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Showing concern

CARLISLE, KY — Members of Tourism, Inc., a Carlisle — Nicholas County tourism organization are taking the mid-east hostage situation seriously. Friday morning several members of the organization gathered on the courthouse square with boxes filled with ribbons declaring support for the American efforts — and concern for the American hostages — in the Middle East. The yellow ribbons fashion

The Carlisle Mercury's Hank Bond and Pam Bowen Photo Top: Businessmen, members of Tourism, Inc., and many other placed ribbons on poles, buildings, in windows and near several homes in support of the Americans in the Middle East. Bottom: LeRoy Bowles whose two grandsons are awaiting assignment proudly displays the American flag along with a ribbon tied to the house front porch.



City adopts new tax rates

By Kara Reed
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 CARLISLE — The City Council officially adopted new property and vehicle tax rates for 1991, in a special session Monday night. The special session was called by Mayor Frankie Hughes. The meeting was held to adopt several ordinances, to discuss drug testing of city employees and to discuss the accumulated sick time of former Police Chief Allen Earlywine. First and second readings were held for three ordinances at previous meetings. Council Member Doug Garrett was not present for any discussion of ordinances. He was present for later discussion concerning Earlywine. Ordinance Number 9, 1990 was passed, putting a tax of 16c on property for every \$100 of the assessed value of the property. The property assessments will be taken from the Nicholas County Property Valuation Assessments. The ordinance passed by a vote of 4 - 1 with Vaughn opposing.

It is still questionable which other city employees will be tested. Vanlandingham said he will be one of the employees required to be tested, along with the others who work closely with him. In other action, members of the Council and Mayor Hughes agreed they wanted to help the family of Allen Earlywine. Mayor Hughes said, "We want to help any way we can."

Tapp said a 2 percent discount will be given to those who pay their property taxes before November 1, 1990. The ordinance will take effect January 1, 1991. The property tax rate for motor vehicles was set at 18c per \$100 of the assessed value of all motor vehicles. This ordinance, Number 10, 1990, was passed unanimously and will take effect January 1, 1991. Ordinance Number 8, 1990, was passed, putting a tax of 16c on property for every \$100 of the assessed value of the property. The property assessments will be taken from the Nicholas County Property Valuation Assessments. The ordinance passed by a vote of 4 - 1 with Vaughn opposing.

HEROS AT 12?

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 A MERCURY SPECIAL

For serviceman son . . .
**Mother has fears
 But knows her far-away
 son doing the right thing**

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 Helen Hardwick said she is afraid for her son but feels he is doing the right thing. Sergeant Joe T. Hardwick, a native of Carlisle and Helen Hardwick's son, is one of many soldiers who has been sent to Saudi Arabia with the United States police keeping the forest. Sergeant Hardwick graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1983 and joined the United States Army soon after. Mrs. Hardwick said he spent about a year in Carlisle after high school graduation before joining the National Guard. Sergeant Hardwick is now a member of the 82nd Airborne out of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Mrs. Hardwick said he has also spent time in St. Louis and Virginia. She said while in Ft. Bragg he was in special forces, which she compared to the Green Beret. Mrs. Hardwick received a letter from him which was written while he was on a plane bound for Saudi Arabia. She said the letter was sent August 4 and that she hasn't heard from him since. It was, Mrs. Hardwick's impression that the 82nd Airborne was the first Airborne deployment to be sent from the United States. She said her son didn't know there was and still is a possibility that fighting will occur. "He is all Army, talks Army all of the time. He just loves it. For his country, he would do anything." Mrs. Hardwick said "Her son's biggest fear is the possibility of chemical warfare. She said it is her biggest fear as well. Sergeant Hardwick is married but has no children. Mrs. Hardwick said she is thankful, in a way, that he and his wife of nearly three years have not had children yet. Mrs. Hardwick is no stranger to sending loved ones to war. She said her husband was in the Navy during World War II but, like, war ended before he was sent overseas. One of her five sons, Eddie, fought in Vietnam. She said she feels the same way now as she did when her son Eddie was in Vietnam. She said her son and husband weren't psychologically damaged by their service but she doesn't know how her son Joe T. will come back from Saudi Arabia. "War changes people. It's a situation where you're scared for them and you wonder what's going to happen." Mrs. Hardwick called it a "nerve racking situation" for herself and other people who have relatives and loved ones in the Middle East. "I'm afraid one misstep and that's going to be it." Mrs. Hardwick said she has mailed letters to her son but is not sure that they have been received. She said she doesn't know when he will be able to send a letter back to the United States but she'll keep sending correspondence to him in Saudi Arabia. "Well send packages and everything continually." Although Mrs. Hardwick is scared for her son, she said she agrees with the action the United States government has chosen. "It's for your country. I'm just like him. If we have to suffer, it wouldn't bother me a bit." She said she thinks President Bush has moved correctly but she hopes action in the Middle East doesn't escalate. "I'm just scared and I can't help it. I hope and pray that it stops before it starts."

Attention
Your Help Requested
 Should you know of others involved in the Middle East Operation Desert Shield, The Mercury would appreciate receiving information and a picture if possible. We will run them on a space available basis. Thank You For Your Help!



Joe Hardwick



Tony Bean

Tony Bean of Nicholas County already deployed to the Middle East. He is a member of the Fourth Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Charlie Company, First Battalion, 10th Marines.



John Gates

Nicholas Co. Sgt. John Allen Gates of Warner Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia, has been deployed to the Middle East. He is involved in Electronic Communications.