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**Carlisle City Council approves across the board 2.6 percent hike**

**By Hank Bond**  
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 CARLISLE, April 9 — Carlisle City Council tentatively approved a 2.3 percent across the board cost of living raise for city employees at Monday's meeting. Second reading of the ordinance can come as early as April 23 during a special called meeting. After review of the make-up of the city's pay schedule, council agreed it may have to look at the overall categories. In a special meeting, which covered only street related items, council adopted a list of five streets, with bidding as funds are available. Topping the list of streets will be Kennedy Heights. Council took no action on a dog leash ordinance. Carlisle City Attorney Skip Watson said his understanding of the law is, "If the city does not pass a law more stringent than what the state or county laws are then it is the responsibility of the dog warden to enforce dog laws county wide." Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes said he would agree with Nicholas County Fiscal Court a joint meeting to discuss several issues.

- ◆ Agreed to act on an ordinance to install several street lights on Main Street.
- ◆ Took no action on penalties for those turning on gas, once the service has been shut off, however, council will discuss the issue at the next meeting.
- ◆ Discussed possible annexation of Oriskany and Mockingbird streets, but took no action.
- ◆ Reported bids on telemetering equipment.
- ◆ Set a special meeting and budget workshop for April 23 at 7 p.m. Bids for the tobacco lease and telemetering equipment will be opened at that time.
- ◆ Held a discussion on compensating time for employees, but took no action.
- ◆ Agreed to contact Nicholas County Water District concerning service at the residence of Jim Simons, and discussed an agreement signed concerning the hauling of eight loads of water per month to the Simons residence.
- ◆ Awarded garbage collection agreement with Donald Haller for \$2200 per month.
- ◆ Made reference to the outstanding job by the Carlisle Fire Department and Nicholas County Fire Department in responding to and extinguishing a fire at Eddie's Family Restaurant.
- ◆ Joint the county in appointing Gene Kelley as Carlisle — Nicholas County DES Coordinator.
- ◆ Voted to appoint Betty Barton as Mayor Pro-Tem.
- ◆ Talked of scheduling a city-wide pickup day for household items.

**Easter Egg hunt planned for April 14 at Courthouse**

**An Easter Egg hunt** sponsored by the Nicholas County Fire Department will be held in the courthouse yard Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m., with registration begins at 12:30 for prize drawings. The courtyard will be roped off for three age groups, pre-school age, grades K-3, and grades 4-6. Some eggs in the hunt will contain anything from a nickel to a \$5 bill — or a slip of paper designating a particular prize. There will be prize given to the child who finds the most eggs. In case of a tie the hunt will postponed until April 21.

**Kindergarten registration set for April 14 at NCES**

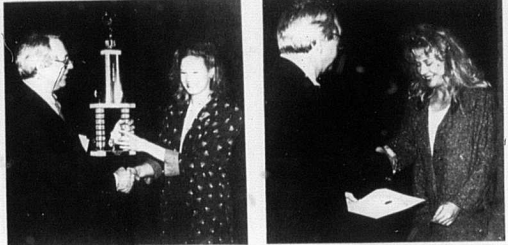
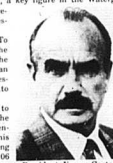
Registrations for all kindergarten students eligible for the kindergarten program in Nicholas County Schools will be held from 9 a.m. until noon, Friday, April 13. Registration will be held at Nicholas County Elementary. For additional information contact NCES at 269-2284 or the Nicholas County School Board office, 289-2264.

**Drive planned this weekend**

Members of Company D 201 at Engineer Battalion will again volunteer their help in the annual Kentucky Easter Seal Drive, April 14.

**Watergate's G. Gordon Liddy to speak at Morehead State**

G. Gordon Liddy, a key figure in the Watergate scandal, will speak at Morehead State University, Tuesday, April 17, at 8 p.m. He will lecture on "To Survive or Prevail: The Choice is Up to You," in the Cragger Room, Adren Deam University Center. The presentation is free and open to the public. Liddy, who refused to implicate anyone else in the Watergate affair, was sentenced to 21 years for his involvement. After serving nearly five years, with 106 days in solitary confinement, President Jimmy Carter granted his release in the interest of justice. The appearance is sponsored by the MSU Student Government Association.



