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**BRIEFS
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NOTICES**

**Applications
still accepted
for TLAP**

Sign up for the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program will be taking place until September 2, at the Bourbon-Nicholas County FSA office. No late-filled applications will be accepted. Payments will reach farmers between October 1-20, 2000.

**City Council
monthly
meeting**

The Carlsle City County Council will have its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the city building.

**Fiscal Court
to meet**

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting has been changed to August 15, 2000 at 6:30 p.m., at the Fiscal Court room located at the Courthouse.

**Christian
Women's Club
to meet**

The Bourbon County Christian Women's Club invites all ladies in Bourbon and surrounding areas to attend "Cool It." It will be held at the Bourbon County Park in the Activity Building. It will be Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

Our special feature will be "Cool Ideas." This month we will be having Sandy Barry, she is a local Pampers Chef dealer who will be showing us some of her ordinary tools, as well as some tips on how to use them.

Music will be "Cool Tunes" featuring the lovely voice of Jenny Schweiger from Lexington. She will be entertaining us with some lovely songs to cool and soothe our spirits.

"Keeping Your Cool" is the title for our August speaker. She is Judy Ritmeir from Louisville, and she will be letting us know how she keeps her cool.

A free nursery will be provided, but please bring them a snack.

For all reservations please call Lucille Derricksen at 987-2200, Carol Perkins at 987-0360 or Martha Shelley at 988-5872.

**Board of
Education
to meet**

The Nicholas County Board of Education will have its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m., at the School District's central office.

**Dog Ordinance
to be enforced**

On Monday, Carlsle Mayor Ronnie Clark made an announcement to all citizens of Carlsle that the City Dog Ordinance would be enforced by the County Dog Warden. The following statement was released by Mayor Clark: "I would like to request all owners of dogs to please respect your neighbors, children and other individuals because they have rights along with you. Hopefully, with everyone working together, we can resolve this issue before anything else major happens. We do not want another incident that happened in Lawrence County."

"Stray dogs are wandering dogs have increased in our area, and we have gotten several calls on animals threatening children in our area, but we must prevent it before it does happen and the only way to do that is enforce the law," said Clark. The city ordinance reads as follows:

90.01 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

"ABANDON" - To forsake entirely, or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner, or

his agent. Such abandonment shall constitute the relinquishment of all rights and claims by the owner to such animal.

"AT LARGE" - Off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or his agent either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

"OWNER" - Every person having a right of property to an animal and every person who keeps or harbors an animal, has it in his care, or permits it to remain on or about the premises owned or occupied by him.

90.02 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(A) No person who is the owner of an animal shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure. The County Dog Warden shall have the authority to apprehend any animal running at large and to impound such animal or have such animal impounded in the appropriate place.

(B) The owner of an animal who permits it to run at large in violation of this section is liable for all damages caused by such animal; see 90.09.

90.03 ABANDONING DOMESTIC ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

No owner of a domestic animal shall abandon



Come Monday, the campus at NCHS and NCES will look a lot different. Students will head back to classes and "Summer Break" is over.

**Teachers and Schools. . .
Can they make the grade**

Starting this school year parents will get a report card on the performance of their child's school and teacher.

The state school board last Tuesday decided that school and district "report cards" to parents should include information about teachers' qualifications.

Examples: In what percentage of classes did the teacher have a college major or minor in the subject? How many are certified to teach their subject and grade level? What percentage have masters degrees? How many underwent continuing education in their field in the last year? What is the school's average in years of teaching experience?

For parents, "this is one of the more powerful issues," Gene Wilhoit, a deputy education commissioner, told the state board.

Some school superintendents are leery. A committee of superintendents that regularly advises the Department of Education recommended against including anything about teachers' majors and

minors.

Nicholas County Superintendent Greg Reed told The Carlsle Mercury this week that Nicholas County Schools have provided some of the information in the past. They have received the new guidelines and are preparing for the new report cards.

"We will go with the state guidelines, but feel that the majority of parents in our area are extremely satisfied with the quality of education that our teachers and administrators are providing," said Reed.

Scott Trimble, who heads the Department of Education office that deals specifically with school performance, conceded he knew of no research proving a major or minor makes a more effective teacher. But it "seems to be a field the public is generally interested in, so it will decide to have it on the report card," Trimble said.

Proponents said they needed no research. "I believe some of this is instructional," said Craig True, a state board member from Fort Thomas.

For middle schools, the board decided to have report cards show the percentage of teachers with an "area of concentration" in their subject. That would comport with requirements for a specific certification to teach in middle school.

The report cards were tested last year in selected districts. The plan is to require them statewide.

The report card is partly statistical but mostly narrative. It includes an explanation of the state's system for judging a school's performance through test scores and attendance, retention and dropout rates.

For high schools, a table will show percentages of graduates who went to college, the military or other kinds of education.

A reader will be able to see how a school stacks up against the rest of its district and the rest of the state in spending per a student, student-teacher ratio and computers per students.

**Grand Jury returns
12 indictments**

The Nicholas County Grand Jury empaneled for the period beginning May 2000 of the Nicholas Circuit Court made the final report available this week.

They have made careful investigation into all violations of the penal laws of the State of Kentucky in the jurisdiction to date of which they have any knowledge or have received information, and have returned indictments in all

cases in which the evidence in their opinion justified trial by petit jury. They were in session three days and returned 12 indictments, and failed to return indictments on one charge referred to them for investigation. The received information on the following cases and failed to indict for insufficient value by the Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Dallas R. Vaughn for theft.

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Members of the Orange Team at the Toyota/Georgetown College Governor's Scholars Project on Wednesday, June 12, 2000 were John Ward, Meridith Maddox, Ryan Hunter, of Nicholas County High School, Jonathan Hart, Aaron Cunningham, and Brady Jo Crafton.

**Hunter participates in
problem solving at Toyota**

Ryan Hunter, of Nicholas County High School, participated in the Toyota/Georgetown College Governor's Scholars Project on Wednesday, June 12, 2000.

The day began with a tour of the Toyota Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK) facility in Georgetown. The thirty-four students were then taken to the Georgetown College Conference and Training Center, where they engaged in creative thinking and problem solving sessions. They first learned basic problem solving skills from both TMMK and Georgetown College personnel. The students were then split up into teams and given their own problem to solve. The problems involved quality and environmental issues, both of which are important in today's competitive global business environment.

Administrative Specialist in TMMK's Power Train Quality Engineering department, helped teach the students about problem solving and feels that this program allows the students to receive hands on work related experience.

"This is a unique learning opportunity for these students," Miles said. "TMMK and Georgetown College team up not only to teach problem solving skills, but equip them with the necessary tools in which they can learn and present their ideas and solutions." The problem solvers presented their solutions to a panel of TMMK management, who then provided constructive feedback. This took place after a dinner that evening. The overall experience is meant to provide the students with a feel for real life engineering.

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