City to distribute questionniare for information

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — The Carlisle City Council wants to hear from the people of Carlisle.

Council agreed last night to distribute a questionnaire to all Carlisle residents to develop a list of priorities concerning projects which could be funded by a Housing and Urban Development Community Block grant.

The HUD block grant, presented by Don Hassall, assistant director of the Bluegrass Area Development District, has been behind a number of improvement projects throughout Nicholas County including the recently completed Sharpsburg Water district water lines extensions and the Carlisle oxidation ditch waste treatment plant.

Hassall presented city council with a number of projects BGADD felt were needed in the Carlisle area. First on his list were sewer line extensions on the east end of town, particularly dwellings on East Union road where there remains no sanitary disposal lines.

To support Hassall's primary recommendation, Nicholas County Health Officer Larry Trussell said the area has needed sewer lines for the past 10 years. In the time passed, the situation has worsened.

"There have been many problems in that area because they lack sewer lines. I have a list of 20 documented incidences in the area that have been serious. There have been numerous minor complaints as well," Trussell said.

All told, Trussell estimated there are approximately 20 homes on East Union road and between 80-100 homes on Carlisle's east end which need to have sewer lines connected.

Councilperson Ronnie Clark agreed there were sewer problems that needed to be addressed in the east end, but he felt another far more serious sewer problem needed to be addressed in the town.

"Rain infiltration into downtown sewer lines seems to me to be a far more serious situation and should be fixed before we go stringing out more lines, especially to people living outside of the city limits," Clark said.

During the past months, rain water infiltration into the city's out-of-date sewer lines have caused numerous problems. Clark said if Carlisle were to apply for the block grant, it would need to go toward updating existing sewer lines to standard codes.

Hassall agreed and suggested updating as another possible avenue in which to apply the grant.

However Hassall stressed the block grant would not cover 100 percent of the cost of any project it may accept in 1992. The grant would provide 40 percent of the cost in combination with city money and state financial support of the project.

Council members, however, remained uncommitted to introducing an application for the HUD block grant. Council members Tommy Vaughn and Clark both stated they were not interested in applying.

However, without making a commitment to any project, councilperson Cartmell Lester and Mayor Frankie Hughes suggested they take the issue to Carlisle in the form of a questionnaire and get residents input on what projects would be a priority.

"We don't have to make a commitment to apply for the grant. I just feel we should get some input from the community on what they feel is the Carlisle's biggest needs," Hughes said.

A roll call vote on the questionnaire passed 5-1 with Ronnie Clark voting against the motion.

Moving on, Council heard a complaint from Carlisle resident Harry Sparks concerning the street light across from the intersection of Green Valley Road and Broadway.

Sparks said he planned on sometime putting in a road connecting Oriole to Broadway and was concerned the street light might need to be moved to make way for the new road.

Council agreed to ask Kentucky Utilities to move the light when Sparks began his road construction.

In other business:

•Council accepted the street dedication of the Catherine Street extension around the First Christian Church.

•Named the street running next to Mike Kenney's home Christie Court.

•Drafted an ordinance for Flood Damage Prevention.

Sharpsburg Water District Board receive raise

By Pam Bowles
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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court agreed to up the salary of the Sharpsburg Water District Board members $75 a month.

Mike Pryor and Jim Harnes represent Nicholas County on the board.

C.H. Enix and Cartmill Lester have resigned from the Carlisle - Nicholas County Industrial Board and the court approved the appointment of G.C. Myers and Lou Ann Kelley.

Roy Dotson and Donald Salvage have resigned their position on Nicholas Water District and court approved the appointment of Sue Kirby and G. L. Curtsinger.

Dr. Robert Sparks has asked for the Rotary Club permission to use put old junk cars at the old rock quarry and bring in crusher to crush the cars.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot said the cars will not be seen.

The court approved the Dollar Store request of a 30 day extension on the payroll tax.

Dorsey Lynn Watkins asked for permission to use the courthouse for the blackberry festival under the same circumstances and the court approved the request.

