

'Giving something back'

Communication system revamped

County Civil Defense Director Russ Bell said Saturday that a three-year effort to upgrade the emergency and law enforcement communications system locally is now beginning to take shape.

Included in the communications restructuring are the addition of another channel, and the changing of call numbers for local units and an increase in the actual number of units hooked into the system.

Funds for the communications project have come partly in government grants, and partly from Bell's donation to the city and county of city funds in constant radio communication with the dispatcher.

The funds were donated in memory of the Bell's daughter, Eleanor, who along with four other persons died in a

very automobile accident earlier this summer. Bell said that the donation was made in an effort to "give something back to the community."

The new system breakdown gives two separate channels of operation. The law enforcement channel will be used exclusively for law enforcement business.

The second channel is the D.E.S. channel, and it will be used for non-law enforcement communications such as fire crews, wreckers, etc.

Law enforcement officials will however, be able to use both channels as the need arises.

According to Bell, the operation of the D.E.S. channel is such that the

proposed county-run ambulance service could utilize a channel quite different from the one used by the fire service.

All 190 unit designations in the call number now indicate a particular law enforcement officer. For example, unit 100 is the High Sheriff, while unit 120 is KSP Trooper John Hall, and unit 130 is Constable Ronald McQuinn.

All 300 units are for fire personnel. 200 units are wreckers, 600 units are ambulances, and 900 units are Disaster and Emergency Services call numbers.

Bill said that future plans for the system include the utilization of pagers for volunteer firemen, and the addition of more mobile units. The pagers would all but eliminate the need for sounding the fire siren.

Bill said that the communications project is the result of a joint effort on the part of the city and county, and that invaluable assistance has been given by Bob Buntin and W.R. Buntin Jr., both of whom are connected with the state's D.E.S. agency.

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Phone industry considering change

Your telephone, the link between you and the rest of the world, is a vital communication device for millions, an instrument for instant contact with others," says Attorney General Steve Beshear. "If you are being conditioned to rely on your telephone to such a great extent it has become absolutely essential. Most people have also gotten used to being charged a flat rate each month for their local service. This monthly charge includes making as many calls as you wish, so long as you call within a certain area."

What would you think of paying for your local telephone service the same way you pay for your long-distance telephone service?

If you are like many people, the idea of paying for your local service on a call-by-call basis is a new one and may not be very popular. This concept is called "local-measured service" and has been proposed by the telephone industry for parts of Kentucky. It has been hailed by some telephone industry representatives as one way to save money on telephone bills.

If these components sound familiar to you, it is because they are the same components that define what you are charged for a long-distance telephone call. The components of quantity, duration, distance and time of day would determine how much your telephone bill would be under a local measured service system.

If you use your telephone frequently to make local calls, local-measured service would probably make your telephone bills go up. If you use your telephone infrequently for local calls, local-measured service would probably represent a saving to you.

This would all depend upon the "design" of the rate structure decided upon by the Public Service Commission.

Several groups have done studies on the effects of local-measured service with varying conclusions. One point of agreement among the experts is most people do not know how much they use their telephone for local calls. This makes it difficult for someone to decide how much they are actually being charged for local calls.

Should phone users be required to pay for their amount of usage, just as they do for electricity, gas or water?

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Metts announces road improvements

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5.6 percent were returned to counties and cities, respectively. In addition, 12 percent of the allocations withheld by the state Transportation Department will be used for administrative and contract costs eliminated under the new law.

Nicholas County received \$150,500 under the county road aid program. The municipal road improvement program provided funds to Carlisle of \$10,472.

Counties now receive 15.6 percent of the motor fuels tax receipts and cities receive 6.2 percent. Under the previous program provided funds to Carlisle of \$10,472.

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No succession

presented Nov. 3 is bad for Kentucky. (All these road and bridge projects mysteriously pouring out of the autumn skies almost defy belief.)

(2) Many argue that the voters should be able to decide if the Governor should be kept in office. That argument, as appealing as it may be, is purposefully ignoring the reality of an incumbent Governor backed by the entire state bureaucracy, billions of treasury dollars, pliant cabinet secretaries and party officials with full and ready access to tax-collector helicopters and jet airplanes engaged in primary and general elections against candidates with resources that

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governor. I urge all Kentuckians to vote No on November 3rd. Lawrence W. Wetherby, Frankfort

To The Carlisle Mercury: I am unalterably opposed to the proposed constitutional amendment that would permit government, sheriffs and other state constitutional officers to succeed themselves, and I urge all voters to vote no on the proposition on Nov. 3rd.

I have seen the powers of two administrations work its will on members of the Senate and House - the peoples' branch of government. Those powers are constitutional, as well as statutory, and have been a sad stain on the office of the Kentucky's governor for decades. To increase that power would cause a further imbalance of power between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Again, I urge all voters to vote no on Nov. 3rd on Amendment #1.

To The Carlisle Mercury: I would like to thank publisher Warren H. Fisher for his willingness to serve as juror for the past several weeks. I realize that this service causes financial hardships and inconveniences at home, but I hope that you understand how essential this service is to our criminal justice system.

