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The Carlisle Mercury John Shepherd and Pam Rowles Photo Above: The 1992 Girls 7th District and 10th Region Champions, the Nicholas County Lady Jackets. Below: The 1992 7th District Champions and Boys 10th Region Burners up Nicholas County Bluejackets. Although only one will go on to the Sweet Sixteen, there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that 1992 has been the year of Nicholas County Basketball.



Council passes trash rate ordinance

By Pam Rowles
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE — The Carlisle City Council finally finished with their amended trash collection rate and passed the ordinance unanimously without further amendment.

But it still came under some criticism. Carlisle resident and business owner Jimmy Shaw came before council to register his criticism of the doubled rate.

In response to a letter Jockey International addressed to councilman Carl Miller Lester about the industry's decision to launch a recycling project, Shaw had thought the factory would see a reduction in their garbage collection rates.

According to the letter, Jockey's decision to recycle would greatly reduce the amount of solid waste the plant generates for landfill disposal, especially because most of their garbage is recyclable cardboard.

Shaw also felt the \$7.00 rate would be a burden on fixed-income residents.

"I can afford the rate because I operate a business, but there may be people who can't pay a higher rate," Shaw said.

Council members, however, said the city has always operated at a loss of approximately \$6,000 a year.

The rate increase will not create a profit for the city, members said. In fact, they said, the city will just barely break even.

If, however, Jockey's recycling decision translates into a drop in Art Sanitation's costs, it is conceivable there might be a small drop in the City Council's garbage rates. However, it was doubtful whether the potential rate drop would be very significant.

Following the discussion and Shaw's comments, council passed the rate ordinance by a vote of 4-2, with councilpersons Ronnie Clark and Betty Barton voting against the ordinance, and moved on to other business.

Two ordinances were drawn up for council consideration concerning the annexation of Maskingford Lane and Oriole Street into the Carlisle City limits.

However, pessimism as to the potential success of such a measure reignited throughout council's discussion of the ordinance.

Councilman Ronnie Clark, at least, granted that

annexation might be possible. But, he asked council members, would the city really be able to afford the costs it would incur to provide city services to those areas. Specifically, he said, street repair and maintenance as well as other requirements the city would have to fulfill to meet state standards.

"I just don't think it would be worth it to us to have these streets annexed into Carlisle," Clark said.

Council members generally agreed they did not want to continue pursuing the matter at this time.

Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes had to break a tie vote between council members in regard to a proposed 10 percent increase in city utility rates to water and sewer customers living outside the city limits of Carlisle.

Customers outside of the city were paying 20 percent more for their sewer and water services than Carlisle residents. The new ordinance would charge out of city utility customers 30 percent more than Carlisle residents pay.

Although very little discussion was made on the ordinance, the vote to pass the raise was split, 5-3, with Barton.

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Wildcats visit for fundraiser

By John Shepherd
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE — Just a few days prior to the NCAA tournament, the SEC champion University of Kentucky Wildcats with head Coach Rick Pitino came for an evening's visit to Nicholas County to help raise money for the Audra Sparks fund.

With donations and special fund raisers cropping up in just about every town through-

Court begins final waste policy changes

By John Shepherd
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court last Tuesday began the final stage of completely changing the entire county waste management system with the sale of its one Mack garbage truck and eight of its best green dumpsters.

Bids for the truck, all 28 usable dumpsters, and the banked dumpsters were opened at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning. Two bids were offered by Mills Garbage Services and the Mason County Fiscal Court. A representative of Mills Garbage Services was present during the meeting.

The bid Mills gave for all the supplies being sold by the court was a flat \$3,600 for the truck, \$1,000 for all 28 good dumpsters and \$10.00 each for the junked ones.

Mason County's bid for the truck was \$3,500 and \$50 for each of the 28 dumpsters. However, concerning the dumpsters, the Mason County bid was \$1,000 for all 28 dumpsters and \$10.00 for each of the 28 dumpsters.

Of the other 20 functional dumpsters left in Nicholas County's possession, Smoot advised the court to keep three for each of them.

Magistrates decided to accept Mason County's eight dumpster bid, but rejected all other bids.

"The items we have are worth much more than what's being offered. It had not been too long ago that we paid nearly \$200 a piece for the dumpsters," Nicholas County Judge Executive Reese Smoot said.

Just before making his departure, the Mills Garbage Services Representative said he was authorized to make a final offer of \$4,000 on the county Mack garbage truck, but that was the company's final offer.

The court considered the bid in a lengthy discussion. It was decided they could not accept Mills bid without giving Mason County a final opportunity to up its bid.

Mason amended its offer to a total \$5,300, which would cover the eight dumpsters the Nicholas Court had already approved. The court found Mason County's bid the best and accepted the sale of both the truck and dumpsters.

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Water advisory issued

By John Shepherd
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARNICHO — Nicholas County residents living in the Lake Carnico area back down there might be a threat. It's just to keep people aware and safe," Curtinger said.

Since early Sunday morning residents from the area have called in and reported either low water pressure or no water at all coming from their pipes.

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According to Water Board member Garvey Curtinger, the water advisory was a precautionary measure made by a representative of the state Environmental Protection Agency. A break in the water lines servicing Carnico, Headquarters, and Bar-

ville could result in the severed line drawing in contaminated water.

"The advisory doesn't mean there is a threat, but that

there might be a threat. It's just to keep people aware and safe," Curtinger said.

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The Carlisle Mercury Pam Rowles Photo University of Kentucky Wildcats Coach Rick Pitino pays homage to one of his most loyal fans, Mrs. Elizabeth Cawood of Carlisle, who most recently celebrated her 55th birthday. Ms. Cawood was among nearly 2,000 who came to NCHS gym to cheer the Wildcats into the NCAA.