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Carlisle buildings placed on register of historic places

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There are 354 buildings and four individual properties within Carlisle which have been officially accepted in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sherry Howard, who did most of the deed research to accompany the application for historic status, said the Nicholas County Historical Society presented their information to the Kentucky Heritage Council, a board of professors and architectural historians who convene twice a year to hear petitions from people who would like to have an area or place registered as an historic district, Howard said.

The board accepted Carlisle's place in the Kentucky Historic Register on May 25 and recommended Carlisle be accepted to the National register, though an entirely different board in Washington determines acceptance to the National Register.

However, Howard, when she assisted in presenting the material to the Kentucky Council, said the board was very impressed with the pictures they had to show of Carlisle.

"I could tell they were very impressed when we showed them a picture of downtown, they couldn't seem to stop talking. To them, it was as if the 18th Century were recreated in a concentrated area," Howard said.

Jo Lynn Garrett, manager of the Mainstreet project, said certain homes were singled out for individual acceptance in the register because they were the best representations of a true architectural style.

"There are several types of architecture begun in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century which have,"

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The bear facts - she's clowning around

Two members of the Nicholas County High School Drama Club just can't keep out of themselves out of the camera lens as they entertain customers through the aisles and corridors of Pic Pac grocery Saturday, lending a carnival atmosphere all day at the store.

Lake is drained

State strikes project from budget

By Josh Shephard
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State funds for a lake to be built on the Clay Wildlife Management Area have been struck from the state budget last week as the actual cost to construct the lake more than doubled the expected cost estimates determined earlier this year.

A project of this kind makes for a lot of bureaucratic hoops to jump through," Kinman said.

A geological engineering survey, Kinman said, is being completed for the area slated for the lake's location to make certain construction is feasible, Kinman said.

James R. Axon, assistant director and state coordinator for the lake project, is away on vacation and unable to comment on future plans for the lake.

Two lakes were budgeted to be constructed, one at Clay Wildlife and the other at Cleaver Wildlife Management Area in Owen County. Feared with potential cost

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Goldstein says interest in preservation is small

By Josh Shephard
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The Nicholas County representative of the Bluegrass Area Development District, Charles Goldstein, said he has yet to find significant interest in Carlisle or Nicholas County about historic preservation and development during a Main Street Program meeting with Mary Kosack, head of historic district preservation and tourism for the BADD, Thursday morning.

Kosack, representing a branch of BADD concerned with Tourism, recreation, and Historic Preservation, invited to speak before the Main Street board, informed the eight people present of

available funds to assist them in their efforts to restore some of the historic buildings in Carlisle.

Expenditures for tourism, Kosack said, are granted primarily for advertising. BADD provides technical assistance and advice on general projects, but it cannot provide funding for specific sites or projects.

"Most grant money is geared toward hiring of personnel, with little in the way of assisting in the construction of a particular site," Kosack said.

There is a limited amount of financial resources available from the state, she said, though there is some money allotted for historic preservation.

"As far as brick and mortar, the state can only provide a fraction of what a project may need," Kosack said.

The federal government is also a possible financial resource, but grant money must be tied in some way with economic development. However, in the way of help, the government allows for some rehabilitation of old buildings, or streetscaping, or at least re-signifying power and communication lines to more decorative positions.

Applications are also available for the Kentucky Area Development Fund, a grant which would also help in adding some cosmetic types of improvement.

There is even a City Development Block Grant which can provide money for certain construction jobs as

long as the money is used for public facilities such as a Senior Citizens or Teen Center.

Rehabilitation of homes for home owners, and special projects unique in nature also may have access to funds.

The maximum amount that can be retrieved through the block grant is \$750,000, though applicants are asked to limit their requests to \$300,000.

However, she said, most of the goals which the Main Street office is striving to achieve cannot be solely realized through government or state funding.

"In most cases where a community has accomplished revitalization, there is a core of motivated people who want to improve the community in some way," Kosack said.

Goldstein, however, said he has not received any input from people about historic preservation, though that is his primary interest.

"I can see from this meeting there is some developing interest, but the administration here does not seem interested at all in preservation, nor does it seem the majority of the people participate in care about preserving this area," Goldstein said.

However, he said the potential for something positive to happen does exist, but it takes people caring and becoming involved to get anything done, Goldstein said.

Kosack said there has been a rise in people preferring older state and county roads,

but a comprehensive survey must be done to find where interest lies and where Carlisle would benefit in order to tap the energy and use it to its best purpose.

TIS 68 is considered an historic corridor and, if there is a way to divert some of those who drive it, business will come," Kosack said.

There are some advantages to being off the beaten path, Kosack said. She and the Main Street Program has got off to a good start with its assistance with the essential redefining of city

statistics on Nicholas County do not support relying on merely town people to support businesses.

"Carlisle needs to do something to bring customers outside of the county," Goldstein said.

overruns, the department decided to go ahead with construction at Cleaver and put a temporary hold on the Clay Wildlife lake until possibly the next fiscal year in July.

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Is Kentucky at Crossroads?

(An AP Profile)

By Charles Wolfe
Associated Press Writer

Kentucky at the dawn of a new decade stands at a crossroads, particularly in its economy and education.

Its fortunes for decades to come may be decided by the road it chooses in 1990 and a few years beyond, say observers who see stark contrasts in the consequences of that choice.

One road they say, the way of innovation and entrepreneurship, of a state that "grows" new companies with venture capital and commitment to technology, and an education system that prepares the young to compete in an intelligence age.

The other is the way of the status quo — at best a disinclination to do anything substantially different and at worst a doomed attempt to cling to the past as a global economy gulps out of reach.

If the choice seems obvious, so, too, are the roadblocks. The first road entails risk taking in a state that is traditionally conservative and suspicious of change, an investment in education by a people who never particularly valued it and the growth and nurturing of a technology base where none existed.

"We have seen this entire nation gradually slip in its economic position with respect to the rest of the world," said Lee T. Todd Jr., chairman of the Kentucky Science and Technology Council. Continued on Page 11

Nicholas County Voting Locations
The General Election will be held
Tuesday, November 7, 1989.
Here is a list of county polling places.

Barterville.....Building on Barterville - Saltwell Road
City Building.....New National Guard Armory
East Union.....Building on East Union Road
Engine House.....County Clerk's Office NC Courthouse
Headquarters.....Masonic Lodge Building #
Mathias.....Courthouse - Carlisle
Mayor's Office.....Circuit Clerk's Office NC Courthouse
Morefield.....Building Below First National Bank
Myers.....Lynn Bowles Property - Brett Lane #
Rafferty.....Lodge Hall at Blue Links

New Precinct Locations #
Polls will Open at 6 A.M.
and Close at 6 P.M.
For the November 7, 1989
General Election