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Ambulance service may be saved

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Ronald McDonald tentatively agreed last Wednesday night at the Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting to accept a six-month contract offered by the court to continue the operation of the ambulance service within the county.

His acceptance is contingent on the county and the City of Carlisle providing a 24-hour answering service.

The mayor's problem.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Hester Smoot learned Wednesday afternoon about 3 p.m. from Carlisle magistrate Carter Hill that a check would have to be made on liability insurance to cover the dispatcher at the police station.

From payments would be in

view at several city council meetings on city employees answering an ambulance phone in the city building. She feels strongly that there should be enough liability insurance to cover those employees.

According to Smoot, it will take \$100,000 from the county and \$1,000 from the city to fund the ambulance service for six months, plus another \$1,000 in a contingency fund for ambulance breakdown and repairs.

Nicholas County Attorney Jack O'Leary said Friday afternoon, letters have been written to two insurance companies, who will write liability coverage on the city and county through M. E. Hiler, insurance agent.

Immediate replies were requested. A joint meeting will be held when replies are received.

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Solid Waste Collection, landfill supplies and materials, \$12,174; Mental Health, salaries Community Action Center, \$2,500; contribution Accutran, Inc., which is transportation for mentally and physically handicapped students to a training center in Paris, \$2,500; total general health and sanitation, \$12,174.

Services to Indigents, general welfare fund, groceries, drugs, etc., \$6,000; hospitals and clinics, \$1,500; Senior Citizens Program, Assistance, \$1,000; Cemeteries and Memorials, general welfare (County Burial), \$1,200; Total Social Services, \$22,900.

Parks, contribution, \$6,000; Public Library, services, \$200; Total Recreation and Culture, \$6,200.

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Leaders seek industrial prospects

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Carlisle and Nicholas County were among over 100 communities participating in the first annual Kentucky Community Economic Development Exposition in Louisville December 10.

Representing Carlisle were Hester "Spud" Marshall and John Burke, both of the newly formed Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority (CNIA).

The three day event, held at the Commonwealth Convention Center, was geared toward helping communities learn how to attract new industry to their respective areas.

Booths were set up so groups would have an opportunity to demonstrate attributes of their communities to companies interested in doing business.

There were over 100 companies represented, all interested in places to relocate their industries, said Spud Marshall, a retired industrial engineer and CNIA member.

The potential is out there if we have the patience and the know-how to attract these companies, said Marshall. It doesn't happen overnight though.

Seminars were offered on a variety of subjects of various times throughout the exposition when the exhibits were closed. Participants were allowed to choose among such topics as Kentucky Climate for Foreign Investment, The Site Selection Process, Presence of Sales in Economic Development and Business Climate in Kentucky. These seminars were taught

by industrial experts from private companies, state cabinets and research agencies.

"The visitors were devoted to help local agencies be better equipped to deal with outside companies. Information was also offered on how to locate investment money, and government grants."

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority, which was organized about a year ago, made up of six members. Three were appointed to the city, and three to the county.

According to Marshall, it has received cost support from both governments. Carlisle Mayor Lee Benz attended the exposition in Louisville to see the exhibits and meet with the participants.

The formation of the CNIA was intended to create an industry, have a plan to develop the area, as well as to keep existing companies here by helping with their problems.

Located on 12 acres of land behind the new National Guard Armory, the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Park is being developed around has been broken and some landscaping has taken place.

Marshall pointed out, "The process of attracting new business takes time. It's not an endeavor which shows overnight results."

Unfortunately, said Marshall, many people tend to take a negative attitude, thinking that Carlisle could never have what it takes to get new industry here. If people would look on the positive side, realizing that Nicholas County has many benefits, they would see that our task can be accomplished.

At the Louisville exposition, several groups distributed company items to those attending. The exhibitors gave away tin cans with the slogan that best describes the picture which ought to be associated with local developers. "Success is not made up of words, but of actions."

Centel to offer more channels

Centel Cable Television customers will have additional channels available as of January 1, 1987.

Customers who currently receive only basic service will need a converter to pick up the new channels. Customers receiving premium services will need an adjustment made to the converter they now have.

Centel is asking for customer assistance in distributing and adjusting converters.

Beginning December 15, converters were available in the Paris Centel office.

Customers will be available to convert the you have.

Centel will deduct \$1 from the January cable bill of every customer who comes to the office to pick up a converter or have an adjustment made to his converter.

Other arrangements will be made for customers who are unable to come into the office.

Centel Cable Television Vice President Rick DeMarco says, "We are happy to be able to offer the new channels and we want our customers to be able to view them immediately when they become available January 1, 1987."

He says the \$1 deduction will be an incentive for customers to come into the office to pick up a converter or have their current converter adjusted. This will help to make a smooth transition to the new channels.

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- Walter Hagg Foreman

Let there be music

The view from the bandstand at the Nicholas County High School band and chorus concert last Tuesday. Percussionists Joe Hutton and Anna Laville are shown. —Glen Papp

Christmas thefts spoiling season

Neighbors reported losses were heard, but when they looked out, no one was there.

Another incident occurred several weeks back, November 29, at a home of Marvin Sims, Jr., on Catherine Street.

"One of our rails was thrown over into our yard," said Mrs. Sims. "Some Christmas lights, spotlights, porch lights and other seasonal trimmings from their yards."

Among those victimized by the vandals was G. C. Myers of Carlisle Street. They took a spotlight and some of the small tree lights from his home. I also noticed somebody inside when I kept in front of my door, there was a lot of broken light bulbs all over the sidewalk."

Saturday night, November 13, a wreath was taken off the Maubrey Street door of the Presbyterian Church sometime after midnight.

Other minor decorations, in general, the items taken have been small, the greatest number of which have been light bulbs.

"I have noticed quite a few people coming in to buy replacement bulbs, some of them commenting about the fact that bulbs had been stolen," said Maryann Storm, of True Value Hardware.

In order for local law enforcement officers to investigate the alleged thefts, formal complaints must be filed.

"To us, it looks like some kids doing it for fun," said Myers. "I realize that there's not much that can be done, but we can all keep an eye out for them."

Perhaps just knowing the public is aware of what is happening, will make any prospective vandals more cautious about wanting to steal from Carlisle residents.

