

GENERAL NEWS

Report completed on Nicholas workforce

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Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority received a Skill Set Evaluation report, which may help officials bring specific jobs to the county.
Martha G. Fightmaster prepared the 23-page document, with much of the data in the report coming from recent governmental statistics and some from the 2000 census. All data was used to accentuate community statistics and how they relate to existing jobs in and outside of Nicholas County.
Fightmaster gave members a brief verbal report, which outlined the written one. She said she would gladly return for a more detailed verbal report and give members an opportunity to make other inquiries after examining the written report.
Members expressed deep appreciation to Fightmaster for the written report, and praised the detail of the data within.

According to the report, which divides the skill set occupations into the fields of producing, Services, Trade and Public Administration, one third of all Nicholas County Service workers are employed in the Health Care Industry.
While the outlining specifics of the Nicholas County workforce, the report also delves deeply into educational data involving Nicholas County and makes the clear correlation between education and employment.
More than one third (actually 37%) of adults in the county have not graduated from high school or an equivalency program in comparison to 26% statewide. In the counties nearest Nicholas, only one, Bath had a higher percentage at 41%.
Nicholas County graduated 63 young adults in 2006, a 1 percent over the state at 63%, leading Harrison County (also at 63%) by one tenth of a percentage. Nicholas also holds top hon-



Martha Fightmaster, left, and Duane Kenney, right, listen to inquiries about the Nicholas County Skill Set Evaluation Report during the June meeting of the Industrial Authority. Fightmaster handed out written copies of the report during the July meeting.

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wanted to know why I didn't expose the Democrat I claim claims John McCain voted with President Bush 95 percent of the time?
Starry, sir, I researched it through a Congressional Quarterly's assessment of McCain's voting record, he has indeed voted with Bush 95 percent of the time. Not such a maverick after all, is he?

The Bush Administration with the help of the huge majority Republicans held in Congress for six years managed to create a disparity in wealth and income that this nation fought for 100 years to overcome.
Today, because of tax cuts Republicans awarded to the wealthiest in this nation, plus massive profits from

the Iraq War for big corporations, along with the Republicans failure to regulate corporations such as oil and energy companies who have gouged the American public while making record profits, the richest 1 percent own more than 500 times what their average employees make.
This is obscene. Why did the American people allow this to happen during two Republican administrations that showed nothing but contempt for all American citizens except for the wealthy and powerful?
I put the question above to a Republican friend of mine. He said he continued to vote Republican because the GOP said they were for family values, against abortion and against gun control.
My next question to him was, "and when they had al-

most dictatorial powers in American history for the first six years of Bush's Presidency, what did the Republican Party do about any of those things you mentioned?"
The answer, of course, is they did little or nothing. The Republican Party gives lip service to the issues my friend mentioned while pilaging and plundering for the wealthy and corporations. Lip service, however, is as far as it goes.
A television consultant who monitors ABC, CBS and NBC reports that the Iraq War is getting little or no airtime. CBS has even pulled out its bureau. No longer has a fulltime correspondent in Iraq. And no American network has full-time reporters in Afghanistan.

It is this because the war is winding down? No, despite the propaganda and the lack of media cover-

age, the Iraq war rages on. American men and women are still dying. The surge cut down some on the violence but the main purpose of the surge, to allow a political and diplomatic settlement of the war failed.
The 6 major corporations who own almost all the broadcasting outlets know that people are sick of the wars so they have just made them disappear from the airwaves.
It's right out of Orwell's 1984. The Iraq and Afghanistan wars don't sell advertising so the big boys who control media just make the American public think the problem has gone away by not giving them any news

about it.
The networks believe we'd rather hear that Britney Spears doesn't wear any panties than be informed about important matters. Are they right?

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Teen escapes drowning at Lake Carnico

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A 16-year-old Hispanic male was pulled from Lake Carnico June 29 after nearly drowning.
"When I arrived on the scene he was not breathing," Fish and Wildlife Officer Herbert Booth said of the young Hispanic male known only as Jose Juan. Booth was consistently pulling into the Lake Carnico parking lot just as three Hispanic friends of the victim were pulling the young man from the lake. I saw every one looking and running toward the water. The young man wasn't breathing when he was first pulled from the water, but one of his friends struck his chest before I reached them and he gagged and then began taking some gasps. It looked like he swallowed a lot of water."

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Slope that the U.S. Geological Service estimates could produce 10.6 billion barrels of oil. However, NPR-A has been open for exploration since 1959, this legislation merely increases the number of lease opportunities.

