

Focus

Now that the tax is in place; responsible action is needed

In the early stages it is hard to be critical of the Nicholas County Board of Education's decision to levy a tax on utilities.

The option taken by the Nicholas County Board of Education was the best of the options available—certainly some sort of excise tax or an occupational would be out of the question with the collection problems.

Be that as it may, however, the passage of this tax and its additional revenue generation for the local school board should be met with a responsible, well-thought expenditure plan.

No one has ever been able to convince me that merely putting a bunch of money into any operation is a fix-all for anything.

With the restraints put on it by the sagging economy—using money up faster than it can be generated—it will be necessary to have the house in order to make proper and reasonable use of the funds at hand.

Priorities should be outlined publicly for the expenditure of this new money. It can't all go for employee raises, benefits and associated costs, with the physical plants allowed to fall apart.

The Nicholas County Board is now charged with responsible administration of this new money—sharing this responsibility with the new superintendent Robert Gilbert.

Our school system will face challenges in the decade of the 90s as tough as ever faced before.

Skyrocketing inflation, state guidelines on programs to be offered with little or no additional monies... school buildings which will have to be renovated or new buildings constructed... there are simply the easy ones to list. The list is much longer than that.

Nicholas County needs walls in the existing elementary - junior high building. Nicholas County needs a new school building. The options are limited. Either build a new high school and convert the high school into a middle school... or build a new middle school.

This would allow the elementary school (renovated) to be an elementary school... the middle school to be a middle school... and the high school to be a high school.

The people of Nicholas County will have to continue to support the education system in this county. The move is still on to close small school systems and create large school systems encompassing more than one county.

Robertson County continues to face this dilemma. There's no relief in sight. With the move on to the create schools with larger classrooms, larger student bodies and larger budgets, we will have to fight to protect what is in place.

Why should a small county not be responsible enough to have a great physical plant, a great academic reputation and a loyal public to that system? It's something that has to happen... one way or the other.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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TV Star visits Lexington; Segui takes part in the fun

By Ken Reed
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
LEXINGTON — A taste of Santa Barbara was at the Kentucky Horse Park this weekend.



Frank Runyon, better known to soap opera fans as 'Father Michael Donnelly', was in Lexington for the weekend's festivities.

Runyon, who also played the role of Steve Andrews on 'The Love Boat', greeted fans, gave out photographs and took part in other events throughout the weekend.

Runyon said he became interested in the weekend festivities in Lexington because of the proceeds, mainly from the Mid-Summer Night's Run, will benefit the New - Social Care Clinic at Central Baptist Hospital.

Runyon said all three of his children were excited for a picture with Frank Runyon, star of daytime drama 'Santa Barbara', during his visit to Lexington.

Bill Crawford of Carlisle and Margarita Segui attended the festivities in Lexington. Segui is a foreign exchange student from Palma de Mallorca, Spain, and is staying with the Crawfords.

Runyon did not start out in acting. He first tried a classical pianist and studied music at Juillard. He is a graduate of Princeton University where during his major was religious.

He said he is not a runner of the mill actor but, 'That's what I masquerade as.'

Runyon said he was surprised by his career but his main goal is to be a good father and a faithful husband.

He is working several different possibilities for the future, including a radio talk show and an one man show presenting his interpretation of the Gospel of Mark.

He said his visit to Lexington proved him to have these ideas on to the public and get an idea of what the reaction would be.

Runyon's wife is 'differently right' and she is 'differently wrong' about the center where crowds are compared to a thriller at first, and compared the feeling to that of a 19 year old getting a varsity letter.

He said this feeling did not come from a woman's slip which she felt thrilled at first, and compared the feeling to that of a 19 year old getting a varsity letter.

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GENERAL NEWS

Fiscal Court decides to re-bid bridge work

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court decided to re-bid the construction of a bridge on Milltown Point Road in a Tuesday morning session.

The new bids will open September 11 at 9 a.m. In other business the court allotted \$1600 to David Dean, administrator of the Public Defender Program, for the general expense fund.

Buffalo head missing from Pleasant Springs

A.C. Klump Jr., of Pleasant Springs Rd., is missing the head of a cape buffalo from his property.

The head was a souvenir gift from the late Dr. B.N. Pittenger of Paris. Pittenger acquired the head on a safari trip to the Tanzanian island of Africa.

Klump said the head was about 5 or 6 inches on each side. Allen Flora, of Buffalo Trace, and his father, W.G. Flora, removed the tree from the house without incident.

Klump discovered that it was missing on August 14. He said he only wants it back for its sentimental value it has.

Porter joints to level up to meet

The Westco District Health Department and the Nicholas County Support Group will host the monthly Support Group Meeting on Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of 21 Nicholas County Hospital.

The meeting is open only to persons with diabetes, but also to family and others interested in learning more about diabetes.

Carlisle Chamber to host Court Days September 22 - 23

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Blue Licks celebration held

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The Carlisle Mercury Staff
BLUE LICKS — The Blue Licks Celebration attracted large numbers of reenactment groups for their mock battle on Saturday.

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