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Nicholas Board approves building security system

By Julie Pfeiffer
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The Nicholas County School Board conducted its special session business quickly to get to the heart of the meeting—discussing and approving a security system to be installed by the National Guardian Security System.

A representative of National Guardian Security, Harrel Lawallen explained the finer points of the system.

If the system is not turned on at the end of the day, the siren will be alerted. If a siren is removed the system reports a breakdown.

The siren goes off repeatedly, telling burglars who may wait out the siren and then try to re-enter.

Also, by the time a trespasser re-enters several people should have been alerted by the headquarters in Lexington.

The night before, Superintendent Don Elder had presented a dilemma to the Carlisle Council about the monitoring service calling the city police dispatcher's office.

Skip Watson, City Attorney, expressed concern about the city being held liable for an incident where no one could be found to go to the school.

Watson asked that a "harmless" agreement be drawn up to protect the city.

Tuesday night the board decided to install the system and get approval from Carlisle Council at a later date.

Elder said it was necessary to have the system installed before school starts.

As the board approved the \$623 system, John Claver added, "It's a shame that taxpayers have to pay that kind of price, in addition to police protection, to protect something that belongs to everyone."

In addition to the original \$623, the board will pay \$66 a month to cover the monitoring service for the elementary and high school. The company in Lexington, provides constant surveillance and supervision.

Before approving the installation, the board accepted Benita Dampier's resignation. Dampier is an elementary teacher and former junior high cheerleading sponsor.

In her letter to the board, she explained she had reached a point in life where change is necessary.

The board also decided to allow the Boy Scouts to use the cafeteria.

September 23, for their annual meeting to renew new members.

Watson said he would renew the school system's membership in the

Kentucky Academic Association.

Watson placed Dawn Letcher on the substitute teacher list. She had been left off of a previous list, Superintendent Don Elder said.

There were discussions only on bus warrants on new buses.

The warrants on the buses now is 4 years or 50,000 miles. The extended warranty begins when the old one ends and covers 60 months or 100,000 miles.

By the time nine years is up, Elder noted, it would almost be time to buy a new bus.

Diesel fuel for buses. The system has its own gas pump, but not a diesel pump.

Elder said there are many restrictions and codes on building a diesel tank. The board may bid out contracts locally to fill up the buses at service stations carrying diesel fuel.

Code of Conduct, board policy and non-resident contracts. Elder said something between now and August the board needs to go over that.

The Board then went into closed session to discuss the hiring or dismissal of certified employees, Elder said.

On returning, there was no action taken.

Council maintains coverage

By Julie Pfeiffer
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Carlisle City Council voted to maintain insurance coverage with local agent Custer Blair.

Council held a special meeting Monday to discuss his insurance program, a water contract with Sharpburg and have first and second readings of budget ordinances.

Blair, of M. C. Blair Insurance of Carlisle, presented an insurance plan for the council.

The plan has a \$100 deductible for collision and zero deductible for comprehensive and liability, he explained. This is comparable with another plan the council was looking at, which has a \$1000 deductible for collision, comprehensive and liability, he said.

The other plan is what he called a self-insurance pool and is reasonable.

His plan is guaranteed and also offers \$1 million per occurrence. The other plan offers \$1 aggregate (\$1 million total).

Blair said if the council decided to go with the other company, there is a 11% short rate penalty on insurance his company has already written for the council.

This penalty, over \$2000, is not punishment for changing companies, but standard operating procedure, he said.

The council made motion to go with Blair's plan at a premium of \$20,597.

In other business, the council resolved that it will make an agreement with the Sharpburg water district, but

it will not sign a contract until it has talked to engineers and others concerning cost and other factors, such as availability of 100,000 gallons of water the Sharpburg district has requested.

