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These furry friends joined in the Winter Carnival fun. (Photo: Martha Patton)

Carnival is a community celebration

By Heather Mattox
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff
The Winter Carnival held last week at the Nicholas County Elementary was a tremendous success thanks to all the support and donated time from the community according to Brenda Mattox, vice president of the Parent Teachers Association.

Thirteen game booths, not including the ticket, admission, door prize and country store, were consistently busy.

All the booths were manned by teachers, PTA volunteers and older students.

"We had a very large turnout. Around 1,400 to 1,500 attended. We found this approximate number by counting the admitted people and estimating the five year olds and younger that were admitted free," Mattox said.

"The food, other home made goodies, sandwiches and most of the drinks were donated. The only thing bought was the chili ingredients," said Mattox.

Holiday changes delivery date

The November 28, Thanksgiving edition of the Carlisle Mercury will be delayed one day by mail delivery.

The paper will be available as usual on the stands, beginning Wednesday afternoon, and will be delivered to the post office on time, however, with the Thanksgiving Holiday papers will not be received in the mail in Nicholas County until Friday.

Delivery of papers out of Nicholas County may be delayed even more, due to the slowing of mail by the holiday.

Deadlines for paper will remain unchanged, and distribution will be an schedule for the following week.

The Mercury appreciates your readership and support.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

"After all was said and done, we took in approximately \$4,170, minus the \$100 starting cost we had for charge and such. This amount is before the bill is paid," she said.

"What will be done with the money?"

"A savings will be divided among the elementary grade school levels. We also have a couple of other ideas, but they must be approved by the school board and administration before announcement," said Mattox.

"We would like to thank Billy Mae Gaunce for donating the adult door prize. We would also like to thank everyone for their donations, and time spent working on the program. We really appreciate the people of the community."

At N.C. Hospital Drive for needy begun

By Hank Bond
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff
"We want to make this the best Christmas possible for the needy of Nicholas County," said Bob Heister, Nicholas County Hospital Administrator.

Heister was speaking to a group of civic leaders, and others, at a meeting last Friday, at the hospital.

Mark Hughes of the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department, along with Richard Gardner has handled the drive for the past five years, at Christmas.

The plan is, in addition to Hughes, Gardner and other members of the fire department handling the toy collection and distribution, many others will be involved with the project, Mountain of Love.

Heister's plan is to involve members of the local civic organizations, plus the chamber of commerce, and city and county governments in the project.

City council discusses two water related problems

By Chip Miller
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff
The Carlisle City Council had a special meeting Monday night to discuss two water related problems.

The first order of business was the discussion of a proposal from the National Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet's Division of Water pertaining to the city's public water system.

The division's representatives presented an agreed order to the council, citing the city for violation of regulations of the Kentucky Public and Semipublic Water Supply Regulations of the order states.

The city to submit plans and specifications by March 1988 for the construction of a new pipeline to convey raw water from the Licking River to Carlisle.

The second order of business was the city to submit to the Division plans and specifications for a pump station and all improvements necessary to convert Carlisle's existing raw water pipeline to a sewer pipeline for conveyance of treated wastewater from Jewkes to the Licking River, the city to maintain a maximum 0.2 ppm free chlorine residual throughout the water distribution system.

The city to seek operator certification for all qualified water

works employees, and for the city to pay the Division \$1,500 within 10 days of receipt of written notice from the Cabinet for failure to comply with the requirements of the order.

The Division made inspections of the city water system on July 24 and July 27 and found that Carlisle failed to maintain a minimum of five chlorine residual throughout its water distribution system.

According to the council, some of the recommendations are being followed and others are in the planning stages.

The city entered into a similar agreed order two years ago.

The newly proposed order was agreed upon by the council unanimously and was signed.

In another water related problem, the Division's representatives advised the council that the city's dam on the water reservoir doesn't meet state standards.

Right now, the dam and reservoir are serving a good purpose. The concern to us is that it doesn't meet standards, said Leon Smathers.

He said the state has estimated it would cost the city approximately \$600,000 to bring the dam up to date.

His idea to you is for you to lower the dam and reduce the risk to the city, Smathers said.

Smathers said the state estimates the dam poses a threat to residents living in the area.

Steve McKinley of GRW Engineering, a firm hired by the city, said: "In the long run it would be to your benefit to bring it up to standards."

McKinley said GRW needed to do a "computerized dam failure analysis" to deduce the risks the dam poses, and what improvements need to be made.

He said this analysis would cost the city around \$5,000.

He said the risks the city is looking at right now are on a positive residential structure and one possible residential structure.

"The concrete walls on the side of the core lock and there is no secure connection between the core walls and earth embankments on either side," said McKinley.

Councilman Curtiss Lester said there wouldn't be any use in spending the \$5,000 for the study if the city can't purchase the lots that pose the risks.

The council agreed and Mayor Les Besta called a special meeting for next Monday at 7 p.m.

The council said that if then they should know if there is a possibility of purchasing the lots at that time, then proceeding ahead with plans to lower the dam.

"We're (Environmental Protection Cabinet) going to want to see what you're going to do in about 45 days," said Smathers.

Concerning 1963 Ford fire truck

Conley's opinion prompts committee

By Chip Miller
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff
Upon an opinion made by Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley to the Nicholas County Fire Board Committee Tuesday, the committee called a special meeting to reach a decision on a rebuilt motor.

The opinion from Conley was of a matter concerning two of the fire committee members, Kenneth Stephenson and Bobel Williams, who took steps to get a rebuilt engine for the broken 1963 Ford fire truck without any committee approval.

"What surprised me was that we were waiting on your decision on whether or not you were going to replace the motor," said Hughes to the board.

At the last meeting the firemen volunteered to replace whatever engine the fire board decided on, getting free of charge.

"I just don't want to see fire department money thrown away," he said.

Conley told the board and the firemen present that Stephenson was authorized or word on for this to be done," Conley said.

Based on the minutes of the November 7 meeting, no action was authorized or word on for this to be done," Conley said.

Members of the Nicholas County Fire Department will be holding a fund raiser during the event to assist in raising funds for the purchase of the new fire truck, an order.

Members of the Blue Licks Christian Church Youth Group will be sponsoring a Chili Dinner from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the basement of the Nicholas County Library.

Santa Claus will make his appearance in Carlisle, during the day, while members of the Community Women's Club Christmas season box, while many of the windows downtown may be filled with Christmas decorations during the theme.

The Snow Queen will be crowned at 8 p.m. on the square. Candidates will be from Nicholas County High School.

Participating merchants will hold registration, Saturday only, for a drawing to be held following the crowning of the queen.

Winners, who must be present to win, will receive \$200, \$100, and \$75 in Carlisle Shopping Certificates, provided as prizes by the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

Registration slips will be available at all participating merchants, which will be included in next week's Mercury, and will be available from opening until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30, the registration slips will be collected and combined for the drawing to be held on the courthouse square. Again, winners will have to be present to win.

Additional events and activities will be listed in next week's edition of the Mercury.

Downtown celebration set for November 28 for Christmas kickoff

Saturday, November 28, the streets of Carlisle will be a festive appearance.

The Nicholas County High School Band and the choir from the First Baptist Church... plus others will fill the air with Christmas sounds.

The event? An Old Fashion Candlelight Christmas celebration.

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