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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nicholas County Bookmobile Schedule**

The Nicholas County Public Library will be at Headquarters Road, Dog Walk Road, Morning Glory, Johnson Road, and Headstart on Thursday, February 10th. On Tuesday, February 15th, it will be at Carlisle, Shepherd Hills Apt., Nursing Home, and Assembly of God Day Care. It will be at Myers Road, Myers Station, Cassidy Creek Road, and Horsefield on Tuesday, February 22nd. Anyone interested in having the bookmobile stop at your house, please call the Nicholas County Public Library at 606-289-5595.

**City Council meeting to be held**

The regular monthly meeting of the Carlisle City Council will be held on Monday, February 14th, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Building.

**Nicholas County School Board meeting set**

The Nicholas County Board of Education will meet on Monday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m., at the Nicholas County School Board Offices. The public is invited to attend.

**Veterans Rep. to be at Carlisle**

A veterans benefit representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Court House on February 25th, 2000 from the hours of 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This is a make up day so please take note.

Our regular hours and days will be changed to these only for the month of February.

Veterans and their families will be given free counseling in filing for state or federal Veterans benefits. This service is free of any charge or fee and provided for you by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. If you have any questions please call and leave a message at 606-824-0240.

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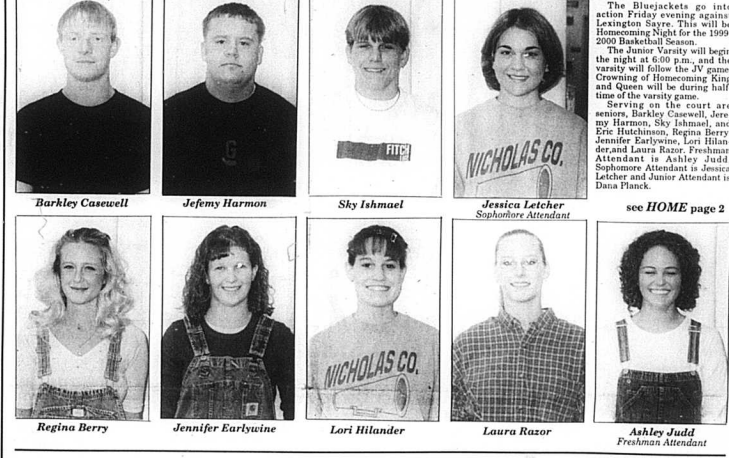
- **Mayme Gates Brunker** 1921-2000
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**NCHS celebrates Homecoming 2000**



The Bluejackets go into action Friday evening against Lexington State. This will be Homecoming Night for the 1999-2000 Basketball Season. The Junior Varsity will begin the night at 6:00 p.m., and the varsity will follow the JV game. Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen will be during half-time of the varsity game. Serving on the court are seniors, Barkley Casewell, Jeremy Harmon, Sky Ishmael, and Eric Hutchinson, Regina Berry, Jennifer Earlywine, Lori Hlander, and Laura Razor. Freshman Attendant is Ashley Judd. Sophomore Attendant is Jessica Letcher and Junior Attendant is Dana Franck.

**Questionable medical cost for inmates concern fiscal court**

During Tuesday night's Fiscal court, concern over medical expenses for inmates was one of the top topics on the treasurer's monthly report that had magistrates a little concerned about. The court was faced with a pharmacy bill in the amount of \$481.50 for an inmate, and a dental bill for \$120 for the cost of an inmate's two teeth being removed. Magistrate Daryl Stacy noted that cost in this amount could do damage to small counties like Nicholas. Judge/Executive Larry Tinchler will be notifying Montgomery and Bourbon County facilities that the court wishes only to purchase generic medications. County Attorney Donald Brumgar, told court members that basic medical treatment is left up to the physician, and if he recommends a certain prescription, then that is the prescription the pharmacist will fill.

Concerns why most citizens in the county have to have generic medications, because that is what their insurance will only pay for, while the state allows prisoners no choice but what the doctor states. Tinchler informed the court that although a prescription is for 60 pills, if he uses only 10 while in jail, then the remaining 50 will stay at the jail for future use.

Concerns on why the cost of medical treatment while in jail could not be picked up by the inmate after his release was also mentioned. Some inmates have insurance, or the funds to pay for the expenses, but are not required. Inmates who have a medical card prior to their jail term, lose the card for future use.

**NCHS students earn \$74,000 in KEES awards**

Governor Paul E. Patton announced that 210 Nicholas County students in grades 9-12 earned \$64,000 in Kentucky Educational Scholarship (KEES) awards during the 1998-99 school year to help pay for their higher education. Of those students, 60 earned an additional \$10,000 based on achieving an ACT (or equivalent SAT) score of 15 or higher.

**A Bicentennial Moment: Electricity comes to Nicholas County**

In the early and mid 1800's, the city of Carlisle was lit by oil and gasoline lamps, placed at various places within the city's business and residential areas. Though lovely and romantic, this system was in reality both quite costly and rather dangerous. Through the years, other means of lighting the city streets were discussed by the city fathers, and the end result was that in the year 1892, in early February, an electric contract was drawn up, approved, and adopted by the city. So, it was in May, 1892 that Carlisle's first electric plant began its service, providing street and home lighting. Two Schuyler dynamo powered lights were powered by three-wire system Edison dynamos. The citizens were delighted and threw a gala celebration to welcome the event of electric lights in Carlisle, and the light plant thrived and went the gamut through several changes of managers and owners, with Boom Ingles taking charge of its facilities in 1896, and C.C. Cole in 1921. Rates for service were 12 cents per candle-power hour. With the approval of the Carlisle Electric Light and Power Co., there were mixed small blessings and curses alike. For instance, it promptly put the local lamp-lighter out of a job, and a good one at that for it paid the gentleman an extremely desirable salary of \$12.00 per month! On April 23, 1891, some scamp of a person ran rampant through the city's Front Street, and lit all the street lamps on his way, and a reward was offered by the city in the amount of \$25.00 for the rascal's capture. Improvements were made in the Light Company's system over the years, a mockingbird whistle was installed in November of 1920, at a cost of \$31.00, this whistle being provided by the company for the benefit of sounding a shrill alarm in the event of a fire, and in 1914 a "hand-starter" was installed in late March at the local Water Works Pumps Station. As the company increased its rates over and over, the city was so displeased by these rates, that it ordered engineers to be hired to see if the rates asked for were really necessary for adequate operation of the plant.



**PARENT NIGHT.** Regina Berry kisses her mother during the Nicholas County and Branches County game held Monday night. The Lady Bluejackets were defeated 57-40.



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