

Community responds

Several members of the Nicholas County community responded to the Superintendent's situation in the Nicholas County School District. See page 2 for letters to the editor and editorial views.

NCHS teams have schedule change

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets will play Montgomery County, Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m. The girls' next game is Monday, February 14, Bryan Station at home. On Thursday the Bluejays take on Telford away. Friday is Harrison County away and Saturday at Corda.

Calendar meeting dates slated for week

The Nicholas County Water District will meet Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m. fiscal courtroom. The Nicholas County School Board and Carle City Council will hold the regularly monthly meetings on Monday, February 14, at 7 p.m. Nicholas County High School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m. NCHS Library.

Send in your two cents worth

See page 2 for an opinion poll concerning the present situation of the Nicholas County Superintendent. Vote and see the results in next week's edition of the Carlisle Mercury.

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City declares trash emergency

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark outlines costs

By Jason Hart
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CARLISLE - The Carlisle City Council, meeting in special session Thursday last, Thursday voted to declare a state of emergency as concerns city trash pickup.

The present contract runs out February 28. The motion to declare a state of emergency on trash pickup for city residents was unanimous.

The council received bids for trash pickup at a special meeting earlier this month, and rejected the single bid received.

The bid, from Rumpke of Kentucky's Mount Sterling branch, constituted roughly a 50 percent increase in the amount paid by the city for garbage service.

Mayor Ronnie Clark presented council with figures showing what it would cost the city to haul to Mason County or Mount Sterling disposal facility.

According to Clark's figures, which show costs for both married and single employees, the city would pay \$90,184.78 per year for married employees or \$91,315.77 for single employees if trash was hauled to Mt. Sterling. There exists a slight rise in cost for hauling to Mason County.

These figures take salaries, truck and maintenance costs, and employees' taxes and insurance into consideration.

Collections from 761 customers would total \$8,069 per month or \$96,108 per year.

This leaves a positive margin, with married employees on the equation, of \$5,923.22 and for

single employees, \$4,792.23, if the trash is hauled to Mt. Sterling. The positive margin is slightly less if the trash is hauled to Mason County.

Before adjourning, Charles Fay made a motion which was seconded by Tommie Vaughn to give Clark the authorization to proceed with all necessary requirements and to sign necessary papers to get the City of Carlisle into the trash business by March 1, 1994.

The council also discussed options toward cutting down on

the dump fee. These include, educating the public on recycling, looking at used containers and sending up a compactor station.

The next regular meeting of the Carlisle City Council will be Monday, February 14, 7 p.m.



Carlisle City Fire Department members battle a minor chimney fire on Morgan Street last Thursday. The fire was minor and the structure suffered only minor damage.

Chamber sets goal for membership

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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RICHMOND - The Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce started a membership drive in February and is hoping to recruit new members as well as add new ones to this year's roster.

"We hope we will see a lot of response for this year's membership. The activities we sponsor help residents of Nicholas County and are designed to pull this community together," Kathy Howard of the Chamber said.

Some of the activities membership dues help fund include: \$500 scholarship to a Nicholas County High School senior; Blackberry Festival S. K. run; Court Days; Nicholas County Little League; Nicholas County Academic Boosters; Special Olympics programs and more.

During Christmas, Howard and several chamber members hand delivered teddy bears, all bought from Nicholas County businesses, to children involved in the Nicholas County Head Start Program.

"And we try to work with other civic organizations in the county including the Lions Club. We bought several tickets to the

CPR class will be held

Johnann Mathes Health Care will hold CPR classes at the hospital on February 17 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Registration deadline for the class is Thursday, February 10. Interested parties may register or garner more information on the class by calling Wendy Price at 289-7181.

An information meeting for persons interested in being foster or adoptive parents will be held Tuesday, February 15, 6 p.m. in the basement of the Nicholas County Library.

Presently, there are no foster parents in Nicholas County and according to recruitment officials, there exists a great need for open, loving homes.

For more information on foster parenting or adoption in Nicholas County, or on the meeting, contact Marie Halpin at 289-7123 or 987-4655.

Jobless rate is down in KY

Kentucky's jobless rate stayed at its lowest point in three years, a 9.4 percent, from November to December while the state's labor market remained relatively unchanged.

magic show they sponsored last Friday. Those tickets were sent to the Headstart Program, and the funding for those tickets goes to help needy people purchase eyeglasses," Howard said.

"It's really like a humanitarian circle. What comes around, goes around, and the more we can do to help the people of this community, the more the ben-

Lady Jackets one heartbeat from repeat

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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RICHMOND - Nicholas County Lady Jacket senior, Alicia Shurt, sank a three pointer which would have tied up the final game in the State AIA Classic one heartbeat too late and the Lady Jackets took home a sad-sounding defeat, 38-35.

But one thing Nicholas County fans, coaches and players could agree on is the Lady Jackets need more heart than anyone could have predicted.

Kim Jenkins, senior center and aggressive Miss Basketball for Kentucky, passed out at half time out still played nine minutes of the last half.

After she entered the game in the third quarter, Nicholas County went on a seven point scoring run to tie up the game 30-30.

"Kim Jenkins showed more courage in that final game than I've ever seen. If anyone could ever doubt we had the guts and heart - they certainly can't now," Head Coach Barbara Kenney said.

"These players grew up while in Richmond, they are a much

excellent game and they have every reason to be proud - all we ever ask is that they do their best and they got out there and scored that 13 and forced 11 turnovers of our own." And we did try everything we had against them. When we tried the full court press someone would come up and make free throws. We tried the zone, the only thing that would work was the half court man man."

After we've gone through this tournament together, we really understand one another better. We've got to know how each player plays - what they can do. George said,

Hopkins said the Holy Cross defense was tough.

"We had a tough time getting open," Hopkins said.

But although the Lady Jackets wore the long face on Sunday, Kenney pointed out that a runner-up trophy was nothing to be ashamed of.

"You see some sad players here today, but I don't want them to hang their heads. They played

an excellent game and they have every reason to be proud - all we ever ask is that they do their best and they got out there and scored that 13 and forced 11 turnovers of our own." And we did try everything we had against them. When we tried the full court press someone would come up and make free throws. We tried the zone, the only thing that would work was the half court man man."

"We have come such a long way, gaining leadership in all spots. And, no excuses, but if we had a healthy Kim Jenkins to spot and one more second on that clock this game would have went into overtime and we would have come home with that state title."

Even though Louisville Holy Cross exhibited a more aggressive defense than the Lady Jackets had seen in previous seasons, inside play prevailed on the first half and Jenkins scored first for Nicholas County.

But with two goals by Danielle Atzinger, Nicholas County was down by two at 3:04 to play in the first quarter.

Atzinger, January Taylor and Jennifer Schultz scored three more buckets and stacked three

Members of the Nicholas County Lady Jackets receive the runner-up trophy in the State AIA Classic in Richmond. Head Coach Barbara Kenney said the players were disappointed, but encouraged her team to "hold your head up high, you've every right to be proud... you've earned it."