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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

From The Notebook
No vote - No Voice

Now that the general election is drawing near it is time to begin giving very serious consideration to voting November 7.

In the City of Carlisle races, 10 candidates are battling it out for six council seats, while four have announced for Mayor.

In the county races, all offices are unopposed, with the exception of the Nicholas County Judge – Executive position where G.C. Myers is mounting a write-in campaign against Reese Smoot, the incumbent.

Wayne McGee (unopposed) will fill one of the district judge spots, while Donald Wells of Falmouth seeks to unseat Wayne Fitzgerald in the other district judge spot.

Robert McGinnis, who has been serving as district judge, is running unopposed for the circuit judge's position.

As you know, each of the positions outlined have an impact on the area we live in and the way we live. It is important you make personal decisions and get out to the polls for the general election.

Don't sit back and not vote or not get involved and then be satisfied to complain if the outcome is not what you want. No vote – no voice.

Convention happiness

As part of this business . . . as in many, competition on the business level and in the writing areas take the forefront during annual conventions.

These conventions are where even the toughest competitors get together to discuss common problems and to move toward improving the newspaper industry.

The Carlisle Mercury is a member of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association (KWNA) and the Kentucky Press Association (KPA). In addition, The Mercury belongs to the National Newspaper Association.

Last Thursday and Friday the KWNA held its convention in Georgetown, at Georgetown College. As part of the convention, the annual newspaper contest results were given.

The Mercury was fortunate enough to capture 18 awards in the judging, including two first place awards.

For the second convention in a row one of my children was honored with a first place award. Beth earned first place for best sports photo essay, with pictures from last year's district basketball tournament. In April, Carol won a first for her photo essay on Veteran's Day in Millersburg.

Without question I am quite proud of their accomplishments. Not only are their works recognized by the newspaper industry, but their contributions make your Carlisle Mercury the best possible publication.

It's nice to know these children take what they do seriously.

Pam Bowles, Lisa Doyle, Josh Shepherd, Marilyn and I were also honored with awards. It was pleasant to know The Mercury fared pretty well with such a small staff against much larger competition. The judging involved several hundred entries.

Now, if I could only get Amy and Michael to use the camera . . .

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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From Left Field

By Josh Shepherd

To quote one of my pastors during Easter service when I attended church in Carrollton, Merry Christmas, for those I won't see until then.

Yes, television advertisers have once again started celebrating Christmas in record time, just before Halloween.

The holiday Christmas albums come early, I guess to give time for the shipping, but I can't help but feel a little disgruntled about the whole thing.

No holiday is celebrated with as much verve or as much pre-holiday hoopla as Christmas. None is surrounded with as much myth as fact.

What happened to Halloween, or for that matter, Thanksgiving, which came up on me so subtly last year, I wouldn't have realized it but for the presence of turkey, country ham and stuffing on the table.

But, I'm going to let you all in on a little secret. Christmas is just not the same for me since Ronco went out of business.

They were the first commercials to come out, about early November, and though the ads were low budget, the Ronco company were, at least, innovative in holiday gift giving.

Not even Ginsu knives could offer the Egg Scrambler, Orange Juice Juicer, and the decorative vegetable knife all for one low, low, price of $9.95.

After the last Veg-O-Matic commercial and the report in the Wall Street Journal that Ronco went under, it was like B.B. King singing "The Thrill is Gone".

Since that time, advertising has gone high budget and quite despicable, especially in children's toys which always promise far more than they give. Some assembly is still required and batteries still are not included, though to do either requires at least a four year engineering degree at MIT.

But I am going to take a stand.

I refuse to watch any Christmas television special until after the ghosts and goblins have landed and gone, the Pilgrims have given thanks and the Bengals have finished their game.

Goodness knows I won't have missed much that I can't catch up on in the final month's Television invasion.

The Grinch may not ever be successful stealing Christmas, but he needn't worry about Thanksgiving or Halloween. Company greed has accomplished the task.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I've been out of state attending school for over two years with the idea of returning to Nicholas County, but after reading about the school board's actions on the two cases in the Mercury, I don't really know.

I have always liked the personal touch of small town life, but when our school board is more interested in the money they will get for people staying in school all day or a trade off between other counties to fill their books, it's time for something to change.

Maybe, if these people knew someone or something on someone on the school board they could get things done like other's have.

I suggest that if the school board is so concerned over money they should take a pay cut. This will give the school more money for books, but what's the use of this if they aren't going to let people who want to learn, in school.

Surely the cost of one hour of school or one child doesn't equal the cost of supporting an uneducated person the rest of their life.

Betty Gaites
Sanderville, GA.

Editor:

I want to correct what they put in the paper in 1988 June 2. About 3 a.m. in the morning the police cruiser tore up my truck and car.

