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Council discusses bonding

Hears complaint on waterline

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 A discussion on bonding for the city's raw waterline project opened Carlisle City Council's special called meeting Monday night. Bob Poline and Stewart Billington, representatives of J.C. Bradford & Co., a bonding firm, explained bonding options the council must consider.

Council heard the bonding firm in a September 3 special called meeting. Billington suggested the city consider an option which would sell \$800,000 in three year bond anticipation notes.

"Assuming we get the money (future city earnings), I would recommend that you go with this option four," said Billington.

The overall cost of bonding the water system project, which includes a new water line to the river for the city, has been projected at \$2.3 million.

A matching grant of up to 50 percent or \$1 million (maximum) was promised by former Governor Marshall L. Holmes.

The water line project is designed to improve the city's capacity for serving customers, especially Jockey International.

According to Billington in the September 3 meeting, should the city bond \$800,000, repayment over 35 years, at going interest rates, would be about \$72,000 per year.

This is, as Billington pointed out at the September 3 meeting, if bonds can be sold at a going interest rate of between .75 and .85 per cent.

Monday night, Billington explained the interest rate on the bonds probably would be 7 percent.

Council member Cartmell Lester mentioned the council might consider the interest rate on the bonds to be lowered along those lines.

Next, council discussed some of the wording in an agreed order with the state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet's Division of Water.

Last November 19, in a special called meeting, representatives of the Division had counseled the city as the city lake reservoir "doesn't meet state standards."

Council Attorney Rip Watson said he would like to ask the state if some of the wording in the order is altered.

"We need the option that we would breach the dam down the road if necessary," Watson said.

He said, as the order read now, the city, after signing the option, wouldn't have that choice after the water line is finished and the need to do away with the dam becomes necessary.

Council member William Powers mentioned to accept a resolution for Carlisle Mayor Lee Bantz to sign the agreed order and for Watson to press meeting with state officials to request different language be used in the agreement.

Next, Mr. and Mrs. James Simons asked questions of the council concerning the property assessment given them, for the new city water line.

According to city officials, the Simons' assessment is the final assessment, the city needs for the water project.

The council said both the charge line from Jockey International and the water line from the Licking River would cross through Simons' property.

James Simons questioned the council on wording in the contract. Specifically, he voiced his concern over chemical Jockey or any other company would discharge through the line.

"I don't have trouble with the line. I have trouble with what's going through it," he said.

Simons also asked if there is any way council could get with the county water district to supply some higher education's piggy bank under the proposed sewerage bond.

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Council agreed to speak with county water district officials of possible additions for lines for the residents Simons spoke of.



These club sponsor and teacher at Nicholas County High School, Peter Chammes, contemplate a move made by top-seeded Nathan Hunt during an after-school contest. Nathan Hunt.

March for higher education

From the march up Capitol Avenue to a rally later in DuPont Civic Center, thousands of representatives from campus statewide put aside fierce athletic rivalries and joined in one voice to show support for higher education.

Converging on the state Capitol steps were nearly 3,000 marchers, many students but also faculty, staff, alumni and concerned citizens who carried banners, balloons and signs to focus attention on higher education's plight under the proposed sewerage bond.

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Meredith State University was highly visible with a contingent of more than 700 supporters who came via a motorcade of 10 buses and some two dozen cars and vans.

"Part of your future has been checked, part of your future has been checked," former MSU President A.L. Alpert told the crowd at the Capitol, referring to the erosion of higher education due to budget cuts combined with increased enrollment.

Anyone who is sensitive to the creation of jobs in Kentucky, anyone who is sensitive to economic development in the commonwealth, anyone who is sensitive to the commonwealth's future, said Dr. Alpert, a former executive director of the Council on Higher Education.

Predicting a mass exodus of talented faculty, increased tuition rates and further reductions in state financial aid programs if the governor's budget is passed, CBE member and MSU alumnus David Trussell said the animal is known to not have come in contact with any human source.

Though, Trussell added, the public ought to be aware rabies could be in the area through contact of the dog with other animals.

If anyone suspects an animal of having contracted the illness, Trussell said to contact him immediately at 250-2119 or 250-2127.

Suspected rapid dog killed

A suspected rapid dog was killed in the general Blue Lick vicinity Friday, according to Larry Trussell, Nicholas County Health Environmentalist.

Trussell said the dog, reported by Robert Harrison and Carlie Watkins, showed all the symptoms of the illness.

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Train strikes bus

Minor injuries result

Carlisle Mercury Staff Report
 A school bus transporting 45 Millersburg Elementary School children was struck by a TTX train February 17 at 7:24 a.m. as it was trying to cross railroad tracks.

