 2, and 3 percent increases would cost the system.

Elder told the board, as far as increases go, he would suggest a \$200 across the board raise for all 80 teachers in the system.
Calculations show if all teachers took both personal days and one emergency day it would cost the system about \$9,600 before additional payroll benefits.
Board member John Claver said, "These personal days and emergency day as far as I'm concerned... that's not I'm against that. The current policy gives them 10 days per year and that's only nine months for most of them."

The board took no action on other requests, tabling the items for more information and study by the November 14 board meeting.
"I hate to put it off that long," said Board Members James Anderson, "But, we should have these figures together before we make any decisions."

Non resident status contracts draw comment
Nicholas County agreed to release all ADA funds to adjoining systems for the remainder of this school year.
However, figures prepared by Elder showed the system is losing about \$67,000 in ADA funds to other systems, with nearly \$45,000 going to Bourbon County Schools.
Elder said he and Nicholas County Board Attorney Billy Hopkins had discussed the situation and were prepared to discuss a possible change in policy.

The board policy has been to exchange on a one-to-one basis, however this has been revised to allow all exchanges.
Hopkins offered the board three alternatives to consider: keep the policy as it is, exchange on a one to one basis, or not exchange at all with any system.
Should a student not fall in the one-to-one program or if the system would not allow any exchanges, a tuition program would be originated.

If we're going to make any changes in the policy, we must do this in the near future so we will be able to advise our residents and the other school systems."
According to Hopkins and Elder a new plan would also have an effective cutoff date of August 1, each year to allow proper planning.
See additional School Board Story, Page 11.

Court hears requests

By Julie Pfeiffer
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
There were several guests at this month's Fiscal Court meeting. Todd Switzer, of Bluegrass Area Development District, presented two resolutions for the court to pass.
He said one was a resolution concerning the fact that they are seeking Housing and Urban Development funds. Presently Myers is unreserved by either the Nicholas County Water District or the Sharpshurg Water District.
The second resolution requested that Myers be restricted to the Sharpshurg Water District so it can be served by the new line extension.

Larry Wills, of the American Amateur Baseball Congress, be allowed to use the front room of the old jail for a weight room. This room has previously been promised to the Chamber of Commerce.
Later, when John Burke, of the Chamber of Commerce, arrived he requested a 60 day deadline and the Chamber will try to start using the room.

Mike Phillips, whose request to move the Extension Council met in special session last Friday to approve an ordinance for increasing water rates, in addition a motion was made and passed that Carlisle Mayor Lee Bentz be directed to



Vanessa Hughes and Lamar Mann wrestle with the hood of a Ford during their Emergency Medical Training Saturday. The windshield was chipped out, then the roof was cut the jaws, familiarity known as the jaws of life, then pulled off. Julie Pfeiffer photo.

Fire Prevention Week celebrated in Nicholas County and America

Fire fighters all across Kentucky and America are putting on their best uniforms this week, as American celebrates National Fire Prevention Week.
While the week is celebrated each year to bring attention to the dangers fires represent... the damage, which can be done... and the injuries and deaths each year... it is also a time for preventative instruction.
In Nicholas County this will be no different.
Wednesday, members of the Nicholas County Fire Department are scheduled to address grades kindergarten through grade three on the basics of fire prevention.
In addition, according to NCFD Chief Mark Hughes, "The emphasis this year is really on educating young people."
"We are going to go into the classes in full dress, with masks, air tanks and all so, if a child were to be in a house or building on fire, they would not be afraid of what they might see."
"We're also going to stress that should a child or anyone be in a fire, there are some basic guidelines to follow."
"Never go into a stairway," Hughes stressed.
"There is usually a real draft coming up stairways and a chance the fire will spread rapidly."
"If smoke is present, it is best to stay close to the floor. Smoke tends to rise and the most oxygen is on the floor."
"Before opening a door, it should be felt first. If it is hot, then you should try to pack off the cracks around the door with rags, since the smoke will work its way in."
"The best thing to do if the fire is close to a room, rather than try to go through the fire, is to take as many precautions as possible and wait for rescue."
In addition, Hughes says he has a supply of hot stickers-stickers placed on the windows where children sleep in a house - which he will pass out at school.
"These families desiring the stickers for the rooms of children or other persons possibly requiring additional assistance in case of fire, elderly, etc., should contact Hughes. He said, should he give out all of the stickers, he will do his best to reorder."
Thursday, firemen are scheduled to visit the Community Head Start program and offer some of the same demonstrations as at the elementary.
"The more education the better."
Scheduled to go with Hughes to the schools is Nicholas County fireman David Simot.
Hughes is scheduled to appear before the October 24 Nicholas County Elementary PTA meeting to discuss fire safety.
One more thing Hughes talked about, in conjunction with fire safety was smoke detectors.
"Smoke detectors can save lives," he said. "Everyone should have them."



Service contract signed

By Jeanie R. Duncan
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
The City of Carlisle entered into a service contract with Mentor Systems, a computer programming firm, Monday night.
The computer system is used to prepare the city's monthly utility bills.
The agreement calls for level two support, and will cost the city \$600 per year. The agreement will allow the city office staff unlimited time on service-question phone calls made to Mentor.
Brian Howell, Mentor representative, recommended the "phase two" contract over the "phase one" contract which would be \$300 cheaper per year, but which calls for a charge to be made to the city for each phone call placed by the office staff.
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