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Mayor Hughes reads bid

Management Associates of Lexington, City Clerk Mary Tapp and City Superintendent Gasle VanLandingham. — Mercury photo.

City Council Discusses police matter in closed session

With minutes after opening the meeting Monday night, City Council members, Clerk Mary Tapp and Attorney Buckner Wood went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. The decision to go into closed session came after Mrs. Darlene Buckner appeared before Council stating that she had a complaint about a police officer. First, Mrs. Buckner was called into the meeting and then after several minutes, Police Officer James Coy was called in. Council was in session about an hour and 15 minutes before returning to regular session with no motion being made or explanation given on the matter. Willis Walker and his daughter and Mrs. Buckner's mother, Mrs. Jesse

back, came to the meeting with Mrs. Buckner. Three bids on the old police cruiser (1977) were opened and read. Item #100, Justice Industrial, \$119,500; Billy Mac Ginn, \$20 above any bid; Mann's bid letter had inadvertently been opened during office hours by one of the office personnel not realizing it was a bid. This was considered unfair. Council stated that if they could not bid on the pool this year, according to Mayville's Alex Parker, president of the Parker Tobacco Company. Parker listed five reasons why he opposes the bid, including the effect of the new eight-cent federal cigarette tax, a record 10 million pound barley crop, no increase in the use of tobacco products, buyers orders down about 20 percent, and economic conditions generally. Council says buyers orders are down because of an expected decline in exports and also because high interest rates will prevent tobacco companies from buying more than they are going to use. "The only place the unprocessed part of the crop can go is into the pool," Parker said.

Nicholas crushes Fairview 38-12

by Pam Sparks
In the Bluejackets first district game Friday night, Nicholas County trounced Fairview for their third win of the season. The final score was 38-12. Fairview received the opening kickoff. Jacket Terry Ledford, however, recovered a Fairview fumble with nine minutes to go in the first quarter. Robert Hopkins then carried the ball five consecutive times for over 100 yards to move Nicholas County down to the Fairview 15-yard line. Steve Anderson then rushed for the first touchdowns of the game. The two-point pass conversion from McGuffey to Young was incomplete. With one minute left in the first quarter, Robert Hopkins recovered an Eagle fumble on the Jacket 26-yard line. At the end of the first quarter the score was 6-0. Keith Williams. Keith Williams started the second quarter with two consecutive punt downs. One run was for 20 yards and one run for 14 yards. With Nicholas County on the 15-yard line, Steve Anderson scored a second Bluejacket touchdown. The two-point pass conversion from McGuffey to Brian Watkins was incomplete. With three minutes to go in the first half, NCSB fumbled and Fairview recovered on the Jacket 25-yard line. Eagle Terry Justice

School Board Sets tax rate, settles student fee issue and rejects high school bid

County residents will pay the same school tax rate as last year, it was decided by the school board, meeting in regular Monday night session, Sept. 13. The rate is 13 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the general fund and 17 cents special fund tax, Don Elder, superintendent said. There was some discussion by board members on whether the school could financially get through the school year with this rate, and Elder maintained it could. The school board also settled the "theory" student fee issue by giving \$10 for student fees to every student in the school, rather than tackle the almost impossible question of determining who was needy and who was not. The issue came up this year when the state withdrew its support for student fees. The \$10 for each student now will come out of local funds. Rejected bid. The board also rejected the only bid it received for the proposed improvements to the high school. The bid was for \$100,000 for 10 and 12 construction. Company of Lexington. The repairs and new construction includes energy efficient windows, some air conditioners, two fans in the gymnasium to move air and related electrical wiring and metalwork. This bid is about \$40,000 more than we had anticipated," architect Don Shelton told the board, "and I recommend you disapprove it and re-solicit."

The board agreed to split up the bids into three parts: (1) air conditioning (2) windows, and (3) mechanical and electrical work. They will be re-solicited and new bids will be opened at the Oct. 13 board meeting. Kindergarten complaints. However, most of the evening was spent on the issue of the kindergarten students' welfare in the two trailers outside the elementary building, spurred by two complaining parents who were at the meeting and also how to rent out the remaining space in the school's tobacco barn, after the FFA puts up their trailers. Mrs. Dolores Livingston and Mrs. Patsy McClure also went to the school board meeting to complain about the treatment of the kindergarten children. They were getting in two trailers outside the elementary building.

Low bid For gas construction is \$417,883

The apparent low bidder for the construction portion of the Gas Renovation Project in Carlisle was Dallas Dean Inc., Harrodsburg, Ky. Mayor Frank Hughes announced at a bid opening held in the Circuit Courtroom in Carlisle, Thursday, Sept. 9. The bid was \$417,883, with four other bids for construction received. Numerous bids were received for the materials, including bids for electrical tape, gas pipe, fittings, meters and various associated materials. These bids were given separately by item and will be examined by the consulting engineers, Gas Management Associates of Lexington. Gas Management will also examine the apparent low bidder's bid to make sure all is in order, Mayor Hughes said. A city council meeting was set for Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at which Gas Management will make their recommendations on the bids for city council approval. Other bids received for the construction portion were as follows: Ohio Valley Welding Inc., Louisville, \$64,770.30; R.L. Coburn Construction Co., Taylor, Michigan, \$50,200.50; James Bush Construction and H. and H. Construction, a joint venture, Cookeville, Tenn., \$68,864.50; and GTE Piping Company Inc., Paducah, Ky., \$415,042.00. About 25 persons attended the bid opening with most of those being sales representatives for the companies who had submitted bids. City Engineer Gasle VanLandingham continues to hope that some construction will begin by Oct. 1 with the most serious repairs to be completed before winter sets in. Various city gas lines have been leaking for several years, with more

Vial of Life Have your medical records at the ready

A new campaign to convince people to have a ready medical record for members of their family, should a sudden illness strike, has been started by the Bluegrass Medical Services, Carlisle ambulance service. Larry Burton told the Mercury Friday. He has obtained about 100 small plastic vials, something like a prescription bottle, and an instruction about that we'd like to give to people," Burton said. The idea is that people will fill out the sheet, which includes spaces for all significant medical information, and put it in the vial, which is then placed in the top right hand shelf of the refrigerator at home. A red sticker is even provided for the outside of the refrigerator, at the front door, telling an ambulance service that the vial is inside. The vials are free and can be picked up at the Ambulance Service in the old armory building on East Main Street in Carlisle. The folder that comes with the vial has full instructions on how to fill out the sheet and includes questions to be answered by the ambulance service when the information is personal medical history that could be vital in case of an accident or sudden illness. — Mercury photo.

These children should be in an inside classroom," Mrs. McClure said, "and we think it can be the inside room. You could get this room by letting each of the teachers have music in their own rooms instead." Among the complaints given by Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. McClure were that the rest rooms in the trailers are too small, that there was no smoke alarm; that the auxiliary entrance did not have any steps on it and that 30 children were too many for these trailers. "I think these trailers are safe," superintendent Elder said. "My own grandson was in them last year for classes and I didn't have any problem with it." Elder did say two of the suggestions by the mothers had already been acted on. — See School Board page 18

More vials can be obtained by Bluegrass Medical Services. Ambulance Services in Carlisle should be present supply run out. The vials, which are free, are available at both Carlisle Drug and Hopkins Drug, from Lester Mann in the Morefield area, from Constable McDonald in Highland, as well as at the Ambulance Service office in the old Armory Building in Carlisle.

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