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Oakley named coach

To head NCHS boys' basketball program

By Josh Shephard
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Nicholas County School Board accepted resignation of former varsity basketball coach Lee Crues Wednesday night but a lack of an interview prevented concluding hiring of a new varsity basketball coach last week.

However, with interviews concluded, Nicholas County Superintendent Robert Gilbert offered the head basketball coach post to Ed Oakley out of Charville, Kentucky.

Oakley, Gilbert said, accepted the position Monday afternoon.

Remaining work involves informing the Kentucky Department of Education of the staff addition, Gilbert said.

The final decision on a coach was based on the top recommendations from the special committee and personal interviews with the superintendent, Gilbert said.

Though requested only to choose three, the committee asked the superintendent to interview four potential candidates, Gilbert said. Of the chosen candidates, Gilbert said one has withdrawn because the teaching requirements, five classes and one planning period, is far more than the candidate desired. The committee, however, suggested hiring be tabled until Gilbert interviewed the last candidate on Monday. The hiring decision, coming after July 13 which is the final day school board members have hiring and firing powers, came from Gilbert.

The school board approved hiring Laura Hesselbrock as an elementary school teacher. One other teacher was expected to be hired, but with her application minutes ago chance. These practices usually ended with crowds of 150 people watching in so craggy was often hard.

Our biggest performances were in a factory where we performed for the workers on their lunch hour on this stage with sounds and lights. After our performance they served Pepsi and panes," said Anna Smoot, sister of Lisa and brother County Middle School student.

"I am sure I can handle our big performances for the Philharmonic Orchestra in the opera house the nicest thing



Members of Carlisle Fire Department responded to a fire Friday morning in a storage building on High Street. Firemen were able to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings and extinguished the blaze before it had consumed the structure. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Dance troupe shows USA - USSR can dance to same tune

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U.S.S.R. — Truly Americans and Soviets are speaking the same language these days, and for a group of Central Kentucky they're still dancing to the same tune.

Twenty-one dancers from Town and Village School of Dance from Paris accompanied by 22 adults took a week-long trip to Russia from June 21 and July 4.

The students went there for dancing and unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.

"The whole affair started in January of this year when we were at competition. Professional talent was watching our students, the way we danced and even how we ate," said Lisa Smoot, Nicholas County High School junior, daughter of John and Larrain Smoot, and a member of the dance group.

"When the salaried scouts were watching us we had no idea they were here, but a month later when a letter came from the United States Olympic Show Team (USOST) wanting to attend their exchange program in which they'll begin," Smoot said.

"Our instructors Pat Bell and LaAnne Franklin began research about the letter to see if it was legitimate. They called U.S. Representative Larry Hopkins and had several communications with the olympic company before the plans for going to Russia were made," she said.

"The group was one of only 10 groups in the United States who par-

ticipated in the program sending students to China, Australia, Spain as well as U.S.S.R.," she said.

"It's a great because we were the first Americans to go into Krasnodar, a part of Russia. Plans for the trip formally began in early February, with monthly meetings by adults accompanying the dancers on the trip.

"The girls sold out of concessions, had a booth at Clark Campground in Lexington and a booth at the Cynthia and Bob Festival being among some of the basic fundraisers," said Philis Guhr, an accompanying adult for the trip. Guhr is a teacher in Nicholas County Schools.

"Lots of donations were made — predominantly from Nicholas County, but the total came to \$500 used per student," Guhr stated.

Before going to Russia the girls performed their preparatory performances for audiences in Millersburg, Cynthia and Clark.

"In all the performances we did prior to Russia, the biggest thrill was when we were presented a banner going with us to Russia with Town and Village's name," said Smoot.

Uniforms were donated by Kentucky Teachers with school's name on it which gave them a uniform look on the trip, Guhr explained.

Dr. Tim Scott, former Carlisle physician, was the team doctor for the dancers and was responsible for giving all the girls the proper immunizations before the trip overseas.

"When we first got to Europe our flight landed in Copenhagen, Denmark. That's where we got two guides and were allowed to see and be seen, while spending lots of money but really getting to know the difference," Smoot said.

"We went to many places in Denmark, but my favorite place was an amusement park west of the King's Islander Opera just where we got to parents' and points from work," Guhr said.

"While in Denmark we got to learn to read signs in other languages and to see the countryside and the beautiful Hans Christian Andersen," Smoot added.

Entering Russia the lands were brown and the color became dark, but it was only the beginning of the tour, said of the trip across the Soviet border.

"When we reached Russia we visited a Pioneer Youth Camp, out of the Blue House Camp, where children attended during the summer after their

people and this friendship and love will last forever."

After trips to local sights and the gaining of knowledge about the different cultures, practices and performances were made special for the group of girls.

Practice time — instead being practiced — turned into performance time, according to Smoot.

"Because when we couldn't practice in lodges, on the sidewalk or anywhere we



Delinquent bills turned over to attorney

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CARLISLE — Nicholas County Fiscal Court has turned over delinquent rock bills to Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley for preliminary action.

Magistrate Darrel Stacy said most rock payments have been made on time, but there are some delinquent bills existing as recently as the end of last year. People who Stacy said have the ability to pay have refused to take care of their bills.

"I get the impression there are people who just flat out won't pay unless we take further action," Stacy said.

To handle the situation, Stacy suggested delinquent bills be handed to Conley and a letter written demanding payment in full.

No other court action on delinquent bills have been as yet suggested.

Allen Clay Stone addressed the court with a suggestion members contact state au-

thorities about improvements to the Cassidy Creek Bridge to Myers Station.

Expansion and increase of recreational offerings at the turn of Wildlife Preserve may be hindered due to the access problems caused by the old bridge, he said.

Due to weight restrictions, heavily loaded trucks and vehicles cannot safely cross Cassidy Creek over the old bridge forcing drivers to take a looping route around Carlisle and through Moorefield, Stone said.

"If we can get them to make the bridge bigger, Clay Wildlife could have a better opportunity to expand and perhaps get a new lake installed," Stone said.

Stone also asked for road improvements and repair be made in John Burns Road.

A review of health insurance proposals from Humana and the Option 2000 plan offered through Blue Cross/Blue Shield by Dick Conley four similar in benefits

with one major exception. In essence, the Humana plan offers slightly better services, Conley said, as long as employees use Humana hospitals, pharmacies, and doctors.

Because of the offerings, the plan would discourage use of the Johnson-Mathers Health Care facility in Nicholas County because more complete coverage on the Humana plan.

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would require patients receive care elsewhere, Conley said.

Magistrates, in general, were unwilling to adopt a plan that by provision did not offer employees complete coverage for outside of the Humana plan.

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