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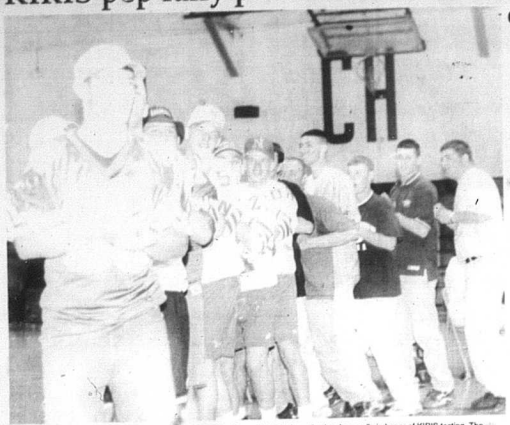
KIRIS pep rally packed attitude with positive punch!



Colin Broderick, front, left, led the "International Cheerleading Troupe" at Friday's motivational pep rally in honor of KIRIS testing. The troupe performed cartwheels and were introduced with girls' names, but it was in fun!

The International Cheerleading Troupe was really some Nicholas County High School student pranksters having a good time entertaining juniors in preparation of their KIRIS tests!

Jim Galbraith said he was proud to be a Nicholas County High School graduate.

The "cheerleaders" provided good sport and sportsmanship at the pep rally, all under the direction of "real" cheerleader Hannah Hunt!

Carol Sparks dressed like a U. S. flag to show spirit and talk about freedom of choice and freedom to do well at Friday's pep rally.

Larry Wills said life is about choices.

Community members provide courage, pep talk

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

As the song says, they've "been working real hard and were ready to test - we're goin' show everyone, Nicholas is best!"

The song was just part of the KIRIS testing pep rally extravaganza held at Nicholas County High School last Friday to get juniors "pumped up" about grabbing their Number 2 lead pencils and going at it six hours a day three days this week and three days next week at Blue Licks State Park - Worthington Center.

NCHS teacher Pat Massie, joined on the pep rally committee by Assistant Principal Ron Baker, and teachers Eric Hale, and Sue Kirby, said the juniors began testing Tuesday and "were doing very well."

Guest speakers at the motivational rally included **Doris Ecton** of the Athletic Boosters and Johnson Mathers Health Care executive, **Dana Price**, secretary to Nicholas County Judge Executive **Chuck Smith**, **Tom Ockerman** of Deposit Bank of Carlisle, **Larry Wills** of Wills Insurance Agency, **Jim Galbraith** of the high school site based decision making council, **Carol Sparks** of Canterbury House, **Janet Kay Smoot** and **Kay Earlywine** and **Dawn Gasser** of Nicholas County Social Services.

"Miss Massie asked us to so something to motivate the kids to do well, so we sat down at lunch one day and came up with this. We knew if we were serious they wouldn't take to it, so we came up with The Big Blue Sisters. **Diana Ritchie** who works with us came up with the song," said Janet Kay Smoot.

A special show by the International Cheerleading Troupe included Bebe Hollar, Adrian Wills, Kitty Broderick, Jonetta Sparks, Tammy Crump, Jessica Earlywine and Willemenna Smoot - better known at NCHS as **Bradley Hollar**, **Aaron Wills**, **Colin Broderick**, **Jon Sparks**, **Timmy Crump**, **Josh Earlywine**, and **Weston Smoot**. The troupe was lead by NCHS cheerleader **Hannah Hunt**.

At the end of the brief words of encouragement by the guests, the entire student body joined the juniors.

WORDS TO THE WISE

"I urge you all to do your best," said Doris Ecton as she began the motivational talks. "Don't blow this off folks."

Ockerman said, "All we can tell you is take this seriously. Have pride in yourself, your community. The results of this test will have an impression of you for life...Give it your best. You come from good stock so just give it your best."

> **"I don't believe in circumstances. People look for the right circumstances."**
> **Carol Sparks**

Sparks, wearing a red, white and blue vest, walked past the podium to speak directly to the students. "You're not gonna forget me since I came out here dressed up like the flag - You have the freedom to do well. You can choose to mess it up. But what I recommend is that you do well - you make up your mind to do well - for you, your parents and this community. Down the road it will go well with you. Someday, when you're wishing you had something you don't have, who can you look to?" You all have to make that choice."

Carol Sparks, owner of Canterbury House, a Carlisle textile industry, is a former nurse. Her husband, Dr. Bob Sparks, is a Carlisle dentist, along with her daughter, co-owner of Canterbury House, is also a Carlisle dentist.

"I don't believe in circumstances. People look for the right circumstances. They don't find them - they make the right circumstances. Make the right choices and do what's right for you. No one else can tell you," she advised.

Sparks concluded her talk by stating if a person is good at what they do, "there will be a broad-beaten path to your door. Folks will find you. You won't be without a job. You will make it down the road."

Larry Wills commended Sparks for looking the juniors in the eye and telling them her thoughts on success. "Life is about choices. You can choose to be a success. Make the choice to be a success in life. Success is about giving it 100 percent in life."

Jim Galbraith told the juniors he was a proud graduate of Nicholas County High School and that when they sit down to take the test, go in with a clear mind and set out to do the best they can.

We Will, We Will, Test Well, Test Well

Sang to the tune of Queen's" We Will Rock You!" NCHS version by Diana Ritchie

We will, we will, test well, test well
We will, we will, test well, test well,

Been working real hard and were ready to test
We're going' show everyone Nicholas is best!