NPR-A is spread thin across the region, so production is inefficient, difficult and expensive. Each acre in NPR-A contains an average of 440 barrels of oil. By way of comparison, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) could produce between 10 and 16 billion barrels of oil, with each acre yielding an average of 5,475

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when a matter of days with new key personnel being involved in the lease with LC Manufacturing LLC.
Kenney said he had been in contact with officials of LC Manufacturing and that the plant had not moved even though the lease would be honored

As discussion on the status of the plant continued Clark suggested the group go into executive closed session but made no motion to that effect.

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man was conscious, but was barely breathing and could not speak.
According to Booth, Jim Bink was one of the first Emergency medical personnel to arrive on the scene and man's labored breathing.
Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett also quickly arrived on the scene and helped coordinate an emergency helicopter landing zone with assistance from Carlisle Fire and Rescue personnel.
Both said the young

for energy continues to outpace supply. It is past time to implement real solutions for the American people. We must unite and surpass partisan politics to develop a comprehensive energy strategy.

Evans didn't get an autograph, but he was certainly happy to get to go to the ball game.
It was also Ben's first major league experience. My children have been lucky they have been to games. We have had many times and enjoyed many adventures.
Analise, Antonio, Amy and Ben are all back in Nevada now. Happy, I know, to be in their own house with Missy

And so, for another week, thanks and another

After clarifying discussion was made to go into closed session to discuss possible default of contractual obligation that would lead to legal action."
Public comments expressed as to the voting privileges of Clark and Tischer, who became "ex-officio" members of the board per a joint ordinance between the city and county was addressed by County Attorney Dawn Letcher.

"My preliminary research indicates the two ex-officio members are voting members," Letcher stated Monday morning.
The board came back into open session approximately "13 minutes after going into closed session, with members stating no action had been taken during the closed session and none was taken immediately following with the exception to adjourn the meeting.

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him to the edge of the lake.
The surface temperature for the water was approximately 78 degrees," Booth said.
Two Hispanic teenagers who drowned in the Kentucky River in rural Woodford County on July 4 were identified as two friends from Mexico who had been living in Versailles for the last few years.
Deputy Woodford County Coroner Danny Owens identified the two as Javier Garcia and Rafael Mercenario, both 17.
According to Owens, Garcia leaped into the water, but quickly was caught in the strong undercurrent just below the dam. Garcia struggled for some minutes and was exhausted and went under, Owens said.
At that point, Mercenario jumped into the water to help his friend, only to be pulled under himself, Owens said.

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These are solid proposals backed up by research and years of first-hand experience in communities that are on the frontlines of today's food crisis.

But instead of taking steps that could remedy the problem, the US played out the same corporate-friendly trade and agriculture policies that brought on the food crisis in the first place.
US leaders called for more "open markets" in food trade. Openness sounds good, but in practice this means that poor countries can't use tariffs to protect farmers from unfair competition.
The US also pushed for stricter patent laws. These rules take "ownership of seeds" - the very basis of all agriculture - away from small farmers and enable giant biotech companies like Monsanto to control our food supply.

It is time to call for more aid to countries like Haiti that have been hard hit by the spike in food prices. That's an important step when lives are at stake. But the money is to be administered through the International Monetary Fund, famous for making offers with strings attached. In this case, governments will be required to implement more of the kind of trade liberalization that hurts poor people and small farmers and has created record profits for big food corporations this year.

But as the women's letter to the US clearly shows, it's not corporate profits, but human rights - including the ban against food - that will underpin real solutions to the food crisis.
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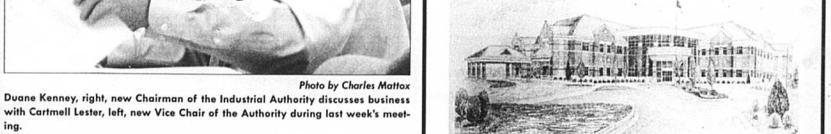
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Duane Kenney, right, new Chairman of the Industrial Authority discusses business with Carmell Lester, left, new Vice Chair of the Authority during last week's meeting.

Both voting say, this placing Ertel on the board regarding Municipal Aid Funds totaling \$36,082, which the city will use to blanket needy city streets. Mayor Clark is inspecting Streets. "It's a dangerous situation," Ritchie said. Mayor Clark said he would investigate.
In other business council members:
"Head from Clark about the city receiving an additional \$60,000 in FEMA funding from recent storm activity that caused damage to the city's waste water treatment facility and also damaged storm drains while requiring overtime from city employees who responded to the storm.
"Head from Clark about the city receiving a \$90,000 state grant from the Department of Transportation for an industrial road improvement project to extend beyond Lee Lynn manufacturing property into nearly 9 acres north of the city.
"Voted James Ertel to replace Charles Crawford on the Planning and Zoning Board with council member Eugene Hall and Sandy Ritchie voting may council members Billy Mac Gowan, Tommy Crawford, Doug Garrett and Betty Jo

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