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Attention Senior Citizens
Karen Jones, an attorney for Central Kentucky Legal Services, will be at the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center on Friday, February 18 at 11 a.m. to discuss consumer fraud, telephone solicitations, and door-to-door sales. She will be available for individual consultations. For more information, contact Jones at 1-800-928-4556 or the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center at 289-3729.

Chamber holds annual meeting
The Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner meeting on Friday, April 15. Presently, the chamber is conducting a membership drive and encourages all business, residents and farms to join. For more information, contact Kathy Howard at 289-3254.

Parents given recognition
Parents of Bluejackets, Lady Jackets, cheerleaders and members of the band will be honored during Parent Night on Wednesday, when the Bluejackets face Augusta at home and Saturday night, as the Ladyjackets play Ludlow at home.

Area Weather Forecast
• Thursday & Friday - Highs in the mid to upper thirties. Mostly sunny, lows in thirties on Thursday, up to 40 on Friday.
• Saturday & Sunday - High chance of precipitation on Saturday, but daytime high reaches 60 degrees. Sunday continued cloudy, less chance of rain.

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Hughes confronts council

Questions legality of actions taken

By Anne Haeffner
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CARLSILE - City Council met in regular session Monday night, and were questioned by local residents on the legality of recent actions taken by the council.
Mark and Matt Hughes, who own a farm on Myers Road used by the city for the past two years to dump sludge, asked the council why they had chosen to break the contract to dump at the site.
"We entered into a contract for five years," said Matt Hughes. "Only two years have passed since the contract was

broken. How do you legally back out of it now?"
Mayor Ronnie Clark said the farm did not have a state permit to allow its use as a sludge-dumping site.
"That's the responsibility of the city, not the farm permit," said Clark. "That's not our problem. That's your problem."
Hughes said he had only a three-day notice of the cancellation of the contract.
Clark said another point in favor of using a city-owned facility is money.
"We would save a lot of money by using our own farm," Clark said. "We are just trying to save money."
Clark said the council had already voted to cancel the contract, and the contract is cancelled.
"We voted 6-0 to cancel the contract, and the contract is cancelled," said Clark.
Hughes said the farm was about to be approved by the state for use as a sludge dump, but the contract was cancelled before the permit was received.
"The permit was on the way, but you all said," said Hughes. "You can't Gene Kelley about that."
"City Sewer Plant Operator Gene Kelley confirmed that the farm was about to be allowed by the state."
"The farm was going to be permitted," said Kelley. "It is Gene's place to get the permit. There is no problem at the Hughes farm."

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Opinion Poll Results

In the February 10 edition of The Carlisle Mercury, we asked Nicholas Countyans the following question:
Do you agree with the non-renewal of Superintendent Ceibert Gilbert, Jr.'s contract by the Nicholas County Board of Education?

The responses were as follows:
NO — 114
YES — 31
Total Number Of Responses: 144

Water line construction will begin early spring

By Heather Mathes-Harris
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLSILE - According to Steve Dale of the Howard K. Hall Engineering Firm, over 80 percent of all easements needed for new water line construction by the Nicholas County Water District.
Which means one major development for the people of Nicholas County - water line construction will begin in early spring.



The Carlisle Mercury/Heather Mathes-Harris Photo
Forging metal with fire... Roger Whites and Ricky Carpenter, students in Mr. Bechman's welding class are hard at work getting assignments finished before the deadline. These two students are just two of many who take part in vocational education classes at Nicholas County High School or are transported to Hanson County Vocational Education Center.

In Brief

Nicholas draws Harrison County
Both the Nicholas County Bluejackets and Lady Jackets drew the Harrison County District play set to begin on February 26.
The girls' journey will be hosted by Harrison County. Bourbon County squares off against Paris on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Ladyjackets meet up with Harrison County on March 2, 7:30 p.m.
The boys' journey will be hosted at Bourbon County. Bracken County and Paris play on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Nicholas and Harrison meet on March 3, also at 7:30 p.m.

Farm Safety '94 set for February 23
The Johnson Mathers Community School of Good Health is teaming up with the Nicholas County Extension Office to present Farm Safety 1994 on Wednesday, February 23 at the Old Armory, 6:30 until 9 p.m.
From 6:30 until 8 p.m., attendees will hold free blood pressure checks. From 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., dinner will be served courtesy of First National Bank and Farm Credit Services. Reservations may be obtained by calling Betty Linnell at 289-7161.

