

FEATURE @ SIX

Local guard unit wants to be best

By Tom Jones
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Carlisle - "Our job is to make the Guard ready to go to war," Sergeant First Class Gary Stone said, "and hope they never have to."

Stone and four other Carlisle men make up the full time staff at the Carlisle National Guard Armory. Their job is to schedule training and perform the routine maintenance necessary so the National Guardmen can train on weekends.

In addition to Stone there are four other Carlisle men who serve on the full time staff. They are Staff Sergeant Bonnie White, Staff Sergeant Mike Walls, Sergeant James Galbreath and Specialist Fourth Class Oliver Capps.

Each member of the full time staff has a specific duty to perform. Fulfilling these duties are not as easy as the public might think.

"The National Guard is not just a weekend warrior," Stone cautioned, "we're no longer just weekend warriors."

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In order to train, however, a variety of tasks must first be finished. There is the administrative work of the unit, the maintenance of the unit's gear and materials, the coordination and scheduling of training and the recruiting of new National Guardmen.

Before any training can take place, however, the unit must maintain and service their equipment. The average Guardmen comes to drill once a month and trains hard for two days. He doesn't have the time to properly clean and service his equipment before Monday rolls around. Servicing and maintaining this gear falls to Specialist Fourth Class Oliver Capps.

Capps, a 13 year veteran of the National Guard, serves as an assistant supply chief and as the armorer for the unit. Like the rest of the Carlisle unit Capps is a combat engineer by designation and training. He has served in the maintenance area for several years and understands what has to be done.

"I order parts and inventory equipment," Capps said, "and this includes sights for the weapons, radio batteries and the parts we have to have for the trucks."

An added responsibility for Capps is the supervision of a squad of mechanics on the drill weekend training centers. "We have to have the mechanics," Capps said, "or the machines wouldn't run."

Keeping the machines running can be a complex task when the volume of equipment the Carlisle unit is considered. The Carlisle unit is a combat engineer unit. The engineers perform such tasks as building roads, air strips and bridges. The unit has heavy equipment which includes two bulldozers, six one and one half ton tractors, five five-ton dump trucks, five jeeps and two tractor trailer trucks to move the equipment with. There are also all the weapons and necessary tools to maintain equipment. Obviously, maintaining and repairing this equipment takes the better part of a month.

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GENERAL NEWS

Schools in compliance with immunizations

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CARLISLE - The utility tax passed last Wednesday night by the Nicholas County Board of Education is the best tax system possible, according to Robert Gilbert, Nicholas County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In a Friday afternoon interview Gilbert outlined the powers of the board and the actions the board can take under state guidelines.

According to Gilbert, the school board has the power to hire the superintendent, appoint physical agents (engineers and architects) to select building sites, school policy and set the tax rates.

In setting tax rates, however, the school board is limited by state guidelines. Gilbert, along with Artie White of the Division of School District Finance, Kentucky Department of Education, said the school board could raise property tax, or impose three different types of permissive taxes.

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The utility tax was chosen over an occupational tax and an excise tax. The occupational tax was turned down because it is the system cities and counties always use to raise revenue, Gilbert said. White estimated that fewer than 10 school districts have occupational tax.

August 16 is registration day for Nicholas County Schools. Conrad said, "If it Schools. Conrad said students should have all requested health records by that date."

Conrad said the file of each student are reviewed at the beginning and the end of the school year by herself and the teachers, and that notices are sent when needed to the parents of children needing additional vaccines.

Students starting the sixth grade this year will need two measles vaccines because of the recent outbreak of measles, mumps, rubella (German Measles) and Hib or Hemophilus influenza B.

The immunization certificate states that the child is immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough (pertussis), polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German Measles) and Hib (Hemophilus influenza B).

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Gilbert calls utility "best tax possible"

The action tax, which is a tax imposed on everyone who pays income tax, was not chosen because it's very difficult to collect. White said that one school district in Kentucky uses the excise tax to raise revenue.

The utility tax, designed to generate 170,000 dollars, imposes a three percent tax on natural gas, electricity, cable television, in-state telephone calls and water.

"People can actually control their tax rate," White said. "The average is less than three dollars per month per person."

The tax is designed to raise more money for Nicholas County schools. Gilbert and White both indicated the more money raised on a local level, the more money the state puts into the local system.

This system was brought about by the 1989 law suit which challenged the Kentucky educational system. The suit was brought by 66 school districts who argued the school system was unfair because children in poorer school districts did not receive the same quality of education as children in the state's more affluent districts did.

The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled in favor of the 66 school districts and forced a change in the Commonwealth's educational system.

The General Assembly passed an education bill during the 1990 session. It established an equivalent tax rate and allowed local school districts to assess taxes to meet their expense.

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Four in races
CARLISLE - With a book closed for filing petitions for school board offices, August 7, four names appeared on the November ballot.

Two districts are up for reelection. In District one, James D. Anderson, incumbent, will be challenged by Bonnie Hill.

In District three, incumbent Herbert Duncan is not seeking reelection. In line to replace Duncan are two candidates: Judy Carol Thompson and William Samuel Vee.

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