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The Nicholas Co. Boys Varsity Cheerleaders participated in the 37th Dist. competition on Sat., Feb. 17 at the Mason Co. High School. The cheerleaders were runners-up in the district and two seniors, Leia Brookshire and Staci Robinson were recognized. Brookshire and Chandra Evans were named to the All Region Squad.

Allen receives Kentucky VICA Statesman Award

Danny Allen, junior Nicholas County High School student, attended the 1996 Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) Kentucky Leadership Training Institute on February 6-7, 1996 in Frankfort, Kentucky. While at conference, Danny completed the training in parliamentary procedure, quality management of club business, and social interaction.

House fire on Crooked Creek Road, Sunday

By Kristie Harrod
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The Nicholas County Fire Department responded to a house fire located on Crooked Creek Road 13.5 miles from town.

The call came in at approximately 11:10 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18 according to Mark Hughes, Nicholas County Fire Chief. It took about 20 minutes for fire fighters to arrive on the scene and the blaze was extinguished by 1:05 a.m. Monday. Six vehicles responded but only four of those were utilized. Jimmy Coy, the owner of the residence which was vacant and being used for storage purposes.

Nicholas County Middle School boast two essay winners

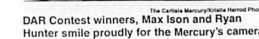
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CARLISLE - Each year The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors an essay contest for school age children grades five through eight. This year's topic was "Explorers of America."

The Minnie Johnson Chapter of the DAR covers Nicholas and Bourbon Counties. Out of 20 total applicants only four winners were chosen on the chapter level. This year the Nicholas County Middle School is proud to boast two winners, the first being Makenna Johnson, 11th grade, and 11th grader at Nicholas County Middle School, who is the son of Vickie Roberts of Upper Lark Road and 7th grader, Ryan Colby Hunter who is the son of Randy and Paula Hunter of Bald Hill Road.

These students essays will go on to be judged at the state level. One essay in each grade is selected as the state winner and forwarded for divisional competition. All students enrolled in public, private, parochial schools, or sanctified home study programs are eligible to participate in this contest. Fifth and sixth grade students must submit and essay of no less than 300 words and no more than 600. Seventh and Eighth grade student requirements are 600 to 1,000 words. Judging of essays is based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness.

Copies of the winning essays can be found on pages 8 and ten of this issue.



The Carlisle Mercury Kristie Harrod Photo
DAR Contest winners, Max Ison and Ryan Hunter smile proudly for the Mercury's camera

Carlisle City Council Holds Regular Meeting

By Kristie Harrod
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CARLISLE - On Monday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. the regular meeting of the City Council of Carlisle was called to order.

The first order of business was a new fire truck for the city. James Berry, City Fire Chief, spoke on behalf of the department concerning the new truck.

The council approved the motion to purchase the truck and will begin accepting sealed bids soon.

The truck being considered for purchase is a 1986 Ford 8000 Class. This truck is capable of pumping 1200 gallons of water per minute. It will be supplied with a 1000 gallon tank, lights, sirens, whistles, and all other components will be included with it. A generator will also be supplied.

If all bids are submitted adequately, the city can expect to take delivery some time in early June of this year.

The council then went on to discuss the cleaning of the city lake bed located near the water plant.

At the time these lakes were constructed, their depth was approximately 16 to 18 feet. Now after many years of pumping water from the Licking River, these lakes are filled with about 10 feet of silt which leaves us with about six to eight feet of water level.

Present at the meeting were: Bob Smallwood and Brad Montgomery, representatives from OHW Engineering of Lexington. These gentlemen have studied our situation for a number of months and provided this solution to our problem.

The usual way into the lake using suction pump preambled a vacuum cleaner and remove the mud and silt from the bottom of the lake. Said Smallwood, "The cost of the removal is estimated at just under \$100,000 and would begin in early spring. Weather permitting it should take no longer than two months to complete the project, according to Mayor Ronnie Clark."

Also approved was the installation of a new 500,000 gallon water tower to replace existing towers that are now in a state of disrepair, providing funding becomes available. The first of these towers was constructed in 1914 and has not been in use for the past five years, the second was constructed in 1938 and is now holding water but is in frequent need of repair.

Next on the agenda were requests from the Nicholas County Water District. The council voted not to sell any further water to the NCWD taking into consideration the production strain the water plant is already under.

The next regular city council will be held on Monday night, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Jackets lose in overtime to Lady Squaws

Lady Jackets fell in defeat after a good fight in overtime to the Grant County Lady Squaws Friday, February 16, 1996. The Lady Jackets went into overtime to finish a 153-511 loss

to Grant County. The game was very exciting and the crowd was deeply involved in the game. Although the game was a loss Jennifer Livingston contributed 22 points and 14 rebounds, while Jennifer

NC Blue Jackets fall to Sayre Friday

The Bluejackets had their hands full when they hit their home court. Sayre came to win,

and they did just that with a win over the Bluejackets 56-25. Bluejacket Chris Eton was leading scorer with 15 points,



Jackets reach high in tip off against Sayre Friday night at home.