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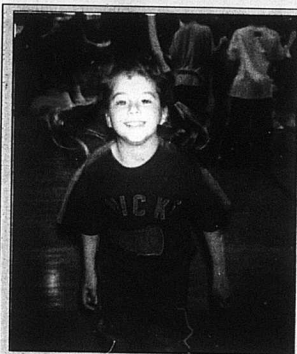
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Full of pep

Jarra Mitchell shows her peppy attitude at a recent cheerleading competition at Nicholas County High School.

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City to annex again

During Monday nights City Council meeting the council members read the first reading of Ordinance 6-2000. The ordinance would allow the property of Deborah Karen Hubbard, whose property lies east of the city boundary, to be annexed into the City.

During the March 13th meeting the members adopted Ordinance 1, 2, 3, and 4, which annexed to the city the property of Connie Clinkenbear, Anna Mary C. Hammond, Gladys C. Shrust, and Jack Clinkenbear, Vincent G. Wells and Kimberly D. Wells, and the Nicholas County

School District Finance Corporation, and Old Paris Road Investments, LLC.

The City of Carlisle Independent Planning Commission during its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 26, will hold a public hearing to consider assigning a zoning district classification of Central Commercial District to the area containing 66,272 acres at West Main Street and School Avenue, which has been annexed by the City and is owned by the Nicholas County Board of Education/Nicholas County School District Finance Corporation.

The hearing will determine whether or not to assign such zoning district classification. A public hearing will also be held at the Council chamber to allow interested citizens the opportunity to provide written or oral comments and submit questions concerning the entire City Budget as proposed for Fiscal Year 2000/2001.

Mayer Ronnie Clark would like to remind all city property owners that property taxes will be published in the paper starting next week if not paid by April 17. After the taxes are published, there are additional charges.

Jockey closing causing concern for 2001 budget

Concerned citizens of Nicholas County and members of the Nicholas County Community Action Council, and the Nicholas County Extension Offices filed the Fiscal Court room Tuesday evening over discussion of the 2001 budget.

Mr. Bob Bush spoke with Magistrate over a \$430,000 capital funding grant for the CATS program. The council is required to match the funds for a total of \$86,000. The

\$86,000 which is needed to cover Nicholas, Bourbon and Harrison Counties.

Bush informed magistrates that he was aware of the financial situation that the county is facing with the almost \$90,000 tax revenue that they are losing from the closing of Jockey.

CATS plans to replace seven minibuses and update the current two-way radio system if all funds are made possible.

Nicholas County has fourth highest unemployment rate

The unemployment rate in Nicholas County continues to rise from the effects of the Jockey plant closing.

During the month of February, the unemployment rate rose from 13.8 in January to 15.9 percent. During February of 1999 however, the county was looking at a 4.6 percent rate, making it one of the lowest rates in Kentucky.

Unemployment rates rose in 94 Kentucky counties between January and February, fell in 17 and remained the same in nine counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

From February 1999 to 2000, jobless rates decreased in 78 counties, went up in 34, and stayed the same in Breathitt, Bullitt, Clay,

Speaking on behalf of the Extension office was Jim Casewell, Chairman of the Nicholas County Extension Finance Committee. Casewell informed magistrates that they are requesting the same amount as last year which was \$46,000.

"We are not giving any raises, and our employees are paid a lot less than other surrounding counties, and they have to take on more responsibilities. If any money is cut from our budget we will probably have to lose something," said Mike Phillips, Nicholas County Extension Agriculture Agent.

Magistrates expressed their concerns for the program and hope that if any thing has to be cut, that community programs will not be a part of it.

"We all are going to have to tighten up our buckles," explained Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tinchner.

In other business of the night the magistrates also granted permission to bid out petroleum, road oil, tobacco quotas, ambulance service, rocks, and blacktop to Tinchner. Bids will be opened in May.

The magistrates voted 3-2 not to give Community Service Coordinator Billy Roy Hunter a fifty cents an hour raise at this time. The raise will be reviewed in May pending budget appropriations.

A special called budget meeting will be called to discuss the 2000/2001 budget. Anyone having any solutions contact your local magistrate.

Ambulance Report for March

The Nicholas County Ambulance Service presented the following report for March 14-April 10, to the Fiscal Court during Tuesday nights meeting.

Number of runs - 10, total runs since 6/2/99 - 602, transfers to Lexington - 4, emergency runs - 16, transports to Harrison/Bourbon - 13, transports home - 3, wrecks - 2, round trips - 2 up and 2 back, no transports - 6.

Expenses were \$10,112.59 and income received from billing companies were \$9,318.29.

Head Start enrollment for next fall begins

Starting April 21, 2000, Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties will be accepting applications for next fall's Head Start enrollment. Head Start, a federally funded child development program, prepares three and four year old in low income families to be successful in school.

Services are also available for children with disabilities. Full dayfull year child care is available. You may apply Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 149 Scrubgrass Road, Carlisle.

To be eligible for Head Start, a child must be three or four years old before October 1, 2000. Applications must have the following for each child:

- Official birth certificate.
- Income verification - pay stubs, letter from employer, etc.
- Social Security cards for everyone in household or other acceptable form of identification.
- Immunization certificate, including the Hib vaccine.
- Copy of child's physical exam (completed within the last six months) and a copy of a current dental screening exam. The child's medical card must also be presented if receiving public assistance.

For more information, call 859-2890717. Community Action Council, a non-profit organization, releases the power of human possibility by providing services and assistance, expanding employment opportunities, improving human performance, and bettering the condition under which people live, learn and work.



Little League Champs 2000

During the Nicholas County Little League Cheerleading Competition held Saturday, The were all smiles when they won first place. Could it have had anything to do with the smile in their dance routines?

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