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And away we go!

Rev. Phil Hastings, pastor of the Carlisle Presbyterian Church, strides out in the first annual Blackberry 5K walk-run July 4. The event drew some 100 participants, including a number

of out-of-town visitors who were not eligible for awards. Hastings finished the 3.1 mile course in 29 minutes and 12 seconds, good enough for second place in the 50-and-over division.

City water system expansion okayed

By Jane R. Deane

City council gave the go-ahead Monday night on the \$1.5 million water-sewer project loan which has been in limbo for several months. It was not an easy decision, and one that called for Mayor Frankie Hughes to break a deadlock vote.

Councilman Larry Young made the following motion: "To reject the \$1,500,000 FIMIA loan money at five percent interest." The motion vote was 10-0.

Mayor Hughes voted to break the tie.

The largest objection the three "yes" voters have to the proposed project and loan is the amount of the water and sewer rates that FIMIA suggests the city charge its customers. They are fully aware that rates must be increased in order to maintain the system, but feel strongly that the suggested amounts will cause a hardship on city customers.

The FIMIA suggested water rate increase is 48 percent, and the sewer rate is 122 percent.

FOR THOSE "no" voters, the desperate need to upgrade the water treatment and water capacity system is a reality that they feel must be dealt with. Also, it is hoped that the project can be advanced at a cost less than the original amount of the loan, which would lower the rate increase percentage. The gas rate will be decreased as has been pointed out previously.

The Board of the Blue Grass AEC, which later called to offer his congratulations on the city's decision, spoke to council just prior to the vote.

At the 1984 Smallwood of GIB Engineers, Lexington, and Jimmy Lathers, Lexington, spokesman for FIMIA.

ALL THREE voted against the loan of the loan money if council decided to reject the loan. Smallwood stated that he and his firm would work with City Superintendent Gayle Vanlandingham and city personnel to try to cut costs on the project as much as possible, in order to cut the proposed rate increases to city customers.

The water and sewer rate increase ordinance was introduced at an April 1, 1985 council meeting. Rate increases have not been inserted, but a decision will have to be made and the ordinance readied for a vote in the fall.

Mayor Hughes reported that Blue Grass Kidding is hoping to be able to cut its present consumption to 20 percent to approximately \$300,000 a year of water per month.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, a motion was made by Barton to let Nicholas County Water District bank on the back of Nicholas County Hospital with an eight hour loan and not pay.

Ky. 36. The district will cover the cost of buying the loan, and will take over the present customers from the hospital on 36 on the right side of road.

Council adopted the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance which will be established in the Mercury.

A motion was made to grant a license fee charged to out-of-town distributors and local dealers of beer and liquor effective after the beer was received. According to the report by Superior Court division.

High court voids liquor sales here

Dealers plan to ask for rehearing

Three liquor stores and nine establishments selling beer in Carlisle and Nicholas County will have to close in the next 60 days, the state's highest court ruled July 3.

In a 5-3 vote, the Kentucky Supreme Court overturned an appeals court ruling and voided a 1981 election in which voters approved liquor sales in a Magoffin County magisterial district.

The decision also affects Nicholas County which had approved sales in the Myers precinct in December of 1982 and in Mathias and City Building precincts in April of the following year.

Supreme Court justices ruled that since a county voter itself did, no part of a county's election is void if a city - can vote itself out, under the county rule.

The majority opinion written by Justice James B. Stephenson of Pikeville, reversed rulings by Special Judge J. Byrd Huggins and the Court of Appeals that the county rule, created by legislation in 1936, was repealed in 1981 when local-option statutes amended it to exempt cities of the first four classes.

Under the 1981 counties' had dominance over their governmental subdivisions in local option matters.

FOLLOWING the 1982 vote in which voters in Myers precinct voted 184-41 in favor of alcoholic beverage sales, Clay Fryman opened Valley View liquor store at Myers Station and Bobby Bryant began operation of B&B Liquors on Myers Road. In all, five liquor licenses were issued. Lost tax dollars, however, uncollected taxes, would be \$150,000 each for liquor licenses in 1983.

