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## Chamber president Burke is optimistic for 1988

By Hank Boyd  
The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce elected new officers and board directors during a banquet, Wednesday night at 18th Side of Commerce.

By nomination, John Burke, of Kentucky Utilities, was elected president for 1988. Ernie Jones, Herald's Men's Store, was elected as the association's vice president for the next year.

Those elected to the Chamber's board were: Bobby Barnhart, Debbie France, Doug Garrett, Bob Hester, Barbara Hopkins, Boyd Marshall, and Mark Matton. Jeff Tyne will be serving the second of a two-year term.

Old going president, Frankie Hughes, concluded the business portion of the meeting, including the general election, before passing the gavel to Burke.

Burke centered his remarks around Chamber accomplishments during the past five years.

"It was five years ago this month the new Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce held its organizational meeting, right here in this room," Burke told the gathering of more than 50.

"During these five years, many changes have taken place," he added.

"Carlisle and Nicholas County are good places to live. Carlisle is not a boom town, and I don't think many of us would want it to be a boom town.

"While there are a lot of negative things said about

Nicholas County and Carlisle, it takes time for change to take place. I believe the Chamber has done a great many things for the merchants of Carlisle as well as the community as a whole," he said.

Burke went on to outline the many projects the Chamber has been involved in during the past five years.

He singled out the many merchants and town promotions put together, including the Chamber's involvement and interest in the Blackberry Festival, Court Day (which past president Mark Matton began a only a few years ago), and other single week promotions, including an annual Christmas celebration and more.

Burke talked of the Chamber's involvement in governmental issues, saying at times the Chamber took the opposite side of the fence from the Carlisle City Council and Nicholas County Board of Commissioners.

"We, as a Chamber, have always tried to keep what we believe to be the best interest of the community at heart," Burke said.

He also said there were steps taken in working with tourism in the county, as well as the Chamber's involvement in establishing and working on many community projects in the area.

"We have worked for and promoted Nicholas County at every opportunity."

"We held the first ever

reception for the Kentucky Commerce Department, inviting members of the department, as well as many citizens in Nicholas County.

"This allowed the people of the county to meet with Commerce officials, and tell them exactly what we would like to have in the county."

"We have received acclaim statewide for that reception, with many people reading the event over and over as a good idea."

"We have done many things to bring people to the community, encourage new jobs, and work to make this a better place to live."

"About 18 months ago we established an Industrial Authority in Nicholas County. It takes time for things to happen. Is this committee working?"

"Today (March 18) we saw the opening of the first new industry in Nicholas County (Magic Image in the old Harper's Garage) since 1897. That's 22 years."

Burke also talked of the Chamber's involvement in renovation of the Bag stop the courthouse, as well as the scholarship awarded to a senior each year at Nicholas County High School.

"Does the Chamber of Commerce work for the community, the city and county? If someone asks you this question, you have many answers to offer."

"If we work together and continue to work together we can have the kind of progress we all want," the new president concluded.



Randy Hamilton, employee at Magic Image, Inc., displays to the press the process of screen printing on clothing apparel, this week.

## Carlisle's newest industry opens house

By Chip Miller  
Employment of 15 additional jobs within the next six months and 20 to 30 within the next year is a strong possibility, said Bill House, president of Magic Image, Inc.

Speaking before a group of approximately 75-80 Carlisle business people and local government officials March 18, House said Nicholas County's newest industrial facility looks forward to operation in Carlisle.

House added the industry already has a "good distribution network" with its connection to Kentucky Textiles, Inc. and other accounts set for its production.

House said the plant is building additional plants nationwide. Magic Image designs and prints various apparel, utilizing the method of screen printing.

John Heston, general manager of Magic Image, said the plant's production will continue to grow and must remain creative in its designs to be competitive. Wayne Shumate, co-owner of Magic Image, emphasized House's remarks, adding they were pleased with the plant's progress made thus far in Carlisle.

Frankie Hughes, representing the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority, said the Carlisle business community welcomed the new industry.

House said the facility employs five people at present time.

## Arrests made in burglaries; three charged

Kentucky State Police, along with the Carlisle Police Department and Nicholas County Sheriff's office made three arrests, last Wednesday.

KSP Trooper Kenneth Jones said the arrests came about following investigation of several burglaries in the county.

Arrested were: George Allen Watkins, 18, Carlisle, Kendall P. Pippin, 21, Carlisle, and Duane A. Ferguson, 21, Carlisle.

All three were charged with first degree burglary, arising from an incident at the Bartterville Road home of Timothy and Lisa Wilson, Jones said.

The alleged burglary occurred the afternoon hours, March 11. According to Jones the men were taken to Montgomery County Jail and lodged under \$5,000 each bond, pending a hearing.

"All three agencies worked together in gathering information and making the arrests," Jones said Wednesday afternoon.

"There have been several burglaries in the county in the past several weeks, and residents have become concerned," Jones said. "We are continuing to work on these investigations."

Those having possible information concerning these burglaries or other situations requiring law enforcement assistance from Kentucky State Police are urged to contact the Dry Ridge Post of Kentucky State Police, 1-800-222-5555.