I am anxious to hear comments and suggestions for improvement to our court system and the administration of justice. At the same time I would be interested to speak to your local clubs, church groups, P.T.A. or other organizations that might be interested in a program relating to any of the current issues in our current court systems or law enforcement.

It would be happy to talk about drug abuse, neighborhood watch and security programs, robbery prevention programs, crimes against senior citizens and various types of fraud. Any suggestions that you have relative to improvements in our court system or in the service of justice would be deeply appreciated and I hope you will feel free to contact me at anytime.

Again, thank you for your service. I remain, Yours very truly, John M. Keith Jr. Commonwealth Attorney 18th Judicial District

To The Carlisle Mercury: Probably more important to the long range future of Kentucky than who is elected to the various political offices is the decision Kentucky will make Nov. 3rd regarding the succession of amendment. The proposed amendment, if passed, would permit the current and future governor, as well as all statewide constitutional officers, to succeed themselves. It would allow permit county sheriffs to succeed themselves for unlimited terms.

For more than 200 years, as we Americans, have enjoyed freedom. A freedom unimagined by other peoples in the world. A freedom paid for by the blood of our forefathers in battle. A freedom based on the concept of limited government and independence. To protect the principles of the free man, we have chosen to have elected a limited form of government with a balance of power. Our forefathers vested in the judiciary... the legislature... and the executive branches of government.

Kentucky's constitution vests its governor with awesome powers. The ability and wisdom of governors of this state use and even abuse that power is well known to all of us. Take for example the present administration. In 1980, the General Assembly voted specifically not to create a Public Service Commission. But as soon as the legislature was out of town the Governor created one - disregarding the General Assembly's wishes.

The so-called "government to the people" consists of a handful of cronies throughout the state, at your expense, are nothing more than campaign bills to buy the personal popularity of our present governor.

are ineffectual in comparison.

(Our Governor's daily activities these past few weeks show how fallacious the argument is, as he gives excellent evidence of how incumbent power and public money can be spent for purely political purposes.)

(3) The people of Kentucky cannot allow themselves to be fooled by hypothetical promises and swirling assurances that something new about this exercise in old power politics. The people of Kentucky must vote an overwhelming "No" to the succession amendment on Nov. 3.

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daily health problems. In addition, information will be available about community resources which can be of help. Everyone will be encouraged to express their feelings about living with cancer.

We invite those who are living with cancer to come to CAN COPPE with the goal of both giving and receiving help. A preliminary session will be held Oct. 30 with regular sessions on Nov. 30. We do not promise miracles, but the CAN COPPE can help explore new attitudes for living with cancer.

For information, call the Cancer Hope line toll free at 1-800-321-7212 from 9 to 5 Monday thru Thursday and 9 to 5 Friday, or call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-262-3223 weekdays from 9 to 5.

Sincerely, Judith L. Kalon M'Dowell Cancer Network Lexington, Ky. 40508

To The Carlisle Mercury: Thank you for your support of the Nicholas County Blood Donor Program. The Blood Donor drive had 197 persons register and 89 were able to donate. This brings the yearly total to 179 pints of blood. While this is lower than the last two years, it is still enough to make a significant blood supply for Nicholas Countians.

The efforts of this newspaper have contributed to the program's success. There are several people whom we wish to thank for their generous help. Members of the Nicholas County Homeowners, Carpenters, Juniors, Women's Club, Carlisle Garden Club, Hospital Auxiliary, and City Council were directly involved in the operations of the drive. Those who worked on the drive are to be congratulated for a job well done. A scheduling conflict forced a change in the standard length between blood drives and several people were pressed into "double duty." We at the center certainly appreciate their conscientious dedication.

Finally, it is residents who participated that we owe our deepest gratitude. If a Governor were to reduce blood to supply many would suffer as a result. Sincerely, Carolyn Phillips Central Kentucky Blood Center Lexington, Ky. 40504

To The Carlisle Mercury: Having served 18 years in the legislature and presently seeking re-election to the State Senate, I can tell you without reservation that, in my opinion, the succession amendment would be extremely detrimental to Kentucky State Government. I know first-hand the enormous influence all governors exert over the General Assembly.

My reasoning is concise: First, there presently exists a very lopsided imbalance in favor of the governor, regardless of political party. I have served under five governors and all of them have been appointed to the office. It would be strengthened. Certainly, a government of the people, power and dominance of the governor. My number one in the telephone book and I am available to my constituents. Try phoning the governor.

Secondly, the wrong is in the running - it is my opinion that under the succession amendment, every governor would spend the first term seeking re-election. This means trying to please and appease every group, lobbyist, organization, etc. in touch with state government. This, I think with very few exceptions, means money - state money - taxpayers money - your money.

As the system is now structured, the Chief Executive at least has the option of making a statement. Among those things it is so included - which he feels is best for the Commonwealth without fear of reprimand at the polls. Placed in the position of having the opportunity to seek re-election, the attitude would be totally obliterated.

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