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Denton receives Kentucky Colonel award

By KARI JORDAN
Staff Writer

Calvin R. Denton a Nicholas County Firefighter-EMT was presented with the the state's highest honor, a Kentucky Colonel at the annual Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce Dinner held in February. Dr. Robert Sparks presented Denton with the honor which is given by Governor Paul E. Patton.

Denton who has been with the Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad since it was established in 1964, was nominated for this honor for his years of volunteer service. He is a Kenicky certified firefighter with over 900 hours of specialized training and the only remaining charter member still on active duty.

Denton who also serves as the Rescue Coordinator, was also on the committee which established the Nicholas County Disaster and Emergency Service during the early 1970's.

Denton who is the newly elected vice president of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, is also involved with the Nicholas County Lion's Club where he holds the office of secretary. He was president of the club in 1992-93 and has served as Chairman of the Nicholas County Christmas Parade for the past six years. Denton, along with several other firefighters is a Nicholas County Head Start "Special Friend" Volunteer.

Denton is a 1964 graduate of Nicholas County High school. He is retired from IBM where he served as a security guard and firefighter.

Fiscal Court awards bridge contract

By KARI JORDAN
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The Nicholas County Fiscal Court meet in regular session Tuesday, March 8.

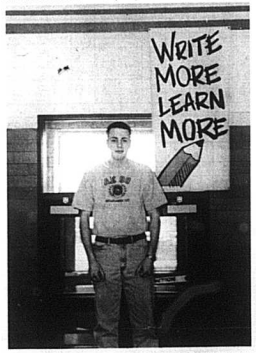
The fiscal court recieved three bids on the Morning Glory road new bridge contract. N& N Contractors of Mt. Vernon was awarded the contract for its low bid of $55,800 by all members agreeing except Magistrate Daryl Stacy. Stacy felt that Dillon Construction of Flemingsburg should have recieved the contract for the bridge, due to its past relationship with the county.

The court voted to lease a plot of land adjacent to the Nicholas County Public Health Center for construction of a new health center. The new Nicholas County Public Health Center will be located behind its current facility.

The court tabled Michael Stracner request for a reduction of his bond to serve as a law enforcement officer and to request permission to have a blue light and a siren for his vehicle.

The court also discussed the addition of county roads to the state map, which is a state wide project.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 6:30 p.m.



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"Student of the Week"

Jeremy Hunter a junior at Nicholas County High School was chosen as "Student of the Week" because of his outstanding school support. Jeremy is the son of Billy and Donna Hunter.

Chocolate Festival honored with "Pride of Kentucky

Maysville's own, village of Washington has been honored to have one of their annual events chosen by the Kentucky Tourism Council as one of the top 2 out of the top 10 events for Spring 1999 in the state of Kentucky. This event is their 12th annual "Chocolate Festival" to be held on Saturday, March 27 and Sunday March 28 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. both days. This event has been picked as one of the two "Pride of Kentucky" events along with the 125th Kentucky Derby. Included in the top ten are the Keeneland Spring Meet in April, the American Quilter's Society

From Paducah to Pikeville and all points in between, communities are getting ready for bigger-than-ever events and festivals this spring.

The Chocolate Festival was nominated by the Mayasville-Mason County Tourism a Kentucky Tourism Council member from our community and selected by an impartial panel of judges. Selection for this honor was made based on the popularity, unique character, economic impact and cultural significance of the Chocolate Festival per a letter from Ms. Sparrow to the festival organizers.

Artist performs durg program for Nicholas County students

By KARI JORAN
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Comedy, music, puppets and prop, were the back drop for a very important issue, DRUG AWARENESS.

Artist John Z. Gardiner performed Doing The Right Thing for students at both Nicholas County Schools. John's program addressed concerns such as conflict resolution, problem solving, self-esteem, peer pressure and substance abuse in a dynamic and humorous way. Positive values of love, co-operation and compassion were brought to light through stories and mime.

He introduced the students to his jello brain and jello hear. This teaching aid goes a bit further than the old egg and frying pan concept. Gardiner has alcohol bottles and beer cans filled with food coloring and water, cigarettes, simulated drugs, inhalant cans, hypodermic needles and syringes. As he talked about the effects of alcohol, cigarettes and drugs upon the mind, body and behavior, he poured over, sprayed, pushed in, those substances into the jello brain, then tore off a hunk of the brain and thrown in into a metal trash can which make a loud thud. "It gets the the point across," stated Gardiner.

