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**Site-Based Council elections at NCES**

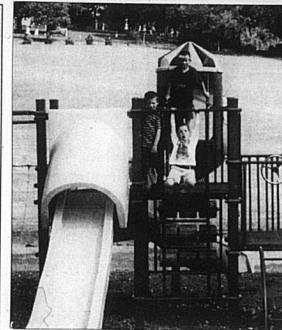
The Nicholas County Elementary PTA will be holding an election on Thursday, May 25, 2000 to place two parent members on their Site-based Council. If you wish to run for a position on the council all applications must be returned to the school by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18.

The council is the governing body for the school. It determines school policy for curriculum, staffing, discipline, scheduling, instructional practices, extra-curricular activities and all other matters pertinent to the operation of the school. The council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

The council is made up of two parents, three teachers, and the building principal. Any parent-stayparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a student who will be attending the school during the parent's term in office may serve, even if employed by the school district. The candidates must not work in the school in which the candidate will serve on the council or in the district office.

Other qualification are that you must attend council meeting on a regular basis, must be a high school graduate or have earned a GED, and willing to participate in six hours of training during the 2000-2001 school year. These elected will serve until June 30, 2001.

The voting will take place on Thursday, May 25 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. You will have to come to the school and register before you can place your vote. You see **COUNCIL** page 10



**Fun in the sun...** Colton Frederiek, Jaiden Willoughby, and Austin Brady enjoy the afternoon on the playground after a hard days work at school.

**Road employees to see a 2% raise**

With the Nicholas County Road fund being separate from the general funds, and almost all funds coming from the state and special taxes, the magistrates didn't have as much to worry over it, as they did for the general budget. "Funds that are designated for the Road Fund have to stay in the Road Funds, only money from the General Budget can be added to the Road Funds, but not vice-versa," said Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tinscher.

This years proposed budget stays about the same as last year with the exception of \$25,000 added to Road Maintenance for Asphalt. This amount was for \$125,000, but magistrates requested an increase of \$5,000 each for their districts. This fund is strictly

for repairs and new paving. Magistrate Daryl Stacy also recommended a two percent raise across the board for all county hired employees. This will cost the Road fund an additional \$2,000 for the fiscal year. "It has been almost two years since our employees have seen a raise, 14-18 cents an hour isn't much of a raise, but we must take care of our employees also," said Stacy.

This years proposed Road Fund Budget Appropriations totals almost \$697,251.

Other budgets set are in the amount of \$176,516 for the jail fund, \$94,856 for the landfill fund, with a possible rate increase at the landfill on open top, and \$51,600 for the Hospital Bond, matters, and LGEA Fund.

**Community works together to cut 2000-2001 general budget**

How does a magistrate cut the budget without making anyone mad. You ask all that are to be included in the new budget to review their records and see what has to be spent for next year.

This years proposed budget was looking to be one of the worst years financially for those in Nicholas County due to almost \$50,000 in revenue for the County's General Budget lost to the closing of Jockey. With that figure in mind, Nicholas County Judge Executive and other magistrates worked all day on the proposed budget with help and suggestions from the community and county employees.

Some of the cuts that have been possible have been the \$23,000 that Michelle Mitchell and Stephanie Ring saved county over last years \$70,000 budget for the Nicholas County Ambulance Services. Mitchell and Ring won the bid last year over the McDonalds who bid almost \$90,000 for an Advanced Life Support sys-

tem. Mitchell and Rings bid was for \$65,000. This year Mitchell and Ring were the only ones to submit a bid to the court for the amount of \$50,000. After hearing of the court financial dilemmas the two offered an even lower amount of \$46,000, to keep the counties budget in place. "I am quiet sure what the ALS service is going to cost us, no funds have come in yet, but we have until March 2001, to become a full-time ALS service," said Ring.

Community Action Council already lowered their annual intake by \$5,000, and the Extension Service Programs annual contribution went from an additional \$3,000.

In some quick thinking Magistrate Daryl Stacy found an addition \$8,750, in the election portion of the county funds. The county is faced with only one election on the 2000-2001 budget compared to two on this years. Stacy who has served almost 12 years on the

court also brought up questions on some bonds that the county had and whether or not any of the interest could be used to go towards the budget. An additional \$10,000 has been transferred to be used for next years budget.

Other items that had been cut were \$1,000 for Courthouse Supplies and Custodians, and \$1,000. The only increase was for a payroll in the amount of \$600, to give all county hired employees a two percent raise. No elected officials will receive the raise.

"In all, the budget process was a lot better than what I had imagined, due to the hidden funds that were found in this years budget," said Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tinscher.

Magistrates took the first reading on the 2000-2001 budget which totals \$1,092,712. A savings of \$45,821, over last years.



Nicholas County ambulance providers Michelle Mitchell and Stephanie Ring, along with other members of the ambulance service wait for the bid opening for next years ambulance service, Mitchell and Ring won the bid after negotiations.

**Local resident reflects on "Battle of the Bulge"**



Wilson age 19



Wilson and other members of his platoon during the WWII.

During the beginning session of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court monthly meeting local resident Charles Wilson presented at photo plaque of the famous "Battle of the Bulge" which took place in Luxembourg and Belgium, during World War II.

Wilson who was 19 at the time of the battle gave the court some brief stories and reflection on what he brought back from his war experience during WWII.

The plaque will hang in the Nicholas Court room were other veterans and their families and war buffs may have a local place to see the only monument dedicated to the "Battle of the Bulge". Wilson visited the monument during the December 1999 dedication which took place in Orlando for the battles 55th Anniversary.

A national monument is in the works at Washington D.C., and is scheduled to open later next year. "The war was a special time in my life. I remember being on the battlefield

and every time I fired my weapon I was remembered of my family and friends in Carlisle, who were making the country in Germany, France, and Japan," said Wilson.



Wilson presented the Fiscal Court with this photo plaque that will hang in the Nicholas County court room.

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