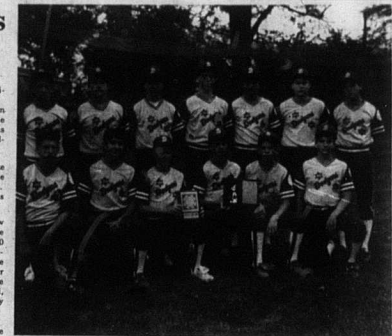
The contract, which city attorney Skip Watson has been looking over, has blanks for costs and other factors.

The contract does not have to be signed until August 31.

"It's to everyone's advantage to hook these things up," Watson said. But, he said it is best not to sign a contract until the blanks are filled.

The council also had a second reading for amending the proposed budget for 1988-1989.

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The Babe Ruth team that captured the Sandy Koufax Tournament State Championship included, back row, (l-r) Michael Johnson, Brad (Beaver) Allison, J.R. Fox, Collier Mathes, Travis Sims, Brian Feck, Jarrod Wills, front row, Jamie Hillock, Steven Mattox, Lindsey Leet, Daniel Brown, Kevin Morris and Pat Phillips. - Heather Mattox Photo

Nicholas diamond men to represent Kentucky

By Heather Mattox
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

The Nicholas County Babe Ruth 14 year old team have captured the Sandy Koufax Tournament State Championship and will represent Kentucky in the National Tournament.

The Tournaments for 13 and 14 year olds were sponsored by the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

The team gained the championship title by defeating Lexington Crawford, 10-6; Lexington Idle Hear, 12-4; Knott County two games, both by the same score, 10-0, during the weekend of June 23.

Nicholas County traveled to Stockbridge, Georgia, Tuesday, June 26, to participate in the Sandy Koufax Southeast Regional double elimination tournament.

Players and coaches of all represented teams were guests of the AAABC that evening. They will also participate in opening ceremonies prior to the tournament's first game on Wednesday.

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Anyone wishing to help the Babe Ruth Champions defray the expense of this trip, please send contributions to Nicholas County Babe Ruth and mail to: Marion Sims, 121 Catherine St., Carlisle KY, 40311. (Checks make payable to Nicholas County Babe Ruth)

According to Allison, if Nicholas County does go all the way to Puerto Rico, Collier Mathes will pitch the first ball of the first game, another team miracle for the all stars.

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Rains give needed help

By John Struss
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HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — The weather forecasters say thunderstorms of the sort that gave Kentucky a much needed drink, recently generate non-uniform precipitation. Farmers put it differently.

"It's kind of a hit-and-miss thing," said Ben F. Embry, who farms about 375 acres east of Henderson. "These rains haven't been any general rains. It seems they just hit here and yonder from strengthening showers this week helped Embry's corn crop, but the 67-year-old farmer said, the drought of 1988 was one of the worst in memory.

Most reporting stations around the state are still 6 to 7 inches short of normal. Continued on Page 3

Weather Summary

On balance ... The stress on crops for the next couple of days will be at a minimum ... And growth potential will be high with the ample moisture available.

Renewal of fungicide coverage will be possible Wednesday under the light wind.

Humidity levels will be high enough to inhibit evaporative drift for most of the day Thursday ... Spraying operations will begin to face the limitations from strengthening southerly winds once more.

The return of warmer air will take temperatures back into the lower 80s after Wednesday. Accelerated drying will occur on Thursday ... But the period of good

hay curing weather could be cut short as early as Friday when a chance of showers returns. That chance of showers remains in the forecast for Saturday as well.

And the longer term outlook appears wet. Thursday through Saturday Partly cloudy each day with a chance of showers Friday and Saturday. Daytime highs in the lower 90s and nighttime lows around 70.

The 6 to 10 day outlook for July 31 to August 4, Sunday through the following Thursday. Indicates temperatures averaging a little above normal ... With precipitation above normal as well.



Husky Johnson poses with Warty, a black Angus heifer. Rusty and Warty won a third place ribbon in the Junior yearling competition Saturday morning at the Beef Cattle Show. Photo: Julie Pfeiffer