From 9 p.m. until 8 p.m., Jo Ann Myers, coordinator of the office of rural health, will speak on health reform and the possible impact it will have on the rural family.
From 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., Michael Johnson, director of Life and Health Division, Kentucky Department of Insurance will speak on products available to the healthcare market.
All activities are free and open to the public.

"Our drawing has also been approved by the state engineer in Frankfort. So our game plan is to host for a signing date of April 30."
Dale also impressed to district members that a retaining fee can be held until all easements are in place.
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School system celebrates vocational studies

By Heather Mathes-Harris
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLSILE - The Nicholas County School system is joining the celebration this week, celebrating National Vocational Education Week, February 13 - 19.
The first of the week is "Vocational Education: Skills for Life."
According to Martha Sue Taylor, a Gifted Child Development team teacher in the vocational program in Nicholas County, said many students at the high school are transported each morning to classes at Harrison County Vocational School.
"We've been transporting students for a number of years, so many that I think it would be difficult for anyone to remember when we didn't participate in vocational training in Harrison County," Taylor said.
"But we also have vocational training at the our own high school as well. We offer classes in child development, the skills, agriculture related fields, and technology training."
Taylor offers that vocational training is for anyone who wishes to have a rewarding career.
"And many of our students have gone on, either to further their education through some kind of higher education or vocational school, or have directly entered the work force. They're prepared. Vocational studies have been the training background and ground work for a solid career," Taylor said.
"And the hours students gain in auto mechanics, health careers or any of the other number of classes taught at Harrison County can be used as a foundation at Central Vocational in Lexington. It's called the post-secondary program. Either way, these students are prepared for the job market."
Taylor also said that Nicholas County Schools, by utilizing vocational education, meets individual student needs.
"We have the college preparatory classes, but we also offer vocational classes too. This way, we do just offer general education or college prep classes - we get met across the board," Taylor said.
According to information provided by Taylor from the American Vocational Association, nationwide, employers have found that high school graduates with vocational education backgrounds are 6.5 percent more productive on the job

and require 20 percent less formal on-the-job training than students without such education.
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School board explains position; Fryman challenges reasoning

By Heather Mathes-Harris
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CARLSILE - The Nicholas County School Board met in regular session on Monday evening and the opening of the meeting, Chairman Louise Zachary asked each question separately and after each non-response she said, "I will take that as a no."
"I would also like to know if there have been performance evaluations done as we had discussed in the past with Mr. Gilbert," Fryman said.
"I'll take that as a no. My belief is that performance evaluations are essential between employer and employee. This permits problems to be identified and solved."
"Have there been any negative evaluations of Mr. Gilbert at any time?" I will take that as a no.
"I really don't know where to start. I attended the called meeting on January 31 and was disappointed by the behavior of board members," Fryman said.
"I was a board member from May until October 1993, during that time I was privy to sensitive information concerning the renewal of Mr. Gilbert's contract. I would like to know if any of the reasons given in closed session for the non-renewal of Mr. Gilbert's contract have changed," Fryman asked.
After no response Fryman said, "I will take that as a no." Fryman also asked board

members if there had been any malfeasance, misconduct, incompetence or insubordination on the part of Mr. Gilbert during his time at Nicholas County. Fryman asked each question separately and after each non-response she said, "I will take that as a no."
Betty Barton, also on the agenda, addressed each board member.
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District signs resolution

By Heather Mathes-Harris
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLSILE - The Nicholas County Water District held a closed meeting Monday night and passed a resolution which prohibits water lines from being built in a flood plain.
"This is for people who wish to build an area which has been designated a flood plain," Gary Curstinger, chairman of the Nicholas County Water District, said.
"A flood plain is any area of land which is close to a body of water and which can flood if water levels were to rise. If the structure is already existing, we can't refuse them water. But for people who wish to build in a flood plain, we want them to know they cannot be served by the water district."
According to Curstinger, the resolution was suggested by Farmer's Home Administration. He also notified the board that for the Nicholas County Water District, he has officially resigned due to family, business and community commitments.
District members were requested to inquire into possible replacement board members.