Gardiner includes a variety of stories in Doing the Right Thing, which is adapted from the Aesop fable, The Crow and the Pitcher (problem solving, using patience and creativity rather than using force, which can result in crime when taken to extremes), The Fairly Intelligent Fly, a James Thurber fable which he tied into no going along with the crowd, and saying No to drugs and smoking, The Bundle of Sticks (overcoming disagreements and difficulties with others, through appreciation, respect and love, The Two Brothers, (a Jewish folk tale of love and giving to others, two audience volunteers acted out the story as he narrated), and a variety of other stories, mine, poetry and tongue twisters that get the audience involved, and attentive to the program content.

For the past nine years Gardiner has delighted audiences of all ages throughout the U.S. from preschool to senior citizens with his one-man shows. He has performed in 23 states from coast to coast, within a wide variety of avenues. He is in the Ohio Arts Council's Ohio Artist on Tour program.

Gardiner earned his acting degree from Columbia College in Chicago, followed by countless acting workshops from coast to coast, numerous storytelling workshops, and summer mime study at Goldstein and Johnson School for Mimes in Gambier, Ohio, which included study with Marcel Marceau.

He was introduced ensemble story theater in the early 70's while attending Columbia College. He has performed in 126 performances of Columbia's Chicago Project troupe production, Chinese,Wisecrackers, a Hocus Opus of Stories, Myths and Fables, directed by Donald Sanders. It was a fast paced collection of stories, with a successful runs in Chicago, and a summer theater run in Boston. No he brings that kind of lively ensemble story theater, into his solo story theater programs.

Kari Jordan photo

These Nicholas County Elementary Students are enjoying the Book Fair that has been held the past couple of weeks in the school's library.

Message Board to be installed at school entrance

By KARI JORDAN
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Superintendent Gregory Reid announced that their was an emergency situation regarding the health class at Nicholas County High School, and a motion by Donna Gail Mattox and Charles Ring Jr. authorized Reid to employ a certified teacher.

Reid also reported to members that Ben Pumphrey was hired as track coach at Nicholas County Elementary School and the resignation of Judy Waggoner as custodian at Nicholas County High School. The board voted to grant Kathy Casswell maternity leave beginning April 19.

The Nicholas County High School band was approved for the use of the cafeteria at Nicholas County Elementary School on April 30, for an awards and recognition banquet.

The board voted to contract with James H. Smith, Certified Public Accountant, to audit the financial statements of the Nicholas County Schools for the year ending June 30, 1999, at a cost of $3,700, and for the year ending June 30, 2000 at a cost of $3,800.

The board approved the updates for the Nicholas County Board of Education Policy Manual that were received from the Kentucky School Boards' Association.

$233,703.90 was authorized to be released to D.W. Wilburn, Inc., as payment #1 for the renovation at Nicholas County High School, and $766 to erect a message board at the entrance of the school grounds.

The next board meeting will be held April 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the School board office.

Carlisle Police Officers have proper training

By KARI JORDAN
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During Monday evenings City Council meeting Mayor May Clark addressed the board members and all others present that the officers of the Carlisle City Police Department that are on active duty are qualified with the exception of Timothy Layne, who has recently been hired. According to the new law any new sheriff or city police officer must obtain proper training before they are on active duty. Layne however was hired before December 1, and is grandfathered in under the old rule, as stated by law.

Mayor Clark is also talking with the state about obtaining reflector mirrors at stop areas on Rayne Street, Broadway, and near Foodland, due to blind spots. There have been several accidents due to this problem.

The board is looking into the cost to replace water lines that have been in existence since 1912 and 1914. The board discussed the estimated $100,000 lagoon project at the City Water Supply to take care of the backwash.

The city has received approximately $20,000 to $30,000 for blacktopping, but have estimated nearly $60,000 worth of work that needs to be done. The mayor will look into other areas that this money may be obtained from.

All members were present except for Doug Garrett. The next meeting was scheduled for April 12, but due to the mayor absence that day to attend water school, the meeting was rescheduled for April 19.