

Fryman to assume clerk's duties

By Tim Jones
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE — Lifeline Nicholas County resident Doug Fryman will assume county clerk duties at the beginning of the new year.

Fryman was appointed to the post by Nicholas County Judge Executive Rose Simons. Fryman is a farmer and also runs a small building as a second job. He worked as a supervisor for Hinkle Construction in Paris for 17 years. He also worked at Hoover University in Georgetown for eight years.

Fryman and his wife Nida have two daughters. Cynthia attends Morehead State

University and Amin is a sophomore at Nicholas County High School.

Fryman said it took him a couple of weeks to decide if he wanted the job.

"The judge asked me if I would take it," Fryman said. "After Carolyn Mathes turned the job down, I decided I would take it."

"I consider it an honor to be asked," Fryman added.

Fryman said he considered the job a challenge. But a challenge he is looking forward to.

"It's totally different from anything I've done before," Fryman noted.

"In looking forward to it, I think I can. I've got a lot of friends to help me."

Local economy bucking trend

By Sandy Gibbs
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CARLISLE — Carlisle's economy appears to be bucking a national trend.

The Persian Gulf crisis with its resulting skyrocketing oil prices has the entire nation speculating about a possible recession. Carlisle merchants point a resister picture.

Gayle Kelly, Pic-Pac owner, said that while the economy is depressed, sales aren't off, though he felt that the stronger sales are the result of working harder.

Kelly added that there is a lot of belt tightening going on due to people's uncertainty about the future of the economy.

and as a result his business is down.

David Zachary, of Hopkins Drug Store feels his Christmas sales are right on line with what he'd expected.

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Roger Rice, Southern States manager said, "We're really on top of things. Our business year runs from June to June and right now we have a 10 percent increase over the sales we had at this point last year."

Rice cited good beef and to-hugo prices among the reasons for the increase in sales and went on to add that he didn't feel inflation is that large a factor since his prices are largely unchanged from 1989.

Not everyone presented such a rosy picture.

Jerry Tabor, owner and operator of Tabor Construction said that interest rates of around 8 or 9 percent make it a really good time to build a house but people are scared

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though his prescription sales are down due to a recent decision by the national headquarters of Jockey International to use an out of state prescription service.

Buty Lawrence of Carlisle Drug Store feels that Jockey's new policy has had more of an impact, not only on his store, but on the entire downtown area.

"People either just don't have the money or they're just cutting back," he added.

"Like First Chance Variety, Corner Classics is a business in its first year of operation. However Linda Linville said sales are up to her expectations and that any first year business should expect to build a clientele slowly.

"We provide service here," Linville said, "and you just don't get that at larger stores anymore."

Jo Ann Smith, manager of the Dollar General Store, was even more positive. "I don't think it (the economy) has hurt us at all. People seem to be even more up on Christmas make sure that there is not even the appearance of a use of state funds for campaign interests."

Lynch said the campaign is sending an initial batch of 5000 cards and would probably send several comparable batches.

He said he did not know how much the cards and the mailing would cost.

Last year, the governor's office sent about 25,000 Christmas cards at a cost to the state of at least \$15,250.

Larry Hast, co-owner of the First Chance Variety store said that though sales were naturally up due to the Christmas season, they hadn't met his expectations and he is afraid that he's ordered too much merchandise.

"I'm not sure that's the main reason for the decline in sales, but I think it's a factor."

Doug Garrett, owner of Garrett's Furniture said that...

than they were last year."

impulse purchases amounted to his main decrease in business. Garrett went on to say any signs of a recession...

For the Governor: Taxpayers won't pay for Yule Cards.

FRANKFORT (AP) — For the first time in Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's administration, taxpayers won't be paying for the family's Christmas card.

The cost will be covered by Ed Lynch, press secretary for the first lady, said, the campaign is "taking steps to

make sure that there is not even the appearance of a use of state funds for campaign interests."

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