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Downtown will bustle during Court Days

CARLISLE - The streets of Carlisle will be filled as in days of old, September 24-25 as the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce holds Court Days.

Along with the many displays, there will be two days full of activities tailored to young and old to pass the weekend hours.

With cooler temperature on the horizon, this will be a fun-filled two days, marking the beginning of fall and the end of summer.

5K-Run and Fun Run
The air is cooler and spirits are running high for the Carlisle Court Days 5K Run.

The 3.1 mile event will follow the same course as the Blackberry Festival run.

The age groups will be divided into four year increments (30-34, 35-39, etc.), for this race, so there will be more trophies for everyone.

There will be a one mile Fun Run beginning at 8:15 a.m., with the 5K run at 9 a.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; or you may pre-register by obtaining forms at Hopkins Drug, Carlisle Drug, Foodtown, Kentucky Dillies, and Pic-Pac.

Teams are encouraged to participate with medals for the winning team members.

The Blackberry Team Trophy has been retired, so the team race is an open event.

This event is open to all runners from any county.

A T-shirt will be provided, featuring the historic Nicholas County Courthouse.

Schedule is full for two day event
Registration booth for all activities will be located in front of the courthouse steps.

Saturday September 24
7:30 a.m., registration for 5K walk/Run
8:15 a.m., Fun Run
9 a.m., 5K Walk/Run

Commerce, Garrett's Furniture, First National Bank, Deposit Bank, Production Credit Association.

10 a.m., Activity sponsored by Senior Citizens at the center.

11 a.m., Decorated Bicycle (Tricycle) contest, sponsored by Staples Unlimited.

12 noon, Water Balloon Toss, sponsored by West End Market.

1 p.m., Euchre Tournament, Senior Citizens Center.

1:30 p.m., Tobacco Spitting Contest (distance and accuracy) sponsored by J&J Liquors.

2 p.m., Pumpkin Contest (largest, smallest, most unusual and best decorated) sponsored by Clark's Food and Fun and Jewelry Patch.

3 p.m., Pet Contest (prettiest, ugliest, and most unusual) sponsored by Storm's True Valgs.

4 p.m., Cleanest and Oldest Tractor Contest.

5 p.m., Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest, sponsored by 19th Hole of Carrioso.

6 p.m., Baby Pageant (0-24 months) sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Jewelry Patch.

8 p.m., Street Dance (Music by Showmasters).

Sunday September 25
1 p.m., Bunnet Contest (prettiest and most unusual) sponsored by County Collectibles.

2 p.m., Skate Board contest, sponsored by Talk of the Town, Bobby Kelley and Chamber of Commerce.

3 p.m., Tobacco Stripping Contest, sponsored by Harrison Tobacco and Implement Company and Nicholas County Farm Bureau.

3:30 p.m., Accuracy Hat Casting Contest (6/8 oz. plig).

4 p.m., Pie Baking Contest (best Cushman, Pumpkin and Apple) sponsored by Herald's Men's Wear and Carlisle Pic-Pac.

Prizes will be awarded in all activities Saturday and Sunday.

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Tonya Moore hands an unidentified rider his award for the barrel competition during the Fun Horse Show. Results, more photos, Page 20 - Julie Pheifer Photo

Authority working in best interest

By Julie Pheifer
of the Carlisle Mercury staff

Although the Nicholas County-Carlisle Industrial Authority is a mystery to some members of the community, John Burke, chairman of the group, explains that it may seem secretive, but it is working for the best interests of Carlisle.

Bringing in new business and industry to settle in Carlisle and maintaining those that already exist is

their main goal, he said. And that goal benefits everyone.

The group is organized by both the city and county governments. The members of the group hold different jobs and are part of the Industrial Authority voluntarily. For example, John Burke is Service Manager at Kentucky Dillies.

The city and county roles involve appointing three directors every two years. They

also help fund the non-profit organization.

The Authority can turn to the community for help. When Magic Image was considering Carlisle, the Industrial Authority went out an solicited private contributions that totaled \$16,000. Burke said the amount helped them renovate the building. Magic Image now occupies.

Burke explained that companies who may visit are very particular about remaining

anonymous. While they are wheeling and dealing with other cities, they don't want to risk losing a better deal by letting it be known which cities they are considering, he said. A company may also want to come get a feel for the area in the attitude of the people and its distance to necessities, like airports, before making any commitments.

