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Sharpsburg Water District asks for cooperation

By Heather Mathes
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A neighboring water district is expanding its water system and may need the ability to purchase additional water.

The Sharpsburg Water District expressed a need for additional water (the potential for an estimated 100,000 gallons daily) from the City of Carlisle in the next year to two years at the Carlisle City Council.

Mike Fryer, representative of the Sharpsburg Water District said, "This is about a \$800,000 project, as we are building an elevated tank, a booster unit and extending the line."

He added, "We already have a 288,000 gallon a day contract with Bath County but we still would need additional water if the line is extended."

"This all depends on if we get the money, but we have both ADDs (Area Development Districts) involved (Gateway and Bluegrass) and we may be able to get some HUD (Housing and Urban Development) money also."

"Getting everything together depends on getting the additional water source."

How will Nicholas County benefit?

Fryer said, "We hope to put dual meters in with the capability of funding both ways. This means, if you all have a shortage you can get water from us because Bath County has a 400,000 gallon a day cushion."

Gayle Vanlandingham, water superintendent, was also present to offer his advice.

He said, "I have looked at three possible routes and think this could be a good thing, because we might need water from Cave Run."

The city council responded favorably and discussed the possibility of combining all the water districts to protect water supplies in all districts.

The legal document presented by Fryer was given to Carlisle Attorney Skip Watson for review.

Nicholas County Schools Superintendent Donald G. Elder approached council concerning a National Guardian Security System monitoring unit being set up in the schools with the city police dispatcher's office, handling

calls from the system's office in Lexington. The calls would come in if a break-in occurs.

Elder said, "There have been several break-ins in the school system, and we have one person responsible to take the calls from Lexington when a break-in occurs."

"When a break-in occurs, an alarm goes off in the Lexington office and the dispatcher there calls the dispatcher here and the system may be able to tell him what area of the building the break-in is in."

Watson said if the dispatcher was not available when the call came in, the city would be liable for the mistake.

He recommended a "hold harmless" agreement or annexation of school grounds into city jurisdiction.

Watson stressed the ease of annexation, a request from the school system and two meetings, with a favorable vote, completes the action.

Charles Gates came before council and questioned the payment of \$1,200 to Herald Howard for damages done to Howard's vehicle after a police cruiser was stolen.

Carlisle Mayor Lee Benz, said, "Although the council passed the motion to give Mr. Howard the money, I was advised by three attorneys, including the city attorney, not to sign the check."

"They said I would be admitting liability and could possibly be sued (personally) if it is possible for the accident."

Vanlandingham gave his report of Nicholas County's water supply and progress on the new water line for the city.

He said, "The upper lake is in good shape, the lower one has gained a foot and one half in the last two weeks, and the river has risen because the rain upstream."

Vanlandingham did say that the situation could always change within 24 hours, and there is no consistent amount of rainfall.

After the meeting he stressed, "We have to take a look at things on a day to day basis and it is always possible it would be necessary to have the mayor declare an emergency, based on the amount of water available."

Vanlandingham reported the 12 inch line project ready to start, the 10 inch line "over halfway done" and the eight inch water line completed.

Bentz proposed that with the increased hauling by private water trucks, Nicholas County should begin a clipboard operation which monitors who is hauling water and where the water is going.

Jeff Fryer, council member, informed council an estimate of one man of glass beer bottles was broken on Main Street and the sidewalks during the Blackberry Festival.

Because of the situation, the fire department had to be called in to wash down the street and sidewalk areas.

Bentz added, "Dr. (Olan) Villafior who is located down there by the poolroom, said that a hanging lamp had been torn down, and I think that with all the problems we have had, they are interested in releasing."

Mrs. Ruby Villafior responded in a telephone interview Tuesday, she is not aware of who does the damage to their property, but wishes it would stop.

She also said they are not interested in releasing.

"I have had no other complaints on the poolroom but gangs do just gather, and there are a lot of 15 and 16 year old girls and babies down there."

Fryer added, "I have been told one day someone watched while those on the wall sat there and drank about a fifth of whiskey and a six pack of beer at 3:30 in the afternoon. I think we need the police on Main Street, because the way it is now there is nothing."

John Burke approached the council to discuss the Industrial Authority, and its projects.

The council also agreed to: allow the mayor to call a water shortage alert if deemed necessary.

tabled a discussion on the city's insurance coverage; and, allow Watson to write letters concerning trash complaints and property conditions.