Bill Hardin said he had been approached by several older people as to why there is not any benches in the courthouse yard.

Smoot said the last one must have been torn up.

Hardin said if the American Legion and VFW put out a bench, maintained and painted it would it be all right. The court felt this would be a good idea.

Billy Dixon came before the court to ask what was going to be done about the issue of the 911 service.

Smoot said the state police was suppose to be at the meeting to explain how the system would be used through the Dry Ridge Post.

Dixon asked could it be put in the newspaper when the state police would be coming.

Smoot said there would not be a problem with that request.

Bill Hilander came before the court to ask what can be done about a closed gate on a road to get to his property.

The court is going to look into the situation if it is a county road or not.

Hilander said Nicholas County Road foreman John Ecton told him two years ago if he cleaned out a ditch he would have to pay for his rocks.

Ecton said he thought Hilander sent a bill to the county for the services.

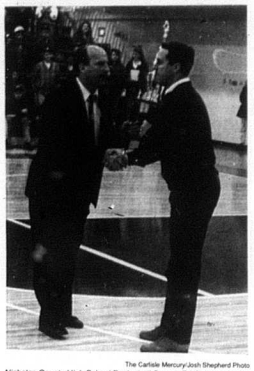
Hilander has had the bill from the county for the rocks and he was to go to small claims.

The court decided to not make Hilander pay for the rocks which cost $60.94 for his services, but the other bill of $108.36 Hilander agreed to pay.

The fiscal court went into executive session to discuss personal.

The issue was about the use of the Nicholas County Jailors use of the cruisers.

The fiscal court explained the insurance will not cover others who are not authorized to be in the vehicle.



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Nicholas County High School Basketball Coarch Ed Oakley accepts the Bath County Dairy Queen Tournament trophy on Friday night. The Jackets defeat Rosehill Academy, Menifee County, and Lewis County.

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Lady Jackets stun Paris 65-62

By Josh Shepherd
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PARIS — Even during their worst season, its not easy to defeat the Paris Lady Hounds on their home court. For the Nicholas County Lady Jackets, it used to be impossible.

But last Thursday night, the Lady Bluejackets set fire to the odds against them, ignored all arguments to the contrary and flat out beat the Lady Hounds, 65-62, on Paris' home court.

Refs called 51 fouls in the game. At one point in the third quarter the Lady Jackets trailed 10 points. But the Jackets maintained the pressure and slowly chipped away at the Lady Hound lead.

This is the way it happened:

The Lady Jackets led off the first quarter with Kim Denkins taking the feed from Tracy Earlywine twice for inside buckets.

But their 4-1 start didn't hold. At the 5:10 mark in the first, Paris jammed in six unanswered points from all but one of its starting team. They hit from inside and on the jump, leaving the Jackets frustrated as they fell behind.

But with three minutes left in the quarter, Christie Hatton found the sweet spot off a jumper in the paint to break Paris' board control.

Renee Linville put the finishing touches on the quarter with a last second lay up to send the Jackets back to a 16-15 lead.

But Paris hammered back in the second with a 10 point scoring rally led by Beth Burden and Megan May.

Lady Jacket's scoring stalled. Beneath the basket, the Jackets' Nikki Smoot rebound and fired the same shot three times and still failed to claim points.

Trailing 25-20, Linville broke the Jackets scoring drought momentarily with a mid-key jumper, but Paris Lisa McCarty rolled on, rebounding her own missed free throw for a score that sank the Lady Jackets to a 32-24 deficit.

At the half, the Jackets trailed by eight.

As both teams squared off for the second half, they prepared for what would be a swelling third quarter action.

Earlywine, Hatton and Denkins all went into foul trouble early forcing the Jackets to turn to their bench to carry the remainder of the game.

Halfway through the third only starters Hatton, Smoot and Kristi Barton remained on the court.

