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N.C. Fiscal Court reviews budget

By Heather Mathes
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The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met Wednesday evening, May 4 at 7 p.m. to review budgets for the following fiscal year.

All magistrates were present and visitors included Tommy Ockerman, Mike Phillips, Darlene Davis, Jimmy Caswell, Terry Praetzer, John Eton, Shirley, Via, Rodney Brookshire, Lavina McFarland and Margie Wilson.

The court first reviewed the extension's budget and several changes the budget has undergone.

Ockerman said, "In this budget the agents are prepared to cut travel expenses \$350 and transfer this into training, which the agents had previously partially paid themselves."

According to Ockerman, the extension service also needs some added and updated tools.

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Fire board reviews letter from mayor

By Heather Mathes
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The Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Board Committee discussed reactions to a letter written by Carlisle Mayor Lee Bents to Kenneth Stephenson, chairman of the committee.

The discussion took place at the committee's monthly meeting, May 7.

Although the board was surprised city council members did not attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the fire board, they did agree not to attend the city council.

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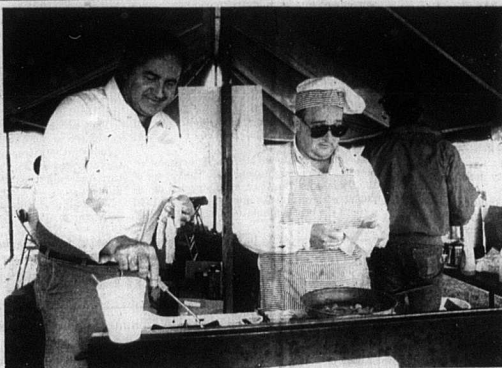


Arrests made

Kentucky State Police and Carlisle City officers worked to gather in a drug arrest round-up last Thursday.

Six law enforcement agents swept through the Nicholas County area, last Thursday night, making seven drug arrests.

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The French Connection? - Carlisle's edition of Chef-Tel (Rob Hester) and Doug Garrett prepare pancakes for those attending the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, derby day in Carlisle.

Heather Mathes Photo

State Police, City Police cooperate in drug arrests

Robert Medley, 19, Carlisle, charged with one count of trafficking in cocaine and one count of trafficking in LSD.

Kendall Fryman, 21, Carlisle, one count of trafficking less than eight ounces of marijuana.

Edward Earlywine, 28, Carlisle, two counts of trafficking more than eight ounces of marijuana.

Ernest Earlywine, 23, Carlisle, two counts of trafficking more than eight ounces of marijuana, and Michael Bowles, 20, Carlisle, one count of trafficking more than eight ounces of marijuana.

Each count in the series of arrests was considered a felony, with the exception of Kendall Fryman, who was not charged with a felony offense, based on the amount of marijuana listed in the indictment.

Preliminary hearings have been scheduled for those arrested. This hearing in Nicholas County Court.

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Council extends another invite to fire board

By Hank Bond

There were some emotional exchanges between council members, at Monday's regular session of Carlisle City Council.

Discussion of a letter from Carlisle Mayor Lee Bents to the Nicholas County Fire Board Committee Chairman Kenneth Stephenson, brought several comments from council members and those attending the meeting.

The letter, written over three weeks ago, instructed county firemen, through their governing board, not to respond to fires within the city limits of Carlisle, unless requested to do so by the Carlisle Fire Chief, assistant chief, or another officer of city government.

"I think it is pitiful that things like that (the letter) get into the newspaper," council member William Power told council.

"My big concern is somebody is going to hesitate, when it comes to responding to help," Carlisle Mayor Lee Bents said.

"When you have personal feelings involved, would someone hesitate?"

Several council members were precise to both departments for doing fine work.

"I believe Carlisle and Nicholas County are too small to have two fire departments divided like this," Letter said.

"We're just too small!" "One big fire department might answer the question," Power said, "but, I doubt that will happen."

"I would like to see things worked out at one big meeting between members of council, the fire committee, just have one big meeting and get these things expressed," said Carlisle Assistant Chief Tommy Crawford.

"I'd like to get it resolved."

According to Bents concern over proper interaction between departments became a cause of concern when the county fire department responded to an early morning fire within the city limits.

When city firemen arrived, NCFD members had already arrived on the scene, and began work on the fire.

"We can't have county trucks blocking city trucks at the scene of a city fire," Bents said.

Discussion surrounded the proper dispatching of fire personnel on the night in question.

I heard on the fire phone a call saying there was a lot of smoke at the scene," NCFD Assistant Chief Miles Hughes said. He was asked to speak by members of the council concerning the incident.

According to Hughes, he listened to his fire radio, and when he did not hear a call for city firemen, spoke with NCFD Chief Mark Hughes on the phone. Chief Hughes said he was going to the county fire department. Upon arrival, he said he could see smoke and

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perwork was filed, an improper died was submitted as part of the paperwork, including average on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crawford.

Thus, according to Bents, the state has said the city cannot dump on the farm of Hughes, since a large amount do not agree with the stated contract.

The city does have a contract with the Wasson family, however Kelley said he had been told he would not be allowed to dump sludge on that property.

Watson said he agreed with Kelley, and that a contract does not mean the city could dump without permission.

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Extended Weather

Extended forecast for Kentucky National Weather Service Louisville, KY
Thursday through Saturday
Fair skies with seasonably mild temperatures. Highs in the 70s Thursday and Friday warming to the lower 80s on Saturday. Lows mostly in the 40s. Chance of rain throughout the forecast period.

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Next Week Graduation Special

Featuring
The Class of '88
From NCHS

Board airs kindergarten plan for '89 school year

By Heather Mathes
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Nicholas County Board of Education met May 9, 8 a.m. and discussed kindergarten scheduling for the next school year.

All members were present with the exception of James Anderson, Superintendent Donald G. Elder confirmed to the board that he had spoken with teachers and administrators which were still split on issues concerning half day and full day kindergarten sessions.

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