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Back to books time!

These eager kindergartners at Nicholas County Elementary School are anxious as they started their first day of school on Monday.

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The old Health Building What should the county do with it?

During Tuesday nights regular monthly meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court held at the Courthouse, Magistrates looked into the possibilities of what the Health Department Building located next to Johnson-Mathers Health Care facility off of Route 32 should be turned into after the completion of the new facility which should be opened around October.

Doris Ecton with JMHC a.k.a. Nicholas County Hospital spoke with the Magistrates on the behalf. The hospital is interested in increasing their specialty clinics that are presently held at Dr. Anna Rinnaldini office and other locations in the hospital, that

sometimes is difficult for the Emergency Room and other daily physicians. "The health department location is ideal for us. However since we are trying to increase the services at this time we would probably be unable to pay some type of rent, but it isn't out of the question. We can afford to maintain the building. We would only use the facility probably 5-7 days a month at the beginning, but if we can recruit my specialist then it could go to a daily basis," said Ecton.

The Specialty Clinics presently provide a Cardiologist, Urologist, Neurologist, GYN, and an Orthopedic doctor. We have had interest in a Podiatrist,

and an Ophthalmologist. Jane Hitchins with the Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center informed Magistrates that they have been given a notice to find a new home. Their present location located under the Carlisle Post Office, is not handicapped entrance and with the services that we provide through the state, we must have it available to the handicapped. They are also needing more space as the services that they provide continue to grow. "We have been looking into a new location for several months, but have been unable to find a suitable location: The health department would increase our square footage by almost 600. The present

locations is rented for \$400 a month and has 1,400 square feet. I don't see us having a problem with paying for the space."

Comprehensive Care provides care to children and adults and senior citizens who need substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental retardation services. Magistrates tabled any final decisions on the facility. Magistrates are reviewing their options. "The services that your facilities provide to the community are greatly appreciated. We hope that we can help in some way, but with the closing of Jockey, we need to also look at the financial end of the deal," said Magistrate Darryl Stacey to Ecton and Hitchins.

County tax to increase

Due to increase in arrest and the fees that the county must pay to house prisoners the magistrates voted 4-2 to raise the county tax by the allowable four percent tax increase. The old tax rate was 11.7 percent and the new tax rate will be 12.1. Magistrate Billy Dixon and County Judge/Executive Larry Tinscher voted against the raise. In a previous motion to increase the rate it failed by 3-3 with Magistrate Avery

Thornburg voting against the raise. After more discussion on the issues and hearing of the additional \$20,000 in this month jail fund, Thornburg saw no choice but to vote in favor of the increase due to the county outrageous jail bills. "The amount spend on criminals in Nicholas County have been on the rise for the past several months. I don't really see it going down any time soon," said Nicholas

County Attorney Donald Bromagen. "We presently have estimated an average of \$15,000 a month in this years budget. In this month alone we went over that amount by almost \$20,000, the money has to come from somewhere," said Nicholas County Treasurer Wanda Dalton. The Health Department and Fire Department tax rates will stay the same as last year at four percent.

Festivals to stay in county

Local citizen Dorsey Watkins spoke with Magistrates on behalf of the Nicholas County Fair Board and the American Legion. The Nicholas County Fair Board was interested in tapping onto the Recycling Center's water. The fair board is faced with paying a \$500 tip on fee with the city and since both properties are owned by the county, they see no problem in looking up with the Recycling Center. Watkins informed

magistrates that Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark had no problems with the tap on, but Magistrate Steve Hamilton wanted County Attorney Donald Bromagen to check and see if it was legal. "We would not use enough water in five years to pay the tap on fee. We are willing to pay any additional increase in the Recycling Center's monthly bill," said Watkins. The American Legion's approved unanimously the use of the Courthouse Lawn

for the next two years to hold the annual Blackberry Festival. The American Legion was also requesting permission to expand the present fair board building at the West End Park. The motion was table over some concerns on what the county was liable for and what would be in the best interest of the American Legion Chapter. Bromagen was asked by magistrates to review the law, and get back with the court at a later time.

Jackets thrash Fairview

Nicholas County impressive in conference Grid-A-Rama

By MASON BRANHAM Of The Greenup County News

RACELAND, Ky. — Nicholas County tuned up for the start of the regular season Friday, Aug. 11, with a 41-0 thrashing of Fairview in the Eastern Kentucky Conference Grid-A-Rama.

The Bluejackets scored on their first four possessions and pretty much dominated Fairview throughout the game, which was played in two 20-minute halves. The outcome could have been even more one-sided, but the clock was not stopped in the second half, except for time outs and most scores, and Nicholas County was flagged for several penalties that wiped out over 100 yards in gains plus the yardage of



Darrin Herrington, left) fights through the arms of a would-be Fairview tackler as he returns a punt 45 yards for Nicholas County during its grid-rama game against Fairview at Raceland.

Coach Letcher

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Dustin Stoddard (5) of Nicholas County pressures Fairview punter Zach Moore (52), Nicholas County got the ball at the Fairview 36 following the short kick.

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