But the Lady Jackets bench proved their worth. Michella Hopkins, who took over Denkins position, jammed up the Lady Hounds offensive game. K. shots erupted from Linville and Elizabeth Schanding, whose two-point jumper at the 1:27 mark lanced the Jackets back within two of Paris, 47-45.

Underrated defensive forward Kristi Barton rolled in a clundmark two points that left the Jackets trailing by one, 52-51, going into the final eight minutes of the game.

Hatton rammed the Jackets back into the lead but the clincher came from Schanding's sizzling three pointer from the top of the key. The shot rocketed the Jackets to their biggest lead of the evening, 60-54.

Fouls claimed players on both sides of the court. Top shooters Tacy Earlywine and Megan May left the court at the 2:35 mark. Paris also lost their top center, Rowena Crooks, to fouls.

With 20 seconds left, Lady Hounds bench person Erica Williams hit both sides of her foul shots to come to within two of catching the Jackets, 64-62.

In the remaining six seconds the Hounds had one last shot to tie the game, a three point attempt from Katie Shriver. The ball hit just inside the rim and bounced cleanly away from the net.

The stunning upset produced a number of Lady Jackets personal bests for the season. Nikki Smoot, 11 points, also picked up a personal career high seven rebounds. Denkins and Hatton pulled 14 points apiece. Earlywine slammed in 10 points, Schanding drove in her best scoring drive with eight points. Linville hit for six, and Barton turned in two points, perhaps the most important two of the game.

An ecstatic Lady Jackets head coach was pleased with her team's performance, but was especially pleased with the Lady Jacket's bench.

"This was a total team effort tonight. Our bench was the true spark of the team. Michella Hopkins, Renee Linville, and Liz Schanding were outstanding. Hopkins had no points,but garnered several rebounds, steals and assists that helped. This was Linville's best game of the season picking up Earlywine's spot.

Denkins and Smoot were stand outs on defensive as well as offense. It was Smoot's best defense ever. Denkins, as well as the rest of the team, were terrific on both sides of the court.

Renee Linville

Lady Jackets rout Fleming County

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Lady Jackets blasted Fleming County on Monday night 78-23.

It was game where several members of the team were able to participate.

The Lady Jackets started out slow by leading 20-10 after the first period.

Nikki Smoot opened the scoring with a layup to give the Lady Jackets a 22-10 lead.

Nicholas County outscored the Panthers 14-1.

Nicholas put on another run of 16-2 run to extend the score to 49-13 at the half.

Melissa Adams hit for Fleming and Nicholas scored 13 straight points to push the lead to 58-15.

With a little over two minutes to play the Jackets slowed the ball down and had the Lions come and get them.

The Jackets were holding on to a four point lead with 1:49 left in game when Daniel Brown drove the middle of the paint for a three point play and give Nicholas County a 58-51.

Floyd countered with a bucket for Lewis County.

Bradley Brown followed with a three pointer and brother Daniel sank two free throws to give the Jackets a 63-53 lead.

Daniel Brown ended game with a double hand back pass to Sims to end the game with the Jackets taking a 65-53 win.

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MENIFEE COUNTY

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The Jackets came rolling back with some excellent passes from Daniel Brown to Sims and Simons to end the quarter trailing 14-12.

Sims tied the score at 16-16 with 5:34 in the second quarter off an assist from Daniel Brown.

The Jackets built a four point lead off a Daniel Brown three pointer , Menifee took the lead back off Scott Carty's three pointer.

Brown connected on four point play to end the half to give Nicholas a 33-30 lead.

The Jackets scored seven straight points to give Nicholas a 40-30 lead.

Sims ended the quarter in the lane off an assist from Brown to push the lead to 55-46.

Simons extended the lead to 57-46 to open the fourth period.

Brown and Wills connected from the free throw line down the stretch to seal the victory at 75-67 in the second round.

Daniel Brown led Nicholas with 32, Sims added 16, Simons had 13, Wills with 9, Morris, Bradley Brown, and Ockerman each had 2.