## State police investigating rash of improper plates

Trooper says illegal plates found in Nicholas County

By Hank Boyd  
Nicholas State Police Trooper Kenneth Jones made an unusual discovery in the past few weeks.

"It appears in a certain part of Nicholas County, several cars are turning up with improper license plates," he said.

Not only do the plates not belong on the cars, they have been improperly registered twice... or something.

License plates from Henry, Fayette, and Oldham counties have turned up on vehicles Jones has stopped.

In all three cases arrests were made for driving under the influence.

Two temporary plates have also surfaced, which were illegal. One which expired in 1987.

It appears on the regular plates the tag was registered to one car, the decal was registered to another car, and the plate was actually appearing on a third car.

There has been a rash of this in a certain place, here in Nicholas County, Jones said.

"From what I can tell, all of these (the license plates) were on cars, which would be valued at \$100-\$200."

Although Jones was not certain the act is occurring, he did offer some speculation.

It would allow those using the illegal tags to avoid paying taxes each year to register the cars, and at the same time insurance would not have to be in force.

According to Jones, most of the illegal plates and decal have surfaced from the LaGrange area near Henry County.

There are penalties prescribed for illegal registration and driving without insurance.

Kentucky State Police agencies in Nicholas County have increased patrols to watch for drunk drivers.

With the large amount of accidents and extensive property damage involved, this patrolling has become a priority in Kentucky, Jones said.

"We have had some increased patrols in Nicholas County and this is an irregular schedule."

As many as five troopers have been in Nicholas County at one time.

Kentucky's future question: long term care

According to the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF).

Only 1 percent of America's 29 million elderly are covered under insurance that pays for nursing home care.

A recent American Association for Retired Persons survey showed that eight in 10 respondents who believed at some point they would need nursing home care thought the federal Medicare program would pay for all or part of their care.

Unfortunately, less than 5 percent of total nursing home expenditures in Kentucky are reimbursed under the federal Medicare program for people age 65 and over.

Nursing home care remains one of the most expensive services on a per diem basis in the health care industry, although three-fourths of all nursing home patients are impoverished, within one year because they lack financing alternatives.

Nursing home care averages \$22,000 per year.

About half of the patients admitted to nursing homes in 1988 will have out-of-pocket expenditures greater than \$5,000. One in 10 will pay more than \$50,000 for extended stays.

Medical expenditures, one form of out-of-pocket payments, are Continued on Page 10

## Nicholas County history relived on second run of steam engine

By Joan W. Conley  
Special to The Carlisle Mercury

The train excursion between Paris and Mayeville through Carlisle will again be held May 20-29 and 30. Tickets either blanks are available Carlisle Drug and Hopkins Drug. It will depart 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. each day.

As those who rode the train last year may remember, an enormous amount of Nicholas County history can be relived with a good imagination, starting at the Boardwalk-Nicholas County line — the village house, Miller's Station, Daniel Boone's Cabin, Forest Retreat, Carlisle and its Depot, Lake Corbin, the Clara Farm, Myers Station, Paris Hill Oak Grounds, Black Hawk, Pleasant Valley, Blue Licks—all following the train route and paralleling U.S. 48, the most famous Blue Licks Trail and the approach Smith's Wagon Road. One is reminded of millions of years of history as well as modern scenery during the train ride through Nicholas County. Of course, Bourbon, Fleming and Mason counties are also discussed as one rides the 49.6 mile nostalgic return to a mode of travel no longer available today.

The Buffalo Trace Tourism Commission, Mayeville, is sponsoring the train ride and tickets must be ordered from it. No tickets have been sold in Carlisle this year. Round-trip tickets are \$25.00 each. However, tickets will be printed in a manner that family, friends or neighbors can share the purchase. One person can ride in one direction, and another on the return trip.

Sunday, May 22, is the only ride from Paris to Mayeville. Both the May 29 and May 30 trips are from Mayeville to Paris.

The Nicholas County Historical Society, co-sponsor of the only Depot to be open along the route, is working with the Commission on having the train stop again in Carlisle to accept and distribute party hats and balloons on the way. For additional information contact any director of the Nicholas County Historical Society or address correspondence to P. O. Box 222, Carlisle, Ky. 40311.



All aboard! George Swearingen, dressed for his part as conductor, stands before old No. 183 during the train's first run last year. Chip Miller Photo

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## NCHS senior trip to sunny South planned

Nicholas County High School seniors will depart for the sunny south, April 13, with a return planned for April 17.

The 40 seniors and six chaperones will board a chartered bus in Carlisle at 11 p.m. Wednesday and stop along the way for dinner.

On Thursday the seniors will stop for breakfast, arriving at 10 a.m. at Wet and Wild, Central Florida's only theme park, for a day of swimming.

At 7:30 p.m., following a dinner stop, the senior group will arrive at

Koon Lodge Motel.

Early Friday morning, 6 a.m. to be exact, it's on to Betty Beach and then to Disney World.

The group is scheduled to arrive at Epcot Center to remain until 11 p.m. that evening and Saturday the seniors and escorts will check-out of the motel, spend most of the day at Magic Kingdom and about 7 p.m. the group will start the trip home.

According to the schedule, the seniors are expected to arrive in Carlisle at about 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning.