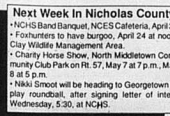


Soil & Water Stewardship Week is April 25 - May 2. The Nicholas Co. Conservation District, local court, and City of Carlisle recognize those who care for our land and water.



Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce awards excellence in business, agriculture, and athletics at annual meeting. See story inside.



Next Week in Nicholas County - NCHS Band Banquet, NCHS Cafeteria, April 30 - 7:30 p.m. to have barbeque, April 24 at noon, City Wildlife Management Area, Charity Horse Show, North Middtown Community Club Park on Rt. 57, May 7 at 7 p.m., May 8 at 5 p.m. - NCHS Banquet will be heading to Georgetown to play roundball, after signing letter of intent Wednesday, 5:30, at NCHS.



Area Weather Forecast - Thursday & Friday - Dry & cool, temperatures in the mid 50's & 60's. Lows, 40-45 degrees. - Saturday & Sunday - Dry and warmer, temperatures in the 70's. Lows in the mid-forties. Slight chance of showers.

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Changes in the water district

NCWD may join with Harrison county to bring Nicholas water

By Rebecca Mullins
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Water Board is considering allowing water districts in other counties serve areas of Nicholas County living without county or city water.

Water district Chairman Garvey Curtisinger told the board Morning Glory Road in the Saltwell/Headquarters area of the county could receive water by the Harrison County Water District.

Harrison County could read sooner than the Nicholas County district can, Curtisinger said.

"We would have to wait until Phase 4 or 5 of the project to serve Morning Glory Road. That could be four or five years away," he said.

The district is costumed by Phase 3 of the project now. "It's up to you if you want to give the people of Nicholas County water and let Harrison County serve them, or wait until we can serve them," Curtisinger told the board.

The board decided in a meeting last night at the

courthouse whether or not to sign a contract with Harrison County. The board may also talk to Fleming County about providing water to the north end of the county in case of break in the Nicholas water district's system, Curtisinger said.

The state Division of Water is giving a ruling on whether or not the Green Acres Trailer Park in Headquarters can hook on to the district system.

The state wants the figures from the water district on how much water will be used by the area's residents before it gives Green Acres approval, said Aqua/RWS General Manager Hal Williams, who acts on behalf of the water district in state matters.

Curtisinger said the state Public Service Commission will rule today whether the district can serve the former customers of the defunct Nicholas County Waterworks without any legal ramifications. The issue was brought before the board by district engineering consultant Beuren Garten.

Garten presented his plans

concerning the laying out of access roadways for the tank site for Phase 3 of the project last Thursday to the board. The tank site will be located off U.S. 88 in Barterville.

Board member Sue Kirby presented a financial report for the Phase 3 construction account to the board at last week's meeting also.

Kirby stated \$25,394.54 had been spent to date on the construction project. The construction account, holding monies obtained from project tap-on fees, is currently \$28,214.54, collecting \$57 in interest monthly.

Garten said no expenditures should be made from the account until the district takes bids on a pump station and berings on the pump station.

"I don't think you're going to have many checks written on that account," he said.

In other business, the board also agreed, after legal action was taken by board attorney Dawn Letcher, to refund \$215.15 in tap-on fees to Eshelton Farms to compensate the farm's cost of installing a

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State refuses to approve new NCHS

By Rebecca Mullins
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CARLISLE - The state has refused to approve the Building and Grounds application for a new Nicholas County High School, according to Superintendent Robert Gilbert.

The application, sent to the state in the fall of last year, would have permitted the Nicholas County Board of Education to take out a \$3.3 million bond issue to pay for the first phase of the high school building project.

Phase 1 will involve building the bare necessities of the school, such as classrooms and the library, Gilbert said.

"This would get us out of this crowded condition," he said.

However, the state said the county board must manage its money well enough to save 2 percent of its general fund to pay off the bond issue each year.

"Each year, (the state) wants you to have approximately \$200,000 to pay bond off," said Gilbert.

The bond must be paid off over a 20-year period, he said.