Dr. John C. Philey, dean of MSU's College of Arts and Sciences, presents Left Heather Hall and Deana Fryman awards during the 27th Northeast Kentucky Regional Science Fair at MSU. Hall took top honors for the second straight year. See Related Story, below.

**Heather Hall wins science honors for second straight year at MSU**

**By Judy Nancy**  
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 MOREHEAD, March 31 — NCHS senior Heather Hall has taken top honors in the 27th annual Northeast Kentucky Region Science Fair, hosted by Morehead State University. She also received the Army Medallion and certificates of commendation from the American Society for Microbiology, the National Association of Biology Teachers and the U.S. Public Health Service. She also received the Army Medallion and certificates of achievement from the Army and Marine Corps. She also received the Army Medallion and certificates of commendation from the American Society for Microbiology, the National Association of Biology Teachers and the U.S. Public Health Service. She also received the Army Medallion and certificates of achievement from the Army and Marine Corps. She also received the Army Medallion and certificates of commendation from the American Society for Microbiology, the National Association of Biology Teachers and the U.S. Public Health Service. She also received the Army Medallion and certificates of achievement from the Army and Marine Corps.

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**Mercury named as one of state's best during convention at Morehead State**

**MOREHEAD** — The Carlisle Mercury captured the General Excellence Award for newspapers of 3000 circulation and less during the spring convention of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association, April 5-6. In carrying the association's top award the Mercury was awarded 24 awards for excellence in 27 categories. Mercury co-publisher Hank Bond won four first place awards: Best Editorial, Best Sports Story, Best Sports Feature Story and Best Sports Photo Essay; second place awards for Best Feature Story, Best Sports Photo, Best Sports Photo Essay and third place for Best Sports Photo. House Ad. and honorable mention for Best Furniture Store Ad. Mercury co-publisher Marilyn Bond won first place for Best Financial Institution Ad.; second place for Best House Ad and Best Furniture Store Ad. Mercury Associate Editor Josh Shepherd took second place awards for Best One Subject Column, Best Feature Photo and Best Feature Essay. Non-Sports; third place for Best Spot News Story and honorable mention for Best Spot News Photo. Beth A. Bond won two awards, a second place for Best Sports Photo Essay and third place for Best Sports Photo. Carl R. Bond won honorable mention for Best Editorial. Jeff Spradling won a third place for Best Agri-Business Story. Lita Doyle won honorable mention for Best Small Ad. The staff received awards for Best Special Section - Editorial (HM), Best Special Section Advertising (GM). The Mercury totaled 40 points in the contest judging. The Bath County News Outlook was second with 20 points and The Owenton News Herald was third with 24 points.

**Nicholas board reviews contracts**

**By Josh Shepherd**  
**The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
 CARLISLE, April 9 — The Nicholas County School Board renewed classified personnel contracts for the last time Monday night before reform laws go into effect which will take the hiring power away from all elected Kentucky school boards. In addition to approving teacher contracts for the next year, the Nicholas County School Board accepted the resignation of lunchroom manager and cook, Reba Willis. Willis, who has served the school system for 23 years, decided to take her retirement when her husband retired from his job earlier. The board also accepted the resignation of school custodian Thelma Wilburn. In a letter to the school board, Nicholas County High School Principal, Greg Reid, and Counselor Betty Ballard reported an increase in special education students entering the freshman class next year. The influx of students will overwork the special education unit in place at the high school, Reid and Ballard write, and the school, as they see it, has only two options available. Either the school divide the



freshman special education class into three sections or hire a third special education unit to handle the surplus students. Favoring the latter suggestion, Reid and Ballard said to divide the class into three sections would mean sharp reductions in Chapter 1 offerings. School Superintendent Don Elder said the high school will opt to install the third unit. Continued on Page 3