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Bicentennial Celebration brings back county's heritage

On July 1, 2000, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court held a special meeting to recognize the adoption of the first minutes recorded in book A in the Nicholas County Clerk's office. The minutes of the first Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, recorded on June 2, 1800, formed Nicholas County from Bourbon and Mason Counties.

The present fiscal court read the minutes with each court member making a mark on the historic 2000 celebration. The court looked upon some of the great founding fathers in a presentation that was written by Nicholas County resident Josh Shepherd, on behalf of the bicentennial committee.

The first meeting of the fiscal court began after all members took the oath of office. The meeting was held at the house of Martin Baker Jr. The Excellency James Gallard Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth appointed Mareson Durrell, Cornelius Hall, Eli Metcalfe, John Collier, David Gray, William Thompson, Thomas Vaughn, Henry Dawson and Martin Baker Gentlemen Justices of the Peace and of the County Court.

The first official business was to appoint Lewis H. Arnold as County Clerk, with the assistance of John Drake, Nathan C. Standford and Thomas Arnold, for a set bond of \$1,000.

David Irvin and Thomas Scott produced attorneys qualified licenses to practice and were permitted to practice in this court.

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of Nicholas County a motion was made by Avery Thornsburg and seconded by Steve Hamilton, to recognize the minutes of June 2, 1800, meeting establishing the county of Nicholas.



Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tischer preceded over the special Bicentennial called meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, which was held last Saturday on the courthouse lawn.



Local resident Merolyn Sams is having a few laughs with Nicholas County Fiscal Court member Avery Thornsburg. Thornsburg along with the other court members gave quite an impression on their new sense of style.



PRESENTING COURT 2000... Pictured from left starting at the bottom is: Magistrate Billy Dixon, Magistrate Avery Thornsburg, Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tischer, Magistrate Darl Stacey, Magistrate Steve Hamilton, Magistrate Jeff Randolph, County Attorney Donald Bromegan, County Clerk Douglas Fryman, and Sheriff Charles Ring.

Summer Cooling needs your support

Although this summer's high temperatures and humidity just hit the Bluegrass, many of the area's sick and elderly have already felt the impact. For those with medical conditions like asthma, allergies, lung and heart disease and other respiratory problems, the added stress of summer temperatures can be life-threatening. To reduce the threat, Community Action Council's Summer Cooling Program has started accepting applications for assistance.

The Summer Cooling Program loans air conditioners to people who need, but cannot afford them. Low-income residents in Nicholas, Fayette, Bourbon, and Harrison counties may apply for assistance if they have a medical need for cool air circulation. An applicant will need a letter from his/her doctor on their office stationery explaining the medical need for an air conditioner.

Since Summer Cooling is supported solely by community donations, the Council has limited resources to assist those in need. In 1999, Community Action Council loaned 140 air conditioners to individuals, ranging from seniors to infants. Anyone wishing to help the sick and disabled this year through financial assistance and/or new air conditioners can contact Community Action Council by calling 606-244-2229, or writing P.O. Box 11510, Lexington, KY 40576.

Former Judge and Attorney honored

Former Nicholas County Attorney Joseph "Jock" Conley and Charles "Chuck" Smith who had served the county as Judge/Executive and Sheriff were honored with a small ceremony at the Nicholas County Courthouse where a photo of each will grace the walls of the Fiscal Court room.

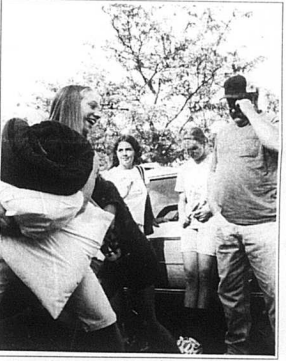
Conley who had retired in 1998, 25 years after he began his service after the retirement of Charles M. Cox. "I never dreamed I'd be in office for 24 1/2," said Conley. Conley was modest but he gave his wife Joan and his secretary, Pattie McClure, who has been working with for over 34 years and now continues to work for the present county attorney.

Smith who had served as Sheriff from 1987 till 1994, was elected as Judge Executive in 1994 and served until 1998, when present Judge Larry Tischer took office.

"I miss the folks, and trying to make the county a better place, but I don't miss the headaches. I have had the privilege of working with some great courts," said Smith who brought the crowd to a chuckle.



Joseph "Jock" Conley and Charles "Chuck" Smith



HEADING OFF TO CAMP... Tiffany Roser is excited about heading off to 4-H camp this week. Tiffany along with other Nicholas County students are spending this week at our local 4-H camp.

Unemployment increases to 3.9

Kentucky's unemployment rate rose slightly to 3.9 percent in May as the number of Kentuckians with jobs climbed by more than 22,000.

Kentucky's May jobless rate was above the 3.7 percent recorded for April 2000 but below the 4.6 percent rate reported for May 1999, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. The U.S. jobless rate in May increased to 3.9 percent from 3.7 percent in April.

"Although Kentucky's unemployment rate increased slightly in May, we still were well below last May's rate," said Carols Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst. "Our unemployment rate for Kentucky has been consistently low all year."

Six of the nine major job sectors had employment increases in May, while three reported employment losses, Cracraft said.

The government sector reported the largest job growth in Kentucky in May with 7,700 new positions. The majority of this growth (6,200) was in the federal government. "Most of the new federal government jobs were the result of temporary census workers who were hired to see UNEMPLOY page 2"

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