The board is still paying approximately \$100,000 per year on the bond issue for the elementary school, which cost

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The Carlisle Mercury/Rebecca Mullins Photo
Local minister Doug Alexander holds up a confetti as he greets the group at the banquet at the Nicholas County Conservation District last Friday night. Alexander spoke at the banquet to show his support for the team.



The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hart Photo
Kentucky State Police Crime Lab breathalyzer technician Robert Pennington suffered several facial injuries in a one-vehicle car accident on Ky. 32 in Hoodtown Tuesday afternoon. The UK helicopter met rescue squad members and took Pennington to the UK Medical Center minutes after the accident. According to scopier Tim Layne, the accident occurred when Pennington, in order to avoid a head-on collision with an unarmored driver, swerved off the east-bound side of the road and hit an embankment. He was on duty at the time.

County farming community fearful of possible \$2/pack cigarette tax

By Rebecca Mullins
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CARLISLE - As you can imagine, Nicholas County agriculture extension agent Mike Phillips is not happy with President Clinton these days.

The Clinton Administration is expected to drop a bomb on American farmers within a few weeks; a tax bomb for health reform referred to as a "sin tax."

The current 24-cent tax on commenting on the tax alone. "The administration" is being raised to \$2 if the administration's tax proponents have their up-coming day in

Congress, according to comments made recently by some Clinton advisers in the media.

Combined with an announced 10-percent reduction in tobacco quotas next season, a tax could really hurt the local tobacco farming industry, according to Phillips.

"It's an injustice to the tobacco system to try and pick up and pay for all the bills of this country," Phillips said, commenting on the tax alone.

"The administration" is picking on one or two industries at the expense of this industry."

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Seniors facing hefty benefits tax

By Rebecca Mullins
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CARLISLE - The Immaculate Conception Center relies on a good deal on her social security check to pay for her husband's human needs.

She retired from a piano and organ company in Cincinnati several years ago and now lives on a fixed income. It isn't easy, she said.

"We wouldn't fare very good without it," Crews said.

When a group known as The Seniors Coalition sent her a packet in the mail with cards to mail to media, congressmen and other public officials to dissuade a potential

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Child abuse center of attention at county resource center

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CARLISLE - It may surprise you to know almost one-fourth of the reported child abuse cases in Nicholas County in 1992 were validated, according to the state Cabinet for Human Resources child abuse/neglect central registry.

The reports range from improper care of a child to excessive punishment to physical injury, which can be fatal.

The registry's report for 1992 states 25 out of 88 reports of child abuse reports in the county were substantiated that

year. The breakdown of the 25 substantiated reports indicates one of 29 children reported were physically abused and 16 of 56 children in the county were neglected, or cared for improperly by law.

The Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, Inc. reported 24 children died in Kentucky from child abuse in 1992 as a result of physical abuse or neglect. All the children were 15 years old or younger.

The registry's 1992 figures show an increase in child abuse in Nicholas County compared to 1991 figures. In

1991, the registry reported only 21 child-abuse reports were substantiated.

The Nicholas County Family Resource Center is taking part in a state-wide campaign to end child abuse.

Individuals in the community spotted with blue ribbons on their lapels have joined in the "Blue Ribbon Campaign" headed by the center for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Family Resource Center social worker Barbara Hopkins said one thing useful in stopping child abuse in the county and elsewhere is

knowledge on how it can be prevented.

"(Child abuse) occurs for a combination of reasons. I think the main reason is a lack of education of other types of discipline.

Punishment tends to be negative," Hopkins said.

She said child abuse can also be a family tradition. Parents who were abused themselves as a child may often abuse in return, she said.

Child abuse may also result from the parent's inability to handle a child's natural

expectations of a parent, such as wanting a parent's attention.

"We set our kids up sometimes because they want our attention," she said.

Hopkins also used an example to demonstrate how parents or guardians encourage poor behavior in children. One way is to take them to places they are expected to behave, such as restaurants and stores, without empowering them with rules to go by in the unfamiliar and bewildering

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