Minor injuries resulted when some of the passenger children and the bus driver.

The TTX train, owned by Robert T. Cook, 41 Mt. Cayuga, struck the bus in the right rear area and spun the bus away from the track into a large fence, according to the state police report.

The incident occurred on Tarr Road, approximately five miles east of Paris.

All 45 children were checked at the Bourbon County Hospital.

Twenty-five of the children and the bus driver, Raymond T. Sanders, 60, of Ruffles Mill, were treated and released for minor injuries.

State troopers Kenneth Jones and DDD Howe investigated the incident.

Kentucky nursing homes: a growing industry in need of attention

An estimated increase in the state's elderly population within the next 20 years has prompted concerns within the industry.

"Money is probably the number one concern," said Bob Hester, administrator of Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc., Nicholas County's hospital and nursing home.

"The reality of our (nursing home) residents now are on some kind of either state or federal program," he said of present financing.

Hester said with the rapidly growing age population and life expectancy increasing through medical advances, the industry is growing.

During the past 20 years Kentucky nursing homes have evolved from a cottage industry to an integral part of the Commonwealth's health care delivery system.

Adult program luncheon set at N.C.H.S. March 9

The Adult Reading Program of Nicholas County Schools will hold a luncheon, Wednesday, March 9 beginning at 12 noon in the Nicholas County High School Library.

According to coordinator, Helen Hamilton, all council members, teachers and students are invited to attend.

Friends of the program and those who received an invitation to the business breakfast, last October, are urged to attend.

Those planning to attend are asked to call the board office, 289-2264, or Helen Hamilton, 289-2264, by Monday, March 7.

Hamilton said the group will hear the volunteers and students.

Following the luncheon, the council will have a short meeting.

A typical nursing home patient in Kentucky is an 81-year-old female who suffers from at least two chronic health care conditions, is intermittently nursing and continues rehabilitative services, while 8,000 personal care residents receive custodial care and assistance with their stable disease processes.

More than 16,000 intermediate care patients are provided with intermittent nursing and continuous rehabilitative services, while 8,000 personal care residents receive custodial care and assistance with their stable disease processes.

340 Nursing Homes
 200,000 Patients
 20,000 Employees

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In light of that, a peer review agency contracting with the Department for Medicaid Services will, at regularly established intervals, assess the patient's care needs to ensure for medical necessity.

Need occupancy rates remain 100 percent, most areas of the state because of an eight-year moratorium on expansion of nursing home beds and an increased demand for services.

A 1987 industry survey identified an average waiting list of 24 patients per intermediate care facility.

Projections for Kentucky's 65 and older population indicate a need for 12,000 more beds by the year 2000.

Kentucky should also plan for accelerated growth in the industry from 1980 to 2020 as our 65 and older age group increases by 150 percent.

Presently half of all nursing home patients are in this age group.

As the aging statistics show, Kentucky will need to add more than 10,000 nursing home beds during the next decade because of the status of the Medicaid program.

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Local musical artist displays talent

By Heather Mathes
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 Many admire those "blue" that they hear through the radio, but some do not realize the hard work, planning and sacrifice that most performers experience before they reach their state goal of success.

Beth McDowell, Nicholas County resident, does realize the effort it takes to be successful and it will be on her way to fulfilling her dream.

McDowell showed talent very early in the musical field.

"I started playing the piano when I was three and followed by playing for the seasonal choir in Junior High and High School when my family lived in Mt. Olive," said McDowell.

"I also played harmonica, clarinet and percussion in the band," she added.

It was some time after those high school days that McDowell chose her goal.

McDowell spent four years in the United States Army as a linguist speaking Polish, French, German and a 4-Cacheolavakian before she realized music as her career.

"I was stationed in West Germany and was out one weekend night."

"A couple of friends of mine had a band and dared me to sing with them and I took the dare and got up on stage."

"They asked me to sit on practice with them and before I knew it the bug had bit me," said McDowell.

"The bug since picked country music as her career focus."

"I think that anyone can identify with country music and singers on us this medium to get their message across to listeners," said McDowell.

Presently, the local singer is performing with a Lexington-based band, Kentucky Fever.

"It sometimes hard to practice because that's my love and my family that is them to Lexington and that is also the reason they cannot go on the road with me."

"We do practice on week days from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.," said McDowell.

"Darin Lizer sings some lead every," said McDowell.

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Beth McDowell

Roundtable to be in Plus

Kentucky's problems - economic, social, political - are examined by John H. Pearce, now retired from the Courier-Journal, in a series of articles appearing in The Carlisle Mercury.

The stories were commissioned by the Shakerstown Roundtable to cover topics discussed in the Roundtable's conference on "The State of the State" last fall.