

## Happy Birthday, JMHC!

This week marks 25 years of service for Johnson Mather's Health Care in Nicholas County. JMHC will be sponsoring free health screenings and special events all week long.

## Board to welcome special guest speaker

A representative from the Kentucky Department of Education, Randy Kintner, will be the guest speaker at a special called meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education on Thursday at 6 p.m. Kintner will discuss ways to finance a new high school. The public is invited.

## A time to remember those who served

Armed Forces Day, a day to honor the men and women who served the cause of freedom in America's military, is coming on Saturday, May 21. If you know someone who served, give them your thanks.

## Area Weather Forecast Thursday & Friday: Continued warm and sunny, highs near eighty, lows in the forties. Saturday & Sunday: Sunny, seasonal temperatures, highs near eighty, lows near 35.

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The Carlisle Rotary Club dedicated this ornate plaque the evening of Thursday, May 5. The astroturf pear tree was donated by Bill Straw, charter member and owner of Carlisle Nursery in Independence, Ky. Placing the plaque in the ground, from left, were Don Loken, Charlene Housh, Ronnie Letcher, Bob Sparks, James Wells, Doug Garrett, Doc Allison and Spud Marshall. Carolyn Dodson was also present during the dedication ceremony.

## IN BRIEF

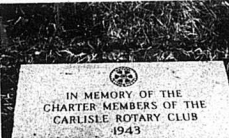
**Elementary election to take place May 12**  
The Nicholas County Elementary Site Based Decision Making Council election will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the elementary school cafeteria. The regular site based meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

**High school SBDM to elect officers May 19**  
The Nicholas County High School Site Based Decision Making Council election will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the high school cafeteria.

**Horse show cancelled, still not rescheduled**  
The Nicholas County Lions Club Horse Show was canceled Saturday, May 7, due to inclement weather. Esther Myers, Li Club board member, said the Central Kentucky Horse Show Association didn't have any more rain dates, so the show won't be rescheduled. Lion's Chairman Steve Fryman discussed the track condition with several horse owners who came to the track and the consensus was to have the show. Myers said the show would have been a fund raiser for the club. The full horse show is scheduled for Aug. 27, the last Saturday in August.

**Courthouse ceremony set for June 25**  
Gladys Shroot, Tourism co-chairman, has announced a dedication for the 100th anniversary of the Nicholas County Courthouse Saturday, June 25. The Nicholas County High School band will be called the Yellow-Garter Band for that day. The Ministerial Association and other groups will also be involved. Shroot hopes a miniature horse display will be featured along with an antique car show, small moonshine still and other historical items. The Nicholas County Fiscal Court gave permission for a time capsule to be placed in the courtroom. Paper items from various social groups will be in the capsule, to be opened in 50 years.

**Board sets calendar for 1994-95 year**  
Nicholas County School Board adopted the calendar for the 1994-95 school at their regular meeting May 9. School begins for students on August 28, and the first day for teachers is August 18.



This plaque was placed between the Central School Office and Nicholas County Elementary School in honor of the Carlisle Rotary Club of 1943.

## Senior Center takes cut in hours; Avoids employee layoffs, cutbacks

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE—Employees of the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center will each take a five-hour reduction per week beginning July 1.

The reduction amounts to \$10,000 which helped the Nicholas County Fiscal Court balance its budget during the May 4 special called budget meeting. The meeting was a continuation of the April 28 special called budget meeting.

## No water increase slated for now, says chairman

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE—Customers of the Nicholas County Water District may eventually see an increase in their water bills but that isn't ready to happen yet.

It won't go into effect until the project is complete, probably at the end of this year, stated Water Board Chairman Gary Curtinger.

The water district's project is a \$1.7 million water line extension that will create 20 miles of four inch and six inch water mains, a new pump station, a 120,000 gallon water storage tank, a telemetry (radio) system and an altitude valve vault.

Contracts for the extensions and the storage tank, pumping station and equipment, were awarded to the lowest bidder for both contracts, Kinney Inc. of

## Court rejects ambulance bids

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE—Experience may count after all. But not yet. Ambulance bids, including a bid from current operator Ronnie and Joyce McDonald, were again rejected at the Tuesday, May 10 meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

Despite rejecting the McDonald's bid, magistrates voiced the opinion they liked the service provided by the McDonald's the past 10 years. They just want it at a lowest possible cost.

"We're wanting to keep the ambulance service we got," declared Magistrate Daryl Stacy.

The ambulance service, which is owned by the county, will again be up for bid. A meeting to open bids will be held 4 p.m. Friday, May 20.

Ronnie and Joyce McDonald were the only bidders the first time bids were accepted April 18. They requested \$28,400, in the first bid which would buy the equipment they wanted. The fibrillator to help heart patients, other equipment, give salary increases and hopefully hire more staff, Joyce McDonald said at the meeting.

The McDonald's current contract is for \$27,000.

## Pay increase gets tentative nod

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE—A tentative budget with a five percent salary increase using this year's salary as the base is what the Nicholas County Board of Education approved as an increase for both certified and classified staff.

It was a move that received applause as a measure of the school board's support for school employees.

High School teacher Jim Lilly voiced his approval. "I think it's a good show of support by the board. We're not talking about an earth shattering raise, just enough to keep up with the rate of inflation."

Approximately 40 teachers, staff, and community members were in attendance during the school board announcement at the regular May 9 meeting. The meeting was held in the Nicholas County Elementary School cafeteria.

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## Council discusses new project

By Jason Hunt  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE—The Carlisle City Council discussed several issues in regular meeting Monday night, including the installation of utilities for a new subdivision.

At the April 11 meeting, Willie Taber addressed council, saying he intends to develop a new subdivision near the Sycamore Hills development. Taber asked if the city would install water and sewer lines to the new subdivision, with him supplying materials for the project.

At Monday's meeting, the council voted not to install the lines, but to locate a manhole where it will be accessible for Taber to connect to city utilities.

AS voted, the manhole will be located in a city street, so no fees will be installed on private property by city workers.

Council approved an ordinance creating the position of captain on the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department. No one has been appointed to the post as yet.

Council voted to approve Budget Ordinance 5, which sets the city budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

This time, the McDonald's bid came to \$24,000, as did a bid from Ronnie Burden of Cynthiana. The lowest bidder was from Phillip S. Turner and Scott Turner of Cynthiana for \$16,000.

Burden's bid came with letters of recommendation and a list of emergency services in which he was trained.

The Turner's bid stated they had a staff lined up to operate the service but were not current ambulance service operators.

Magistrate Juanita Smith commented the bid felt comfortable with the Turner's experience level. He said directly service and hope Ronnie and Joyce are going with what they've said. Conley advised.

"I'm not saying you \$24,000 bid isn't high," they said. Joyce. "It's in the ballpark of the other bids."

Another topic dealing with the ambulance service is that didn't basketball can be played at the ambulance headquarters, (the former National Guard Armory). The noise disturbs the emergency medical staff, which is an 24-hour day and isn't rest wherever they can, Joyce said.

The McDonald's have no reservations about Little League. Continued on Page 2B

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In other business, council: Voted to reimburse five firefighters for CPR classes.

Noted the banking proposals will be discussed at the next regular meeting on June 13.

Noted that bids for water plant chemicals will also be discussed at the June meeting.

Agreed to notify residents that basketball goals are not to be placed in city streets or right-of-way, as this creates a dangerous situation for players and drivers alike.



The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hunt Photo  
Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, left, looks on Monday as Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark prepares to sign the 911 service agreement which will finally bring 911 dispatching service to Nicholas County.