Jackets win DQ tourney

By Pam Bowles
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

OWINGSVILLE — The Nicholas County Bluejackets captured their second tourney of the season in the Dairy Queen Invitational Tournament on Friday night and placed four players on the all tourney team.

A foul plagued Jacket team scrapped together with the assistance of several reserves to topple Lewis County 65-53 in the finals.

Nicholas County found itself in early foul trouble with Daniel Brown, Travis Sims and Jamie Simons taking their position next to Coach Ed Oakley on the bench in the second quarter. The Bluejackets committed — fouls to — by the Lions.

Simons grabbed a rebound to put the the Jackets on the scoreboard first.

Shane Reede sank two free throws for the Lions to tie the score.

Jarrod Wills gunned in a three pointer and Kevin Morris made a steal which lead to a Sims basket off an assist from Brown.

Sims followed on the next play to drive to the inside to give the Jackets a 9-2 lead.

Reede scored in the paint for Lewis County and Sims pulled down a rebound off Simons' miss to extend the lead to 11-4.

Tom Wumsley fired in a three pointer for the Lions to cut the lead to 11-7.

With four minutes left in the the first quarter the Jackets started to mount up their fouls.

Daniel Brown drove the baseline for a jumper and then on the next possession Simons pulled down a rebound for a bucket to the give the Jackets a 21-11 lead with 44 seconds left in the first quarter.

Bradley Brown ended the first quarter with a three pointer to push the Jacket lead to 24-13.

On the Jackets first possession of the second quarter Daniel Brown picked up his third personal foul and remained on the bench for the rest of the second quarter.

With the fouls growing the Jackets had to use reserves Wes Broderick, Bradley Brown, Brian Ockerman along with Morris and Wills and the rotation of Raymond Brown.

The Lions had scored nine straight points in the opening minutes of the second quarter to cut Nicholas County's lead to 24-22.

With 2:46 left in the second quarter the Jackets would have to face the loss of another player as Morris fell, hit his head and was then later taken to the hospital for stitches.

Wills, the lone starter with four subs, drove the middle of the lane with 1:53 left in the half to give the Jackets a 26-24 lead.

Ockerman popped in a bucket off Will's assist to push the lead to 30-24.

Wumsley fired in a three pointer to cut the Jacket lead to 30-27 to end the half.

The Lions opened the third period outscoring the Jackets 5-0 to take a 32-30 lead.

Sims hit in the lane and fired in a three pointer and Simons followed with basket to give the Jackets a 37-32 lead.

Matt Evans' three pointer pulled the Lions closer to the Jackets at 37-35.

Daniel Brown canned two free throws after earlier missing two in a row and Wumsely fired in another three pointer to cut the Jacket lead to 39-32.

Bradley Brown followed with a three pointer for the Jackets to push the lead back to 42-38.

Josh Floyd ended the third period with one of two free throws to cut the Nicholas lead to 42-39.

Simons sank two chartiy shots to open the final period and to extend the lead for Nicholas County to 44-39.

Floyd followed in a basket for the Lions to cut the lead back to three points at 44-41.

Wills connected at the top of the key and Daniel Brown triggered a pass to Simons for a bucket to push to lead to 48-41.

Lewis hit two straight baskets to cut the lead to 48-45 with 4:36.

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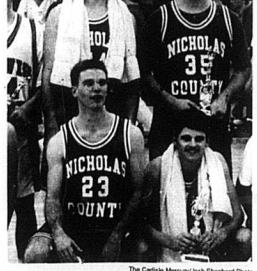

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From left to right; kneeling: Jarrod Wills and Daniel Brown; Back Row: Jamie Simons and Travis Sims. Wills, Simons and Sims were named to the all tournament team at the Dairy Queen tournament in Bath County on Friday night. Brown was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

Jackets Schedule

Jan. 16 Jessamine
Home (Girls) 7:30
Jan. 18 Paris
Away (Boys) 7:30
Jan. 18 Madison Cen.
Away (Girls) 2:30
Jan. 20 Bourbon
Away (Girls)
Jan. 21 Harrison
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