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The Carlisle Mercury's Shepherd Press Grease ignited from a stove top was the apparent cause of a fire that ripped through a trailer occupied by Darrell Hicks and family Thursday evening. Flames consumed most of the building before Nicholas County Firemen could arrive. See related story, page 3.

Nicholas native joins authority

**By Josh Shepherd
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 Unemployment in Nicholas County has dropped three percentage points in the last year, but though remaining somewhat stable there are strong possibilities for improvement within the county borders.

Kathy Howard, Carlisle/Nicholas County Industrial Authority business coordinator, said.

Howard, a 1981 Nicholas County High School graduate, comes to the Industrial Authority after a three year term with the Paris Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC). As an assistant of the corporation, Howard saw the Paris Corporation arrange the settlement of three industries along the city bypass.

She entered her position in Bourbon County in 1987 with little background in that line of work besides a few hours of college level education at the University of Kentucky.

Her previous credentials involved work with the Bourbon County Headstart program and a job through high school in the JTPA program.

Her break in Paris came through a friend's husband, she said, who advised her to the opening in the development corporation.

Barely a week passed, she said, before she decided in

need to be large to serve the county, Howard said.

"We are not a county equipped to handle an industry wanting to hire 400-700 people. Besides most industries of that size or larger look to locate in metropolitan areas. What would best serve this community are four or five smaller industries looking for about a ceiling of 100-150 people. Our best bet are small support manufacturers serving larger firms in

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But industry is not all that easy to attract though an area may easily have all the essentials they require. In the

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Board tables decision on credit hours limit

At Nicholas County High School

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The Nicholas County Board of Education tabled a decision on raising the number of credits for graduation to 22 and possible elimination of high school credit courses at the eighth grade level.

In the last school board meeting, high school principal Greg Reid requested the number of high school credits required to graduate be elevated because of the number of students who had attained the minimum number of credits to graduate in their junior year.

The result, Reid said, were many students wishing either to take only courses to give them the credits to graduate and leave the school early for work or request an early graduation in the middle of their senior year.

With the present system, he said, students are required to have 20 credits and successful passage of required high school courses to graduate. With six classes a day, most students have 18 credits by their junior year and with the additional credits available in the eighth grade, a handful of students actually reach 20 credits in three years of high school, he said.

One source of the problem is the availability of high school credit for advanced classes in the eighth grade.

With the additional credit compounded by students with 18 credits by their junior year, problems have developed with students desiring to

either to leave early or wish to take courses not challenging to them and slack in their education in the 12th grade.

Student's abuse of study hall time negate the time period being an alternative to the problem, he said.

Reid, along with several faculty at the high school, proposed the increasing credits and either eliminate advanced courses in the eighth grade or offer the advanced level classes early without granting high school credit.

However, eighth grade advanced math teacher, Roxanne Row disagreed.

There are promising students, she said, who have scored 20-25 points on the ACT

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Carlisle City Council meeting rescheduled

Carlisle City Council, which normally meets the second Monday of each month, rescheduled the June meeting to the third Monday, June 18.

The mayor and major program were out of town, June 11, thus the meeting was rescheduled. It is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Jones plans to visit Carlisle next week

Kentucky Lt. Governor Brent Jones will be in Carlisle June 21 to meet with elected city and county officials and other leaders.

Jones will be in the courthouse and downtown from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., as he makes a central Kentucky swing.

Mercury vice president and health care pioneer Betty Jo Bond dies at 67

RUSSELL, Ky. — Betty Jo (Yank) Bond, 67, of 141 Grove St., Russell, Ky., formerly of South Williamson, Ky. died Friday, June 8, 1990, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.



Kathy Howard



Nicholas County Firemen Mike Phillips and Clarence Workman put their practice using the Hurst jaws of life in her rescue training last Wednesday.

Four people were injured in a two car accident, Tuesday afternoon, June 5, in front of Jockey International. The Nicholas County Sheriff's office investigated. The injured, Gintory Wagner, Shauna Hughes, Wanda McKee and Carol Ann Crump were transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance.

The Carlisle Mercury's Shepherd Press Betty Jo Bond was a health care pioneer and vice president of the Carlisle Mercury. She was also Director of Nursing at Morris Memorial Hospital, Milton, West Virginia.