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One injured at traffic island crash
Harold Tolson, a passenger in the 1994 Eagle driven by Michael Wirtgenhoff, sustained neck injuries in a crash at the traffic island in Carlisle at the Ky. 300 U.S. 68 intersection at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. The 1993 Chevy pickup, at right on its side, was driven by Harry Marshall. KSP troopers Isaiah Hillard William Haynes are the investigating officers.

Photo By Laura Fryman

Cancer coalition formed in Nicholas County

Many local residents attend meeting

Nicholas County residents interested in the high number of cancer rates in the area attended the first meeting of the Nicholas County Breast Cancer Coalition.

Chaired by Kay Cornelison, a Nicholas County Home Economics agent, the coalition was formed for several reasons.

According to Josh Shepherd, certain ground laying goals were established:

- The pursuit of a contract between WEDCO and Johnson Matthers Health Care for provision of diagnostic and screening mammograms
- Ways to reach low income, low reading level of the Nicholas County population.
- Complete a demographic study of Nicholas County.
- Linda Linville of the Kentucky Cancer Program presented the group with statistics concerning the incidence rate of breast cancer and all other cancers in the Nicholas County.

Though dated 1991, Nicholas County ranked among the top five counties for cancer incidence rates in general and in the area of breast cancer. Linville went on to commend the coalition as she continued to focus the group's thoughts.

Nicholas County ranked among the top five counties for cancer rates in general.

Those in attendance included: Debbie Shepherd, Robertson County Extension; Dottie Marshall, concerned citizen; Donna Weale, JMHC Mammogram Technician; Josh Shepherd, JMHC Public Relations; Dixie Norton, JMHC Staff; and survivors, Peggy Sathers, WEDCO; Charlene Canupp, Nicholas County Family Resource and Youth Services Center; Jen Strasser, The Nicholas Coalition; Dion Howard, Nicholas County Women's Club; Mary C. Koopke, RN, JMHC OR Manager; Betsy Cleaver, Nicholas County Homemakers; Dayna Cooper, American Cancer Society; Linda Grace Fiker, Kentucky Department of Health; Kathy Carroll, Kentucky Cancer Program; Linda Linville, Ky. Cancer Program; and Betty Overly, Bourbon Extension Agent.

Cornelison made introductions of all in attendance and briefly summarized the need for a community organization to address breast cancer, as all cancer, as a serious issue.

Betty Overly discussed how the Bourbon County Breast Cancer Coalition was formed. A general education program for extension service agents concerning the incidence of cancer in Kentucky revealed some alarming statistics about Bourbon County's high rate of incidence. Overly, together with assistance from staff members at Bourbon General Hospital, called a meeting in which 26 people attended. Since that first meeting, the Cancer Coalition had adopted a logo and slogan and have sponsored numerous activities in the Bourbon County area to raise community awareness. "It has, thus far, been a tremendously successful endeavor and continues to enjoy active participation by several Bourbon County organizations."

Linda Grace Fiker of the Kentucky Department of Health

The next meeting is set for 9 a.m. March 6 at the Extension Office.

and Dayna Cooper of the American Cancer Society offered their support of the Nicholas County efforts and invited the newly formed organization to utilize their services.

Josh Shepherd and Donna Webb gave a brief summary of cancer awareness activities at JMHC and at Jockey International.

It was tentatively decided the coalition would meet the first Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. The next set meeting will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6 at the Nicholas County Extension Office.

Board votes against LPC facilities plan

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

The original school facilities plan sent by the Nicholas County Board of Education last December to the Kentucky Department of Education is still the plan the new board wants to be approved.

With a vote Monday night's regular meeting of three to two, the 20-year long range plan developed over an 18 month period by the Local Planning Commission was rejected.

Donna Gail Mattus voted to approve the LPC plan with a second by Ricky Hicks with Mattus, the board's vice chair and Hicks voting for the LPC plan while board members Sherry Upstegrah, Don Elder and Mona Vize voted no.

Both Mattus and Sherry Upstegrah are two new board members as of January. But the plan sent in December was authored by the former board.

The LPC and the board will get together again. There will be a future meeting before the regular March meeting (hasn't been set because the LPC didn't have someone could speak for the whole group," Hicks clarified Tuesday night.

The adoption of a new teacher retirement plan was tabled to give board members time to gather more information. Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid said of the retirement plan, "It'll go back to money. We're still under the Kentucky Teachers Retirement Organization, but this has an early retirement incentive - you're offered more money if you leave after 27 years. So we have 14 people who could leave all with 27 or more years. But the board hasn't approved this. It would increase your income by \$200 or more a month."

Site council, board discuss upcoming staffing changes

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

Site council last Thursday evening didn't deter the efforts of several dedicated Nicholas County site based council making council members nor the board of education.

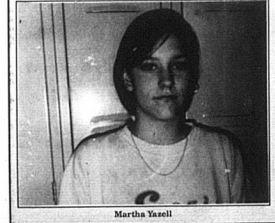
The three groups met at the elementary school library to discuss the site based council's ability to determine staffing needs in the county.

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid said the ratio of students to teachers being used, as adopted by the board, was to be used only as a means of determining the

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JMHC Valentine royalty
A V. Doc' Allison and Annette Burnaw were named king and queen at the Valentine Party hosted by Johnson Matthers Health Care Nursing Home Friday. "I'm thankful for all the family and loved ones I have here today," said Burnaw. While Doc commented, "I'm surprised (to be named king). Activities director Sharon Duncan began the annual event in 1991. Cupcakes were donated by Sally Washburn.



Martha Yazell

Student of the Week

Martha Yazell, 16, is this week's Student of the Week.

Yazell is a junior at Nicholas County High School and the daughter of Mark and Glenda Yazell.

She is involved with Future Homemakers of America, where she holds a regional office as activity leader.

She also enjoys reading, animals, and has a menagerie of fish, birds, cats, dogs, chickens and cows. She particularly likes caring for nine new puppies that arrived as new additions to the family.

Upon high school graduation, she would like to attend Mayville Community College. Her major is undecided.

Mrs. Johnson, the NCHS art teacher, nominated Yazell for this honor and stated, "She's very dedicated, studious, gives 100 percent and is a well-rounded individual. She actively participates in class and extracurricular activities."

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.