

Jail

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when in jail, so the state loses the responsibility for the cost. Kentucky Legislators are presently looking into a bill that will double the income that will be given to counties for jails. In this bill it also covers medical expenses. Representative Carolyn Belcher is co-sponsor of the bill. Magistrates voiced concern for citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County to call their local representative today into a bill that will be passed.

member on the ALS service for the Nicholas County Ambulance Service. Ring informed that the ALS service will be inspected by the state health department at the end of this month, and that the ALS service should be approved at that time. Magistrates have been the hold up in the past, but that has all been worked out. An application fee of \$5,250 for the Bluegrass Area Development was approved. The fee will help receive almost a million dollars in state and federal grants.

Homecoming continued from FRONT
The Nicholas County Blue-Jackets have had a great season this year and if you haven't had the opportunity to come and see them in action, the homecoming game, a Homecoming Dance will be held. Students have enjoyed many activities this week to kick off homecoming. They have had a parade on Friday, Feb. 4, and Friday is Blue/White Day.

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Changes in Our Schools A Commentary

By Robert F. Seston
I noticed not long ago that U.S. students scored poorly on new national tests about how our government operates. These results showed up in the 1998 civics test for fourth, eighth and twelfth graders given as part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
There's a lot of talk about how our schools are doing. I read the newspaper back during the 1995 governor's campaign about a woman who was asked who was running for governor. "I don't have time for elections," she said. "I'm busy with my job." Her child, her child would probably know more about Kato Kaelin than Paul Patton. In this sad scenario, we see proof of 1) the power of celebrity, 2) the power of celebrity, and 3) the power of parents.
The new civics test shows that lots of today's students know the basics. For instance, 81 percent know about Martin Luther King's role in civil rights; 90 percent know that Social Security was "a program to help elderly citizens."
What too few students have, the report says, is "a deeper knowledge of American government."
For instance, 85 percent of fourth graders could not name two services paid for by taxes. Ninety-four percent of eighth graders could not describe "how a county benefits from having a government."

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Heres of The Week THE CARLISLE MERCURY'S SPOTLIGHT ON NICHOLAS COUNTY

Do you think today's fans get a little carried away at referees and umpires?



- A: "Yes, most do!" Patricia Marland Age 56 School Ave.
A: "Yes, most definitely!" Kristal Sidles Age 30 Louest St.
A: "Yes, it is hard to watch when some of them are so one sided." Brenda Vaughn Age 57 Upper Jackstown Rd.
A: "Yes, but I don't think it's any worse than when I played." Daryl Stacey Age 48 Mays Rd.
A: "Sometimes, however, games should be called evenly showing no preference towards either team or player." Jane Ellen Grimes Age 36 Lower Shapsburg Rd.
A: "No I do not. I think the referees and umpires do." Linda George Age 55 Moorefield

Yes, fans and coaches are too intense. It does not set a very good example for the players." Mr. and Mrs. Garry Gray Carlisle

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION IS: What is the darnest thing you have ever heard a child say! To make your comment call THE CARLISLE MERCURY at 606-289-2464

Students

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These students can be proud to be among the first group of Kentuckians to earn scholarship money from the KEES program. Governor Patton said, "They can be proud that they are part of Kentucky's efforts to invest in the intellectual capital of our citizens and to build a brighter future for the people of our great Commonwealth."

Shriners NEWS & NOTES

BURN AWARENESS WEEK EMPHASIZES DANGERS OF FLAMMABLE VAPORS
(NAPS)—Do you know what steps to take to keep your children safe from severe burns? During Burn Awareness Week, February 6-12, 2000, the Shriners and Shriners Hospitals want to put you in the know to avoid unnecessary accidents.
The most tragic injury is that many injuries are preventable," says Ralph W. Semel, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Shrine of North America.
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Salary: Annual base salary \$10,335 per year.
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LEGISLATIVE PERSPECTIVE
By State Rep. Carolyn Belcher, D-Preston February 8, 2000
The days are getting longer in Frankfort as the number of bills reaching the House floor edges higher. By early Thursday, 108 bills had passed the House and seven bills had passed both chambers as we wrapped up the fifth week of the 2000 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.
The week began with a look toward the past. One of the state's oldest existing industries, railroading, was honored last week when the House voted to designate Old #152, a former L&N (Louisville and Nashville) steam locomotive restored by the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven, as the official steam locomotive of Kentucky. The L&N railroad was the best link between Kentucky and the South during the Industrial Age, and had the prominence of carrying dignitaries such as President Theodore Roosevelt along its route. It is in operation today.
Sixty-two of our faces had turned to more contemporary issues, including a bill prohibiting anyone under the age of 18 from possessing or using cigarettes, snuff or other tobacco products, but does not prohibit them from possessing or using those same products. House Bill 10, which we

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