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Jail budget for 1993-1994 approved by the fiscal court

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met last Thursday morning to approve the county's jail budget for the upcoming year. In the jail fund, the estimated operating costs for the jail for 1993-1994 were outlined in the jail's financial report. The estimated amount in the jail fund for fiscal year 1993-1994 is \$133,967. According to the jail budget worksheet provided by the court, those costs are expected to increase \$3,675 in fiscal year 1993-1994, which begins July 1 of this year. Most of the increases will be used to accommodate the D.U.I. fees and juvenile contracts with other counties. An increase of \$800 from fiscal year 1992-1993 in the reserve fund. The most significant increase will be in the juvenile contracts budget. In 1992-1993, the budget was \$7,000. Next year, it will be \$10,000. The court said the increase was caused by an increasing

number of juvenile arrests in Nicholas County this year. The cost to house the juveniles has reached \$75 daily, explaining the expanding budget. The D.U.I. fees will increase from \$1,000 for 1992-1993 to \$1,500 in 1993-1994, according to the jail budget worksheet. County contributions, including money for a pregnant prisoner who may give birth while still an inmate, have also increased \$3,675 to total \$102,850 for fiscal year 1993-1994, according to County Treasurer Wanda Dotson. Everything else should be pretty close to what you see," Dotson said. Other receipts included in the jail budget which will not change from 1992-1993 in the next fiscal year include state fees for bond allotment (\$24,000), state fees for medical allotment \$92,007, circuit clerk court costs, which will decrease \$100 to \$2,700, and work release receipts (\$300). Other expenses for different areas of jail operations

will be as follows for 1993-1994: Continued On Page 3

Sheriff's finances publicized

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Sheriff's Office financial report was presented to the fiscal court in a called meeting last Thursday. The office received \$81,709.03 in 1992 to operate the office. According to office employee Imogene Green, the office doesn't operate on a budget, so the monies were received from taxes, court and licensing fees, security service fees, bond refunds, the Election Commission and advancement from the state. Continued On Page 3



The Carlisle Mercury/Rebecca Mullins Photo. The Nicholas County High School Bluejackets baseball team sat in the dugout and watch their teammates play their mid game of the season against Mason County Monday afternoon at NCES. The game was called the mid game due to rain. The score was 4-2, with Nicholas ahead. See page six for the season's schedule.

"Jump Start" helps local youth find summer employment

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - Scarcely is how some may describe job opportunities in Nicholas County. For many teenagers and young adults, babysitting and helping relatives with farm work are often the only ways individuals without a high school or college degree can earn money, especially if they have no experience. Work at retail establishments, movie theatres and restaurants common in rural and urban communities like Lexington is practically non-existent in Nicholas County. Young adults in Nicholas County who do want to work, however, will have the advantage over those in Fayette County this summer as "Jump Start" is initiated. Person ages 16-21 outside of Fayette County who meet family financial qualifications will be chosen for jobs at non-profit organizations and government offices by the state Department for Employment Services, which oversees "Jump Start." "They can earn valuable work experience that can be used on a resume," said Elizabeth Hack of the Bluegrass Area Development District. The Department for Employment Services will select 15 individuals for positions in Nicholas County, which may range from working as a secretary at the county courthouse to earning minimum wage as a custodian or a transportation worker, according to Gretta Payne of the Georgetown office of Department for Employment Services. Last year, young adults from Nicholas County worked at places such as Johnson-Mathers Health Care, the 4th camp, Nicholas County School System, Carlisle National Guard Armory, Nicholas County Clerk and County Judge's Office and the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center. The young adults must apply for the jobs through the Nicholas County High School counseling office or through the employment office, Payne said. Some applicants will have a better chance of getting one of the 15 slots than others, Payne said. "Some things like Aid to Families With Dependent Children, and food stamps make someone automatically 'eligible,'" she said. After applicants become eligible, they are put into a priority-point system and hired according to how many points they have acquired. The deadline for applications is May 28th. Applications will be sent to the state April 9. The persons hired by the state will start work officially on June 7, Payne said.

Chamber and women's club to hold "Candidates Forum" at NCES

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce and Nicholas County Women's Club will be holding a "Candidates Forum" May 11 at 7 p.m. at Nicholas County Elementary School. The candidates for the office of Nicholas County Judge-Executive will each be grilled about issues affecting the county they desire to run. All county civic groups and the public will present questions, according to Chamber office coordinator Kathy Howard. "I'd like to have some questions from voters," she said. The candidates will be approximately one week to review the questions before the forum. All candidates are expected to answer the questions presented to them at the forum with the public present, Howard said. "I want them to be able to answer them right then," she said. A few magisterial candidates will be chosen to participate as well. One of the questions sure to be asked at the forum will regard the non-existent 911 system in the county, she said. The Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority is facing another Certified Cities review this year, and 911 will be one of the criteria the economic program will expect the county fulfill soon, she said. The women's club and the Chamber have both studied other counties' 911 system, and have decided it would be possible for the county to purchase a computer and begin one of its own. "They could run it through Continued On Page 3



The Carlisle Mercury/Rebecca Mullins Photo. Duane Osborne plays Jesus Christ as He is resurrected three days after His crucifixion in Carlisle Christian Church's Easter Passion Play. The play will be held April 9 and 10 at NCES's gymnasium.

Three Lady Jackets are excelling in school athletics and academics

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff MOREHEAD - Most all of us have seen Nikki Smoot, Christie Hatton and Elizabeth Schanding winning on the basketball court, but what about in the classroom? All three girls spent Saturday in Morehead at the Northeast Regional Science Fair. They were presenting medical and biological-related projects they had sweated over most of the year. Hatton and Smoot proved their excellence doesn't stop on the court when they took home the two top awards at the competition. Smoot was awarded the second overall for her project on cancer cells. She was also given the U.S. Army Award, U.S. Navy Award and Best Biology award for her project. Hatton walked away with first overall in the competition, which involved approximately 60 high school students. She also received the U.S. National Service Certificate of Achievement, the U.S. Navy Award and a four-year scholarship to Morehead totaling \$12,000. Both girls were also given an all-expense paid trip to compete in the International Science Fair in Gulfport, Mississippi. Hatton's project was entitled "Scopolamin-induced deficits in spatial navigation. A model for spatial disorientation in Alzheimer's disease." The project was so thorough and well-implemented, Hatton was awarded a four-year tuition scholarship to the University of Kentucky. Continued On Page 3