At the same time, city voters rejected liquor sales 58-71. Four months later in April of 1983, voters in City Building and Mathias precincts voted in favor of alcoholic beverage sales, while those in Mayor's Office and Engine House precincts were against the measure. Overall, it was narrowly defeated 24-26.

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Queen Jimetta reigns

Jimetta Carter, chosen with Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes, was crowned queen of the 1985 Blackberry Festival in Carlisle on Monday, July 4 on Main Street. Mayor Hughes did the honors before an overflowed audience which packed the downtown square. From Sparks' last year's queen, she was also present for the coronation. Jimetta is the daughter of Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Betty Carter of Carlisle.

Solid waste disposal plan under study

The Solid Waste Management Plan, as offered by the National Resources and Environment Cabinet to improve and implement the solid waste disposal system in Carlisle and Nicholas County, was discussed by Charles Hays from Hazardous Area Development District at the July 3 meeting of the council.

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Free basketball camp July 15-20

The Carlisle/Nicholas County Parks and Recreation Board will sponsor a free basketball camp July 15-20 for all boys in grades six through eight who are interested in improving their basketball skills.

Former cage coach David Hutchinson, now retired after a successful career in Kentucky and Ohio schools, will conduct the camp daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at East End Park on East Union Road.

Hutchinson is holding a camp for high school age boys this week at the park. All boys, not just team members, are invited to participate.

'Red Carpet Days' begin this week

"Red Carpet Days," a special advertising promotion designed to enhance the image of Carlisle and Nicholas County as a shopping center and to publicize the advantages of shopping with participating firms, begins this week in The Carlisle Mercury.

The six-week promotion, which continues through the end of August 15, will feature specially priced merchandise services from the following participating firms:

CGS Foodtown, M.C. Blair Insurance, West End Markets, First National Bank, Southern States, Red Fire, Inc., Wild Brothers, Carlisle USA, Hopkins Drug, B&M Family Restaurant, Carter's of Carlisle, Carlisle Cleaners, Dee Jay And Paris and Carlisle Advertiser. Readers are invited to check the Red Carpet Days pages each week during this shop-at-home special event.

Seat belts save four in accident

Three people were treated for minor injuries at the Nicholas County Hospital following a head-on collision July 2 about 4:30 p.m. on Highway 26, just east of the intersection of U.S. 48.

Mrs. Lucille Freback of Carlisle Road 2 was traveling eastbound on a 1974 Ford when she reportedly crossed the center line and struck a westbound 1980 Chevrolet station wagon driven by McMichael Tolson of Paris Road 3. Wayne Tolson, a passenger in his brother's car, also was slightly injured.

Mrs. Martha Sue Taylor, a passenger in her mother's car, escaped injury. Both vehicles were totaled, Sheriff Charles Huggins reported. All involved were wearing seat belts, which probably prevented serious injuries, he noted.

A 1981 station owned by John Burke of Carlisle was heavily damaged July 6 when Burke lost control of the vehicle which left the road and struck a rock wall on Highway 21, the Old Paris Road. The one-car accident occurred about 1:40 a.m.

Sheriff Huggins reported only two or three disturbances during the week-long Blackberry Festival. All were minor and involved intoxication. He pointed out that since the sale of alcoholic beverages have been legal here the last two years there had been fewer incidents of misconduct have been reported.



5k age division winners

First place winners in the various age divisions in the Blackberry 5K walk-run were: 7-12, Jimmie and Dina Brown; 13-17, John Sawyer, Phyllis Cheater, Brent Gaudin, Nick Smith; 18-24, Corly Hill, Gayle Kelley, Phil Weaver, Barbara Hughes, Fred Burman;

Marjorie Sans, Ruth King, Sharon Gudgeff, Kent Kelley (walk-run co-chairs); Buck, Tim Banta, Joe Jennings and Dina Brown; 50-and-over sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Community Women's Club.