Bentz also told council there would probably be a need for a special meeting, prior to the next regular meeting, scheduled for August 8.



Shelves at Carlisle Pic-Pac show dwindling supplies of some canned vegetables. - Julie Pfeiffer Photo.

Drought hits consumers hard; Prices rising as summer simmers on

By Julie Pfeiffer
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Drought. That's the catch word for the summer of '88.

The damage to farms and yards is obvious, but what's the damage to the pocketbook?

Bottled water seems to be a top seller, as people begin to worry about water shortage and the quality of water.

Linda Griffin, co-owner of Highbridge Spring Water Co. Inc. said a Cynthiana store reportedly sold 1,000 gallons of Highbridge bottled water in 15 minutes.

Gayle Kelley, owner and manager of Pic-Pac in Carlisle, said sales of bottled water have gone up 100%.

People are also buying more soft drinks and ice. A representative of Foodtown, who declined to be identified, also said they were selling "quite a bit" of bottled water.

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ing products they fear will disappear, he said and he will begin to board other brands to insure availability of vegetables.

Consumers may notice less selection in the way of brands, but he is sure all kinds of canned vegetables will still be available.

As for prices, he said he has noticed a gradual increase, and thinks there will be a definite increase as the drought continues.

Fresh produce is selling better than usual, he said, again because gardens aren't doing as well. Kelley noted that everything cold or frozen has become very popular.

But car washes aren't very popular right now. Clay Hunt, owner and operator of the Ashland Oil station, said the car wash business is half of what it is in the winter.

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Hunt has, however, started turning off the car wash at 9:00 p.m. to save water. Before the water shortage he left the wash on all night. It opens at 6:00 a.m.

Some television beer ads make a beer look like the only refreshment available in the summer. Bob Bentz, of B & B Square, shoots holes in that theory. He reported that beer sales really haven't risen with the heat index.

Bill Clark, of Old Paris Road Liquors, reports beer sales are higher than usual, as well as sales of wine coolers. Wild berry coolers seem to be the most popular, he said. And the beer leaving the store is "10 to 1" cold.

Night Crawlers - worms used for fishing bait - are another casualty of the drought. "I'm ashamed to price them," said Russell Duggins, owner of Mandeville's Bait and Tackle Shop in Lexington. Usually the worms are \$1.25 a dozen, now they are \$2.50 a dozen and are hard to get.

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Roof called dangerous

By Heather Mathes
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The Nicholas County Community Action Agency's roof, which was deemed dangerous by contractors, will be fixed.

Margaret Hunter, head of Community Action in Nicholas County, and Jack Burch, Community Action affiliate for Lexington, were on hand at the monthly Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting to explain the dire need for a new roof.

Hunter said, "We have coated the roof three times, but we have a roof made of old crumbly type concrete and the contractor said that moisture has settled underneath."

If there should come a rain and a freeze in the fall it is a great possibility a cave-in would occur," Hunter added. Hunter presented an estimate of \$12,500. She added, "We have maintained the building with

minor repairs such as guttering and painting but, this is a major repair and we simply do not have funds available."

Judge Executive Reese Smoot reported he had talked

to Bluegrass Area Development District and was advised to meet with the Carlisle Mayor Lee Bentz and make an application for ADF grant funds.

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Weather Summary

AGRI-WEATHER
Kentucky farmers can expect another dry or two of scattered showers and thunderstorms as warm moist air continues to hang over the Commonwealth.

A front through Illinois and Indiana is forecast to drift southward to the Ohio River.

And an upper level disturbance moving across the region will keep the chance of thunderstorms present Wednesday.

Warm and humid conditions could persist the remainder of the week. Keeping rain chances alive

Thursday right into the weekend.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Thursday through Saturday

Partly cloudy. Warm and humid with a chance of thunderstorms each day.

Highs from the mid 80s to lower 90s. Lows 65 to 75.

Near normal rainfall is expected next week. Although hot temperatures are forecast to continue. The national weather service 6 to 10 day outlook for Sunday through next Thursday is calling for near normal rainfall and above normal temperatures.

Kand Turpin, member of Blue Licks Christian Church, was hard at work face painting at a fund-raising carnival which enabled the church's youth group to attend a Christian Fellowship trip to Florida last week. - Heather Mathes Photo.