

FEATURE AT SIX Adopt-a-Highway is cleaning up

**By Josh Shepley
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CARLISLE, April 23 — The Adopt-A-Highway kickoff Saturday was marred when spring rains turned most participants away, but all plan to re-schedule the event soon.

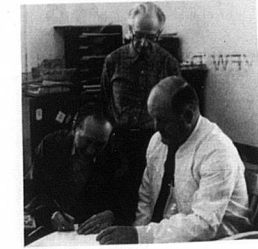
However, for one group who got to their section earlier in

the week, caring for even a two-mile stretch of highway can be demanding, and often frustrating endeavor.

Bobby Bowles, with his son-in-law Larry Burton, were quite surprised at the variety of garbage they found on their second trip cleaning up their adopted two-mile stretch along Highway 32 toward Myers Station.



Bobby Bowles — Larry Burton



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Try naming something that doesn't relate to soil. It's difficult because everything can be traced back to plants or the soil itself. Shown in the photo is Edgar Darsert, Chairman of the Nicholas County Conservation District, Nicholas County Judge - Executive Reece Smoot, and Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes signing the proclamation declaring April 29 - May 6 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

Though the majority of the trash they found along the roadside culvert dishes consisted of discarded Hardens and McDonalds carry out bags, complete with polystyrene boxes used for packaging hamburgers, they also found a great deal of auto parts, including a car hood, mufflers, hubcaps, and tailpipes.

Along one hundred yard stretch, they cleaned out enough garbage to fill 10 collection bags, Bowles said. Bowles had no idea when he began the project the amount of junk he would find.

"So much of the trash out there is hidden in the grass you just don't realize it's out there until you get out there to clean. It all over there," Bowles said.

The State Highway Department has proven more than cooperative in assisting to remove the garbage and ready for disposal. They just don't let it lay for days, Bowles said, but respond quickly and get it far off the road.

However, after several hours in the bright orange mesh vests cleaning along the roadside, both men were disgruntled to find garbage already beginning to fill the spots they had been working.

"The state is terrific. We called the Flemingsburg office and they were there to pick up the bags within a couple of hours. But after working so hard to pick it up and then find it getting filthy within two hours of the clean up, you tend to get fed up," Bowles said.

Taking the time to fulfill the obligations of the Adopt-A-Highway program, however, has done more for Bowles than just to improve the scenery along the roadside. It has sensitized him to the problems litter causes.

Beer and soda pop bottles are strewn everywhere along the road, Bowles said, and according to a scale provided by the State Department of Transportation on the amount of time it takes certain materials to naturally decompose, it would take between one to five centuries for tin, aluminum cans to disintegrate.

Glass bottles can last an eon, roughly 1,000 years, before any sign of decomposition occurs.

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GENERAL NEWS

Several expenditures for Carlisle to increase

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In budget requests for the 1990-91 fiscal year for the City of Carlisle, water department expenditures in utilities, insurance and phone services have doubled.

Renovations and expansion of city water lines in the past year have upgraded expenditures requests considerably above last year's figures.

Cost in utilities have been estimated by the water department to rise from \$47,000 to \$94,000, insurance costs

from \$4000 to \$25,000, and chemical costs have been targeted to rise an additional \$20,000.

Other costs in the budget breakdown either remain relatively the same or have dropped, City Clerk Mary Tapp reported.

Though council was only hearing budget requests and could make no motion on just figures, councilpersons registered concern over the dramatic rise in expenditures on water operations over the next fiscal year.

Other budget requests from city services have risen as gas expenses which are estimated to drop over \$10,000 in the next year, from \$884,339 to \$874,000.

In addition to the normal costs to the city, members of the Mainstreet program requested a budget of \$10,000 to help them in meeting goals they have established for the year.

Mainstreet manager Jo Lynn Garrett, accompanied by representative Mainstreet board members Emerson

Baker, Greg Willis, Betsy Davenport, and Billy Crawford, to present their budget request.

Garrett said the board, which received \$10,000 from the council last year, is striving to establish itself and become a self-supporting entity in Carlisle. With the budget agreed to last year, the program was able to sponsor and reimburse business owners on some of the improvements made to buildings last year.

The new board is far more ambitious in its goals for the

next year, Garrett said, in order to promote an improved image of downtown Carlisle as well as improve Carlisle's own self-image.

Baker said the board expects to see more property improvements in the coming months because of the offer from both the Deposit and First National Banks for low-interest loans on building improvement, coupled with legislation passed in the general assembly on property tax exemptions and enabling legislation which would allow downtowns to tax themselves.

"We need support until we reach a point where we are financially self-supporting," Baker said.

However, council member Charlie Pay voiced skepticism that the Mainstreet program will ever work.

"I don't see too many property owners involved in building improvements and I don't expect to see much later on. I've talked to folks downtown and they don't think much of the program. I've lived here for 27 years and not much change has occurred and I don't see anything happening," Pay said.

The court is scheduled to meet May 22 and the council's offer would be considered at that time.

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Finally, Hughes said every year during the Fourth of July when additional police are needed in the city, Carlisle will receive about five officers and usually end up with one or two.

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A joint meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court and Carlisle City Council Monday night established no

definite agreement, but did present a desire for both elected organizations to work together to resolve issues of mutual concern.

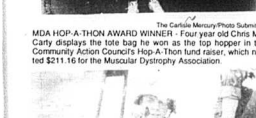
Carlisle Mayor Frankie



Adrian Arnold, center, stands with State Senator Ed Ford and State Representative Pete Worthington during a reception held for Arnold, April 21, at 19th Hole of Carnico in Carlisle. Arnold is seeking reelection to a ninth, two year term in the Kentucky House of Representatives representing Nicholas, Bath and Montgomery counties. He has opposition from Bath County businessman Tom Hodge.



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MDA HOP-A-THON AWARD WINNER - Four year old Chris McCarty displays the title bag he won with the title "Hopper" in the Community Action Council's Hop-A-Thon fund raiser, which netted \$2116 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



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Sergeant Marty Setters from Carlisle, a member of E Company 20th Engineer's Army National Guard Unit from Morehead, ties on a floating bridge during a recent exercise at Fort Knox.

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Student of the Week

Name: Joy Anderson
Age: 14
Grade: Freshman
Parents: Donna Anderson and Sidney Anderson
Extra-curricular activities: Flags, and modeling for a company in Philadelphia
Interests: Horseback riding and shopping
Plans after high school: Attending UCLA and majoring in law
Reasons chosen by faculty: Cooperative and a good student.

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