Four of the council voted to pay me $1,500 and the mayor would not sign the check.

When they brought it up again in 1989, four voted not to give me nothing.

Then the mayor was quoted in the paper that they settled with me for $200, and that wasn't so.

I didn't accept it. None of them never told me much less trying to settle anything.

What the council passed on should be paid or what do we want with them?

I think we should have a clean sweep of all of them.

I lost $3,500. I had in them plus other expenses.

Hurschell Howard Carlisle

HEAP applications

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been set aside for that portion of the program (Approximately $5.1 million was expended during the subsidy phase last year).

The projected amount of funding allocated during the subsidy phase was held at nearly the same level this year as last year," Robinson said, "because we had enough money to meet the need in 1988 we don't expect increased applications this year."

Beginning January 8 and running through April 27, the HEAP process will begin for all eligible families with a heating emergency. Funds available for this segment are expected to total $10.2 million.

This year, the 1989-90 HEAP budget includes $3.4 million from the state's Energy Assistance Trust Fund, which was created because of several nationwide oil overcharge court settlements.

Pat Bishop, manager of the Social Insurance Department's Energy Assistance Branch, says the families with elderly and disabled members are the only groups eligible to apply for assistance during the subsidy phase of the program.

"It's our feeling that the elderly and disabled are two fo the more susceptible sectors of our society," Bishop said.

"It's also in keeping with the requirements of the federal HEAP law that states must give these two groups of individuals priority in the heating aid process."

Applications for the subsidy portion of the program will be taken at local Social Insurance offices or at selected off site application centers. The crisis component again will be operated by the state's 23 community action agencies.

Kentuckians wishing to apply for HEAP benefits must bring with them the household's most recent heating bill, social security numbers of everyone in the household and proof of family income (check stubs, benefit checks, direct deposit slips, award letters, etc.)

Anyone who is unable to apply in person because of illness or disability may designate in writing someone else to make the application. In some special cases, other arrangements may be made through the Social Insurance office.

MSU hosting get-aquainted night

To familiarize students with the programs available on its campus, Morehead State University will host a "Meet Morehead State Night" at the Ramada Inn in Maysville on Wednesday, October 18.

High school juniors and seniors are their parents from Nicholas County are invited to attend.

Also superintendents, principals and guidance counselors from area high schools have received a special invitation.

"This is'an opportunity for students to explore the various educational avenues available on a college campus," said Alan Baldwin, coordinator of recruiting activities.

"Information on career possibilities and programs of study will be provided."

Representatives from MSU will be on hand to discuss admissions, academic programs, campus housing, athletics and student life. There will be a special session on student financial aid options for financing a college education, Baldwin noted.

Community college students and students from nearby counties are also invited to attend.

The program will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Additional information is available from MSU's Office of Admissions at (606) 783-2000 or toll free at 1-800-262-7474.

The Carlisle Mercury/James Mulcahy Photo

Beth A. Bond, center, proudly displays the certificate denoting her first place award for Best Sports Photo Essay at the fall convention of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association held at Georgetown College. Her award was one of 18 earned by The Carlisle Mercury in the competition with weekly newspapers with a circulation of 3500 or less. With Beth is mother Marilyn and father Hank Bond, co-publishers of The Mercury.

Chapter 1 training available Oct. 17

The Nicholas County Schools' Chapter 1 program will hold a training session for Chapter 1 parents on ways to help their children develop reading skills at home.

The training session will be held at the Nicholas County Elementary School at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 17.

Chapter 1 teachers will present ways parents can work with their children on reading.

All Chapter 1 parents and any other interest persons may attend.

For further information contact Bill Guthrie, 289-2261.

GENERAL NEWS

City of Carlisle to lease old jail building; Trick or Treat set for October 31

By Hank Bond
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE – Carlisle Council agreed to amend the city's budget, on first reading, to cover the cost of roof repair on the old Nicholas County Jail building.

Council also set Trick or Treat from 6 - 8 p.m., October 31 in the city of Carlisle. Trick or Treat activities are for children 12 years and under.

Carlisle Mayor Lee Bentz, who had by resolution been given authority to sign a 20 year ($1 per year) lease with a 20 year option with the county for the old jail building, said he would sign the document, giving control of the jail to the city.

Council has expressed an interest in moving the Carlisle Police Department's operations to the jail building.

Council member Tommy Vaughn said he has been able to get a solid price of $850 to repair a portion of the roof on the jail building.

Council also plans to get estimates on the cost of electrical and plumbing repair of the building.

Council voted to reject the three bids which had been presented for the work and rebid the job with new specifications. Council indicated it planned to purchase the materials through a vendor and have bids let for the total work. In addition, as a separate bid, necessary electrical and plumbing work would be done.