And we will, we will, test well, test well,
And we will, we will, test well, test well,

We know our English, Science and Math
Everyone else will want to follow our path

NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Cause we will, we will, test well, test well,
Cause we will, we will, test well, test well,

We know a whole lot - depending on us
So getting the grade will be a big plus

We want Nichola to be above the rest
So go Big Blue and do your best

And we will, we will, test well, test well,
And we will, we will, test well, test well

NCHS Juniors are "testing well" the next two weeks!

NCHS science teacher Sue Kirby, left, and home ec teacher Bonnie Metcalfe showed how to dance to the "YMCA!"

Everyone had pride and a smile at the motivational pep rally in preparation of state-mandated KIRIS testing.

Pat Massie, NCHS business teacher, left, helped coordinate the pep rally with Sue Kirby, Eric Hale and Ron Baker. Nida Fryman, librarian, is at her side.

Dana Price wished juniors the best during KIRIS testing.

"J" is for "Juniors" who are taking the KIRIS test the next two weeks!

Hannah Hunt and Ron Baker directed the "cheerleaders!"

Kay Earlywine leads the Nicholas County High School Junior Class in a chorus of "We Will Test Well!"

They should be testing well by now - at least at the "Big Blues Sisters" led the song "We Will Test Well" during the pep rally Friady. Testing is three days this week and three days next week for NCHS juniors at Blue Licks State Park Worthington Center.

City Council receives fewer funding requests this year

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

Those requesting the money at least have a chance of getting some, but those who didn't show up at Monday night's city council meeting won't be in the running - at all for later requests.

"We didn't get as many requests this year as last and we advertised it in the pap. I don't feel like I should go out and ask who wants money," stated Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark.

Among those not making a request this year were the Nicholas County Library Board and Tourism Inc., CAPS, or the literacy group.

Nicholas County Senior Citizens Director Shirley Vice asked for a $10,000 contribution. The center received an eight percent cut but was not asking the city to compensate, she said.

"You do a great job, and again, if there's a situation where if we've got the money, we'll do what we can," Clark told her. City budget decisions will be made before July, he said.

Also asking for funds were the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency - $1,546; the YMCA Spouse Abuse Center - $500; and the Nicholas County Family Resource and Youth Service Center - a total requested of $3,600, with the city, Nicholas County Fiscal Court, civic and private organizations and other government agencies asked to join funding to attain that amount. The Nicholas County Human Needs Committee, responsible for the county's welfare reform package to be submitted to the state, asked for $3,600 as well.

The mayor already turned down some organizations on funding. If they were not qualified for a state grant, then, b law, the city wouldn't be allowed to contribute either, he explained.

Clark said the RC & D had verbally asked for $100 and had just told him of its award to the city of $1,000. Clark hopes will be used for lights at the West End Ball Park.

Money may also flow in from

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County Attorney provides telephone fraud advice

By Jock Conley

Every year, millions of Americans think they won't be the victim of telephone fraud. And every year, millions of people are wrong.

"Whether it's a caller telling you that you've won a $3,000 fiberglass boat but need to pay $300 for shipping, or giving out your checking account number and having someone make unauthorized withdrawals - people are ripped off every day without leaving the comfort of their own homes," said Nicholas County Attorney Joseph H. Conley, who handles preliminary hearings and felony arraignments for telephone fraud.

Thousands of con artists around the country defraud Americans of more than $40 billion per year in telephone scams. And some people fall victim more than once as their names are circulated to other scam artists.

"Everyone - especially senior citizens - needs to be more aware when they answer the phone, Conley said. "People can protect themselves from getting ripped off by using some basic techniques."

Tips to combat telemarketing fraud include:

Never give your credit card number over the phone, unless you have initiated the contact. The same holds true for bank account numbers. "Checking account fraud, where con artists make unauthorized debits on personal checking accounts, is becoming a problem in the popular and growing automated payment industry," Conley said.

Beware of shipping fees. This is one of the most common scams - asking consumers to pay exorbitant shipping costs for the delivery of the "prize." "People may be paying huge amounts for shipping to receive what ultimately may be a $15 prize," Conley said.

Hang up if you are asked to pay for a prize. Free means free.

First ask the company to send you written material on the offer. If the company is unwilling to do this, chances are the offer is not legitimate. Any material received should be checked to make sure it agrees with what was promised over the phone.

Avoid high pressure tactics. Don't allow callers to force an immediate decision. It is their aim to describe the offer as a "once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Asked detailed questions. Find out about the company's cancellation and refund policies. And ask if there are additional charges.

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Research the company or charity. The local Better Business Bureau maintains a list of complaints that have been filed against the company or charity. The local Consumer Protection Agency and the Attorney General can provide even more information.

Report fraud promptly. Victims of credit card abuse avoid most or all financial liability if they report immediately.

> **Be silent. Or be heard. It's your right.**

Telephone fraud is a Class D Felony, with punishments ranging from one five years in prison. Conley said people attempting telemarketing fraud can be prosecuted under Kentucky law, even if the fraudulent caller is calling from another state. The law stipulates that any person or company attempting to defraud a consumer in Kentucky through the use of electronic equipment, such as phone wires, is governed and prosecuted under Kentucky law, regardless of where the fraudulent call originated.

For more information, call the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060. Also, the Attorney's General's office has a toll-free Consumer Protection Line, which can be reached at 1-800-432-9257.

There are many companies with purely honest intentions--not to deceive you or even sell you something. They only want your opinion research firms are conducting legitimate surveys.

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When a survey researcher calls, it's good to know what research industry leaders consider appropriate. Here are some guidelines developed by a Lexington research firm, Preston Osborne Research, for letting your voice be heard, or declining to be heard:

1. You have the right to remain silent. If you don't want to participate, simply decline.

2. You have the right to be heard. No one can force you to

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