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Mercury named one of state's best

MOREHEAD, Ky. — The Carlisle Mercury and Appalachian News-Express captured General Excellence Awards during the spring awards ceremony of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association, Thursday and Friday, April 14.

The Mercury took honors in Class I, while the Carlisle County Courier from Bardwell finished second and the Cumberland County News of Burkeville finished third in the class of newspapers with less than 3,500 circulation. It was the second year.

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of the association. J.O. Buddy Brown of the Cumberland County News was elected vice president for the next year. Barbara Justice from the Appalachian News-Express in Pikeville was re-elected secretary for the group, which

includes memberships from over 35 Kentucky Weekly Newspapers. Hank Band, of the Carlisle Mercury was re-elected treasurer. Gloria Metz, Bath County News-Outlook, Owingville, Continued on Page 3

Council holds special session

By Anita R. Deason
Special to the Carlisle Mercury
The City Council met in special session on Thursday, April 14, 1988, at 7:00 p.m. All members were present except for Benny Burton, who had an out-of-town commitment.

The topic of the meeting was the contract between the city and former Mayor Frankie Hughes concerning the city sewer plant sludge dump site, which is located on the Hughes Farm.

Hughes has had the permit for the dump site on his farm since 1984 when he was Mayor of Carlisle. He received no money for the use of his farm during his term as mayor.

The new contract and its contents were discussed at the regular monthly meeting, April 11. However, in the last paragraph of the proposed contract, it states that the city has the right to council on a 30-day notice.

City attorney Skip Watson stated the provision was added to protect the city should another dump site be chosen.

Hughes objected to the provision stating it wasn't fair to him to be told he had the contract, when within one month it could be cancelled.

The contract calls for monthly payments to Hughes of \$375, not only for the use of his land, but for harvesting he will do on the dried sludge.

According to city sewer plant Supervisor, Gene Kelley, sludge is hauled to the farm about five times a year, each hauling taking about two weeks. It amounts to approximately 200 truckloads a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crawford at the meeting with questions concerning the permit and portions of their farm which ad-

join Hughes farm. The aerial photo in the permit includes their farm.

Hughes has a deeded right of way through a gate on the Crawford farm which leads to his farm. This is the gate which the dump truck uses when transporting the sludge to Hughes farm.

The Crawfords are investigating the possibility that part of their farm is included in the permit. Carroll Lester and Kelley assured them that was not the case.

The Crawford's stated, "The permit starts at our gate." The dump site sign is posted on that gate.

Mrs. Crawford stated, "Carl bulldozed so you could dump on our farm."

Kelley explained that at one time, at the request of Crawford, he dug up some sludge on the Crawford farm.

"I was wrong in doing it. I did it because you (Crawford) asked for it. I thought I was doing you a favor."

Mrs. Crawford objects to the dust and smell, although Hughes says the actual dump site is at the back part of his farm.

At one time, the site was located on a farm belonging to Francis Watson. At another time, the site was at the county farm at the western edge of Carlisle. According to Kelley, the hospital and nursing home objected to the smell.

City Superintendent Gayle Vanklingham said, "The Trailer Park (Baton) people come down on us real hard concerning the smell."

Concluding the discussion, Carlisle Mayor Lee Bents stressed, "We need to do this thing right."

Council Member Bill Power moved to table the matter until the special session on April 25, at 7:30 p.m.



Wednesday fire causes total loss - this house, occupied by the Clay (Bache) family of Myers Station was totally destroyed by fire, April 13. The 4-15 a.m. blaze had totally involved the house by the time firemen arrived. Seven firemen responded to the call, and stood by two hours to protect nearby buildings. According to Mark Hughes, Nicholas County Fire Department Chief, the cause of the blaze is unknown. According to Hughes no one was at home at the time of the fire. - Howland Photo

Nicholas students claim science awards

By Heather Mathis
of the Carlisle Mercury
The Biology Department under the direction of Kathy Green, teacher and sponsor at Nicholas County High School, is taking great pride in announcing the results of the year long efforts of several students in Biology III.

At the North East Regional Science Fair held at Morehead State University, April 9 Sonya Johnson, Jack Gubins, Rhonda Smart, Heather Hall, Gretchen Judge and Dana Pyman represented NCHS in the president of fashions, taking home many awards and a name wrought out of academic excellence and tenacity on the part of students and sponsor.

Johnson, the overall first place winner, also took the N.Y. Award and Army Award.

Her project involving "Studies of Pentamide Inhibition and its Affinity to Deoxy-Medellin," earned an all expense paid trip for her and her sponsor to the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Knoxville, Tennessee during the week of May 4-14.

Gubins, a sophomore and only male of the group, earned a NASA Award for his project entitled,

"Nicotine Induced Place Preference in Mus Musculus."

Hall, also a sophomore, was awarded a third place medal in Zoology for her project entitled, "Relationship Between Maternal Drinking and Fetal Development."

Pyman, the third sophomore, took second in micro-biology as her project was entitled, "Immunological Effects of Smoking on Mus Musculus."

Judge, a junior, was awarded first place medal in the Environmental Division, Mathematics Award and an Army Award.

Her project was entitled, "Growth of mammary Adenocarcinoma."

Smart, a senior at NCHS, received second place medal in her division of Medicine and Health, and an award from the Army for her project.

It was entitled, "Dose Fat and Cholesterol Intake Effect Tumor Growth and Development in Mice."

Kathy Green, the group sponsor, was one of only three selected to receive "Outstanding Senior High Teacher."

Green said, "I think this group of students represented the school well and also learned much from the experience."

"Events such as this one teach perseverance, to stay in there and stick with it, and the three sophomores that have now completed and come home with awards will

have that experience it takes to go back and do more next year," she said.

According to Green, science fairs such as this one have opened up many doors for students.

"The science fair has had an increasing importance for students."

"For example, Sonya has received three scholarships and a summer job because of her awards received combined with her academic record," Green said.

"The students also carried off an unusual feat in preparing for the fair."

"My Mother was critically ill and I was out there the whole week until Friday before the competition and the students went ahead by themselves to make the final preparations."

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- Kathy Green NCHS sponsor

"In short, they did a great job under strained circumstances," Green concluded.

Extended Weather Summary

Information provided by the National Weather Service in Louisville

Wednesday through Saturday
Partly cloudy and cool Wednesday. A little warmer Thursday.

Highs in the 50s Wednesday. And in the mid 60s Thursday. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

Friday and Saturday, highs can be expected to be in the 60s, with low temperatures slipping into the 40s.

There is a chance of showers, each day, Thursday through Saturday.

Florida Bound - Members of the Nicholas County High School Class of 1988 make ready for a senior trip to Florida. The senior, along with six sponsors, left Wednesday of last week and returned Sunday, from the Sunshine State. Graduation is scheduled for May 22. - Howland Photo

Big Winners at Science Fair - NCHS students taking awards in the 25th Northeast Regional Science Fair at Morehead State University were, left to right, Dana Pyman, Gretchen Judge, Sonya D. Johnson (overall fair winner), Rhonda Smart, Jack Gubins, Kathy Green (teacher and sponsor) and Heather Hall. - Heather Mathis Photo