

Tourism to hold annual dinner

Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism, Inc., will hold their annual dinner and meeting April 23 at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Jokers Home on Main Street, and will be buffet style. Cost per person will be \$7.00. Call Gwynn Shrest at 238-5174 for more information.

Baesler to meet with area leaders

State representative Scotty Baesler will be in Carlisle on Monday, April 25 to speak with local government officials and concerned residents about ways to stimulate economic development. Baesler will be at Tracks Restaurant at noon.

Clean-Up Days scheduled for city

The City of Carlisle has scheduled Spring Clean-Up Days Friday, April 29 thru Monday, May 2. Items may be placed on the curb for pickup, which will take place on Friday, April 29 and Monday, May 2 only. They will show residents Saturday and Sunday to gather items for pickup.

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday & Friday: Highs in the seventies, lows near forty. Chance of showers. Saturday & Sunday: Showers, highs near seventy, lows near fifty.

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School board discusses taxes, raises

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - Salary increases for both teachers and classified personnel of the Nicholas County Schools were topics faced by the Nicholas County Board of Education during the Monday April 11 meeting.

There was also talk of asking voters to approve a tax increase to build a new high school.

"Would the board support a special tax to fund a new high school?" asked Nicholas County High School resource teacher Jim Lally. Let's put it on the line and see if the people are open to that.

Board member Summie Vio said the same thing is said each time any tax is put before the people. People are always against taxes. They said the same thing to the school board about this school elementary. But people worked their tail off and passed it and we're sitting here.

Superintendent Colbert Gilbert informed the board that a

new high school with everything asked for in the last facility plan would have an estimated cost of \$9 million.

Board member David Smoot said the number one priority on the facility survey was to build a new high school. He and other board members talked with Kentucky Department of Education officials at least twice in Frankfort, and the department would only approve the construction of four classrooms. "They are not going to approve anything other than four classrooms. They told me we are bonded to the hilt and we cannot bond anymore."

More than 70 people attended the meeting held at the Nicholas County Elementary School cafeteria.

The Nicholas County Board of Education as a whole didn't voice opposition to the salary increases, yet wouldn't approve meeting. However, the board agreed to set up a meeting later this month to talk with teachers in depth about raises and facilities.

Elementary teacher Tony Smith asked each board member to approve a five percent salary increase for teachers. Smith directed the question first to board chairman Louise Zachary.

"Mrs. Zachary, what is your view on salary increase?" Smith asked.

"Whatever we are able to do financially, we will do. I think it is important not to jeopardize

our goals for the future, like perhaps our facilities. We have to keep that in mind," Zachary replied.

Smith gave six reasons teachers wanted the raise. The reasons included keeping up with Kentucky Education Reform Act mandates, increased summer school and professional development requirements and school training sessions; to attract new teachers to the district; within the next five years, almost half of the district's teachers will be retiring and new teachers will be needed; inflation increases faster than salary; insurance rates have increased; teachers spend their own money to comply with KERA; and the payroll tax.

Ronnann Bow, a middle school level teacher, told the board that teachers are lost to industry because of higher salaries than the school system pays. She also said the need for teachers to keep increasing their education is a reason why they need more



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City hears subdivision proposal

By Jason Hart
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CARLISLE - Carlisle City Council was presented with a proposal in regular meeting Monday night that would, if successful, add a new subdivision to the city.

Willy Taber, of Taber Builders addressed the council with the proposal, asking that the city install water and sewer lines to the site, which is located adjacent to Sycamore Hill Apartments.

"I would like to start a subdivision next to Sycamore Hill," said Taber. "I wanted to come and see if the City would help me out any. I will furnish materials if you the city will put in water and sewer."

Councilman Doug Garrett said he would be in favor of the project.

Taber and Clark agreed to plan a meeting at the site for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the proposal.

Council discussed the status of the suit filed by the city against Sams and Hattie Guy to force the guys to clean up their property on Rayne Street.

The case, filed in Nicholas District Court, went before the judge on March 16.

According to Clark, the Guys have until April 14, or 21 days, to clean up the property to the specifications of the city.

"I'm not satisfied, I don't know about the rest of you," said Clark. "The judge was very blunt. He said for the property to be cleaned up and sewer cleaned up."

Clark said if the Guys fail to comply, they could face further legal action.

"If there is no change, we will report back to the judge," said Clark.

Council member Sharan Paulson asked what would happen if they did report back to the judge.

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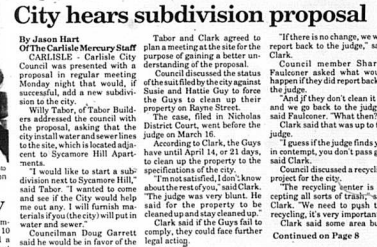
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Board approves gates for elementary

By Leigh Stone
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By Nicholas County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, April 11 and accepted four calamity days made possible by recent legislation and had a close vote on security gates for the elementary school.

All votes were unanimous except Motion # 3987 concerning the bid acceptance of OverHead Company of Lexington to install two rolling grille security gates at Nicholas

County Elementary School at a cost of \$8,000. Smoot and Vio voted "no." Claver had approved the motion, seconded by Dale Chairman Louise Zachary voted yes to have the gates installed.

OverHead was the only company to come to the school.

The board voted to accept four calamity days this year as allowed by Senate Bill 242. The days of Jan 18, 19, 20 and 21 were allowed by Governor Erwin Jones as days in which the district could be paid except for the food program.

Superintendent Gilbert commented: "We had to miss over 10 days to qualify. We missed a total of 16 days so we were out these four days."

The district had shortened spring break three days and went to school every possible holiday since weather improved.

Instead of June 8 being the last day for students and June 9 the last day for teachers this school year, the board approved the last school day of spring 1994 to be June 7 for students and June 8 for teachers.



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Nine apply for employment as superintendent

Nine applications for the position of superintendent of Nicholas County were received by April 5, reported superintendent screening committee member Brenda Lawrence during Monday's Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Colbert Gilbert's contract expires June 30.

Five applications were from Kentucky with others from Tenn., Ohio and Calif. All applicants were sent an information packet. The committee was scheduled to meet April 13 to review additional applications received. The screening committee will make candidate recommendations to the Nicholas County Board of Education no later than May 11.

Nicholas County Elementary students check out the action on the Starlab Planetarium recently. The Starlab, a traveling exhibit from the Kentucky Department of Education, helps students understand more about outer space.

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Court keeps crossing

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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted to keep a railroad crossing at Paris Lane open despite a request from TTI Railway asking that it be closed.

David Statton, attorney for TTI, told the fiscal court members during the Tuesday April 12 meeting that TTI is evaluating crossings and seeking to close ones that could be potentially dangerous. Another crossing exists 1,700 feet beyond the crossing. TTI wants to close outside and outside cleaning \$10 with donations accepted. All proceeds will held with junior class from expenses. The junior class will also sponsor a dance for all high school students from 10 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the high school gymnasium. Sounds Unlimited will provide karaoke music for the evening. It is \$3, couples, \$5.

Class to hold car wash, dance

The junior class of Nicholas County High School will sponsor a car wash 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the bus garage. Outside wash is \$7 with inside and outside cleaning \$10 with donations accepted. All proceeds will held with junior class from expenses. The junior class will also sponsor a dance for all high school students from 10 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the high school gymnasium. Sounds Unlimited will provide karaoke music for the evening. It is \$3, couples, \$5.

League will hold banquet

The Little League Baseball Banquet will be held 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Nicholas County High School gymnasium.