Proctor Blair a member of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Library Board, and treasurer for the board, appeared before council with library employee Jane Buckler to ask for a $5000 donation from council.

Blair explained the library has purchased a microprinter for microfilm, at a cost of about $6,000 and the board is interested in upgrading library services such as a Kentucky author's section, as well as chairs and tables for children's groups.

Blair pointed out the library is basically operating with a budget to just meet expenses, with additional money needed for purchases he outlined to council.

The annual budget for the library is just over $30,000 per year.

"We don't usually ask for any more than the $500 the city normally gives, however, we feel we need to," Blair said in speaking for the board.

Buckler said the library would also like to increase the number of book offerings by the library.

On a motion by council member Betty Barton, council agreed to meet a fiscal court contribution up to a maximum of $2500, should the county make a contribution to the library.

David Zachary of the Carlisle – Nicholas County Parks and Recreation Board asked if the city's $2,000 budget allotment would be forthcoming.

Carlisle City Clerk Mary Tapp explained that in the past funds for Parks and Recreation was part of the revenue sharing funds, but since that has been eliminated a formal request must be made each year to council.

In other business, council:

■ opened bids for high service vertical turbine pumps, tabled the bids, and forwarded information to GRW Engineers for review;

■ heard a report on the Main Street Program's tentative plans for the Christmas parade;

■ denied a request for a donation to the YWCA of Paris Spouse Abuse program;

■ heard a report on training program for police officers and dispatchers, following a meeting by Bentz with Criminal Training Justice representatives;

■ on a vote of 5-1, with council member Jeff Tyrer voting no, to purchase a phone modem and a typewriter for the office;

■ passed a resolution approving the appointment of Jimmy Shrout to March 1991 filling the unexpired term of S. R. Barlow;

■ tabled a discussion on the reduction of speed limits on Carlisle streets;

■ and, took no action on an ordinance amending the zoning map for the City.

Nicholas Board receives funds; Kenney named basketball advisor

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

To compensate for weaknesses in math and science as indicated on testing, the Nicholas County school system, along with five other school systems, is going to receive over $2000 in funds to improve the curriculum.

The program was explained by Nicholas County Schools Superintendent Donald Elder.

The Nicholas County Board of Eduction also agreed to employ Mike Kenney to serve the Nicholas County Girls Varsity basketball as an advisor, in action during the regular October meeting, Monday night.

Barbara Kenney, head coach of the girls varsity team, and Penny Bretz, assistant coach, requested Kenney be part of the coaching staff because the amount of work they needed to accomplish was too much for only two coaches to handle, Barbara Kenney said.

"With the talent we have coming up in the varsity squad, Penny Bretz and I do not feel we have the capacity to handle both this squad and adequately serve the junior varsity team.

"When we first began with the girls basketball program, we didn't anticipate much of a problem, but the numbers have risen and the talent we have is becoming such that we can realistically look toward a Sweet 16 position in the coming years. But we feel we need additional help to make the most of the talent we have," Kenney said.

After a short meeting on the subject, the school board decided to approve Kenney's request, hiring Mike Kenney in the capacity of advisor to the coaches.

Partitions on the second floor of the Elementary School may soon be installed.

Elder said new programs being implemented in the upper level classes at the elementary school will require more hands on experimentation than in the past.

"With these new programs, the noise level in the school has risen considerably. It's getting to be too much," Elder said.

He and some board members will look at partitions installed at the Pendleton County School System to see if noise levels in their classrooms have been significantly reduced.

Both Pendleton County elementary schools, northern and southern, were originally built as open classroom facilities.

"Nothing is going to be introduced yet until we have researched the matter. But it seems that we will need something in place to separate classes and cut down on the noise," Elder said.

In other business, the board:

❖ accepted the resignation of janitor Raymond Robinson;

❖ approved the applications for money to fund several anti-drug abuse programs in the school system;

❖ approved non-resident contracts for the 1989-90 school year;

❖ employed Georgia Livingsud as Health room aid;

❖ employed Becky Kimes as JTPA aid and lunchroom monitor;

❖ approved board members, superintendent, and board attorney attending the regional, state, and National school board meetings. The regional meeting will be held November 2 in Harrodsburg;

❖ placed Caroline Kirkpatrick on substitute teacher list;

❖ employed Angela Dryden as fifth grade teacher aide;

❖ and, agreed to order one new school bus for the year.

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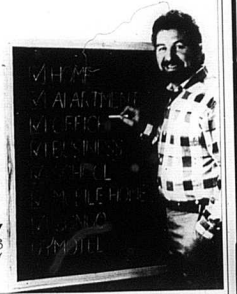

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