He told a story about a man who came to see him under the

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Analysis: Did Wilkinson handle decision well?

By Charles Wolfe
of the Carlisle Mercury staff

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Gov. Wallace Wilkinson decided last week to replace Clay Parks on the State Board of Education. Typically, Parks was not personally informed.

He got the news at breakfast the next day, secondhand, just minutes before he was to preside over the board's bi-monthly meeting.

It was shabby treatment of a man who had been a board member for four years - the last two as its chairman.

Shabby treatment of state board members didn't originate with the Wilkinson administration, to be sure.

But it's curious coming from the man who says he wants to be remembered as the

"education governor" and travels around the state saying he wants to change the system.

He might give some attention to the system for filling seats on the board that has the task of implementing the General Assembly's educational will.

State school boards - or the Council on Higher Education or university governing boards - don't resign en masse when a new governor takes over, a Ja executive-branch cabinets. Board members' terms are staggered, and governors eventually have a chance to replace or reappoint them all, few at a time, over the course of an administration.

In more than a few cases, it

seems, the process consists of the governor's signing an executive order for the new appointee, sending the order down the hall to the secretary of state, as the Kentucky Constitution requires, then allowing the news literally to filter down to the old - and new former - appointee.

This unceremonious dumping often after months of procrastination, makes state board members look like so many political hacks whose appointments aren't all that important.

What's puzzling about Wilkinson's action is that a man so preoccupied with promoting his education plans could have let such an opportunity pass.

It's not as though his new

appointee - Barney Tucker of Lexington was a slouch.

Tucker, 72, has been a member of Kentucky State University's Board of Regents since 1980 and was recently re-elected its chairman. He is a former member of the Council on Higher Education and was an original member of the Pritchard Committee for Academic Excellence.

His reputation is that of a conscientious education activist, to which his KSU appointment is testimony.

It was hardly a political plum, coming as the historically black and underfunded university struggled with de-segregation and later with an unly transition of administration.

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Wilkinson could have talked about all of that, plus his own hopes for education, at a news conference to introduce Tucker Parks, who said he did not want to be reappointed to a four-year term, anyway, might even have stood beside his successor.

Instead, Parks got the news over his ham and eggs Tuesday, and Tucker was later appointed to replace Parks.

Parks said he never asked Wilkinson to keep him. He said he made just one request of the governor - to decide on his replacement or reappointment as soon as his term ended June 30.

Two other board members - James Ratcliffe of Louisville

Amnesty All you'll ever need to know

By Mark Chelgren
of the Carlisle Mercury staff

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Here's just about everything you ever wanted to know about tax amnesty, but never had the opportunity or the need to ask.

What is tax amnesty?
An opportunity to resolve outstanding liabilities for most state taxes without civil or criminal penalties and at a reduced interest rate.

When will this amnesty be offered?
Tax amnesty began Sept. 15 and will expire Dec. 16.

Who is eligible for amnesty?
Every taxpayer, including individuals and businesses, except those facing criminal charges or under criminal investigation for tax evasion.

What taxes are eligible for amnesty?
Generally, all state tax liabilities incurred before Dec. 1, 1987, except most property taxes. Local and federal taxes are not covered. There is no statutory limit on how far back a tax liability may go to be covered by the amnesty.

How do you obtain amnesty?
During the designated period, a taxpayer must file an application specifying the type

of tax and period to be covered, file the necessary returns and pay the tax and interest.

Penalty and interest from a previous bill are still owed, but the tax has been paid. Are these bills eligible for amnesty?
Yes. One-half of the interest charges will be waived and the penalty may be avoided, but it is not automatic. Amnesty must be sought.

Can you apply for amnesty on a tax liability under protest or appeal?
Yes. But to do so, the taxpayer must agree to the amount of the liability that is paid and must drop the protest or appeal. Pretest rights for any unpaid amounts remain intact.

The Revenue Cabinet is now auditing your taxes. Can you seek amnesty for part of the tax?
Yes. When the audit is completed, applicable interest and penalty charges will be imposed on any additional amounts due. But the amnesty previously granted will not be revoked.

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Support meeting Wednesday night

There will be a meeting of all persons interested in participating in an All-Sports Athletic Boosters Club for Nicholas County Schools, Wednesday, September 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Nicholas County Elementary.

The purpose of the group will be to support all Nicholas County Athletic programs, through fund raising and attendance support.

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