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## Rescue is made by U.K. chopper at US 68 wreck

Mercury Staff Report

CARLISLE — A three vehicle crash Tuesday afternoon sent two men to a Lexington Hospital, while two others escaped injury.

A 1984 thunderbolt, driven by Mark Byrd of Millersburg, west on US 68 just past Eaglestone Farm veered across the center line, struck the right rear of an oncoming 1988 Ford truck owned LAGDO Insulation of Lexington. Driven by Jim McKinney, the Byrd vehicle then collided head on with a 1988 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck operated by Rick Jones of Flemingsburg.

Jim McKinney, driver of the Ford pickup said he and passenger David Cook saw the Byrd vehicle come toward him, seemed to get out of the way.

"After I was hit my truck went out of control," McKinney said. "Once we got the truck stopped and looked back the head on accident had already occurred."

"I went to get help after the



The Carlisle Mercury's photo shows rescue workers rush to the aid of Rick Jones, one of two injured in a three vehicle accident, Tuesday afternoon. Jones and Mark Byrd were transported to UK Hospital by helicopter with multiple injuries.

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## Board seeking bus garage bids

By Tim Jones

The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Board of Education discussed several issues in its four hour meeting Monday night.

Bids on the new bus garage and the selling of bonds to finance it were finalized.

The board decided to accept bids on November 27 at 3 p.m. and to sale the bonds on December 20.

Nicholas County Superintendent Cabert Gilbert addressed the board on the financing of the garage.

Bus garage financed by Facilities Support Program Gilbert said Nicholas County qualified for the Facilities Support Program.

The program, due to increased demand this year from the Educational Reform Act, will give schools just over 80 percent of the money they should receive under the program. Next year's program will be funded at 100 percent.

According to Gilbert, this means Nicholas County will receive \$50,000 in state money to construct the bus garage. Beginning in 1991, Nicholas County will receive \$60,000 per year under the Facilities Support Program.

In order to retire the debt on the garage, the school must pay \$30,000 a year, Gilbert said. The money left over from the Facilities Support Program can be used to help with other projects, like the walls in the elementary school.

The board passed the motion unanimously.

Board hires consulting firm The board also decided to employ the consulting firm of KBD, Inc. for a one-time fee of \$2000.

KBD, Inc. is a consulting group which performs studies of schools and gives recommendations to schools concerning buildings and grounds.

The state Department of Education's Division of Building and Grounds is scheduled to perform an evaluation of the Nicholas County system this year.

KBD performs the same job as the state, but has more expertise, Gilbert noted. The recommendations of KBD, Gilbert said, are nearly always accepted by the Division of Building and Grounds.

Board member David Smoot told the board he was impressed with KBD when he

spoke with their representatives at a building and grounds conference in Louisville.

KBD "thinks of things we never dreamed of," Smoot said.

Gilbert said the board KBD, which has done \$1.5 billion in business in 25 states, is highly recommended by the Kentucky School Board Association.

The firm is owned by C. Williams Day, a Bath County native and professor at Indiana University.

New phone system implemented This motion passed by a unanimous vote also.

The board heard from Joe James of South Central Bell. James appeared before the board to explain the Exes phone service to the board.

The Exes phone service will link the city and county government and the schools onto the same telephone system. It reduces the number of lines for the three organizations and reduces the costs.

The Exes system will also allow the central office to speak to the schools by using a three digit number instead of the usual seven numbers. This is important to the school system, James said, since 90 percent of the calls are within the system.

The system will cost the board \$165 to begin. It will drop the monthly costs from \$570 per month to \$240 per month, according to James.

The system will pay itself off in seven months through the savings, James said.

The board unanimously approved the phone system.

Three new buses bought The board also decided to approve the purchase of three buses at a total cost of \$129,000.

Rob Lane, director of transportation for the schools, addressed the board.

Lane said the plan was to buy one 66 passenger bus and two

70 passenger buses.

Up until 1989, the board had bought two new buses per year. In 1989, the board bought only one new bus. The board will purchase three new buses this year in order to make up for the one not purchased in 1989.

It is necessary, Lane explained, for Nicholas County to buy two new buses every year.

The state pays the school system depreciation on its buses. Gas powered buses depreciate in eight years and diesel buses depreciate in 12 years.

If a gas powered bus costs \$32,000, the state gives the county \$1,000 a year to cover the depreciation. Buying two buses a year allows the state money to offset the depreciation at an equal rate.

Lane explained the costs of the buses, one of which will have luggage racks and be used by the band and the football team, had gone up over last year.

The buses, all of which are diesel powered, have gone up in price because of the Carrollton accident in 1988, according to both Gilbert and Lane.

Lane explained to the board that new safety features, such as two side door located in the middle of the bus, have accounted for the biggest jump in the price.

The board unanimously approved the money for the buses.

In other business the board approved the treasurer's report. The report noted the balance in the school system's account was \$235,000 at the end of October.

Accepted the resignation of Junior Isham as bus driver due to ill health.

Hired William Fryman to replace Isham as bus driver for the remainder of the school year.

Accepted the auditor's report on the school system. The report found no major problems or concerns in the Nicholas County system.

Authorized the food service to maintain their indirect costs.

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## Council approves new phone system

By Karen Housh

The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Carriage City Council voted unanimously Monday night to adopt a telephone system in conjunction with Nicholas County and the Nicholas County School System.

Joe James, representative of South Central Bell, explained to council the Exes system offered by his company will create a central system including the city, county and schools.

He said the system will reduce the number of phone lines from 29 to eight.

James said incoming calls would be processed the same although the numbers for city, county and school office would be changed.

He said the old numbers would have a recording telling the caller the new number.

"With this system, eight lines is going to adequately service these 29 lines."

He said usage of the lines now is about 30 percent.

"We're going to pool the lines for equal access for everybody, so we're sharing the lines."

He said calls within the system will be similar to intercom calls therefore they will not use the eight outside lines.

James said 90 percent of the school system's calls stay within the system.

Council member Ronnie Clark expressed concern over busy signals in emergency situations.

James said, based on experience with the system in other cities, there will not be a problem with busy signals to the fire and police departments.

"The eight lines are not dedicated to anybody," James said, "if one line is free, anyone can use it."

He added more lines can be installed at any time for a cost of \$15 to \$18 if necessary.

Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes asked James to check out the possibilities of a 911 emergency system for the city.

James said the city's monthly phone bills will be reduced about \$150 per month with the system.

He said installation of the system will cost the city \$1,095 which will be added on to the phone bills for a period of about seven months.

"No up front monies will be required from anyone," James said.

Mayor Hughes said, "After seven months, we're going to save a lot of money."

James said the county has already accepted the system. He said he hopes the system will be installed around the end of the year.

Council member Sharon Faulstich said, "We have this system at Kentucky Utilities and it works very well. You don't realize how good it is until you use it."

"He added drug testing is not required for many government employees.

"We're not sure who will and won't be required for drug testing."

Gayle Vanlandingham, Carlisle City Superintendent, said the testing of employees working with the gas system will take place every six months and will be random.

Council voted to charge administrative costs to the school system for collecting their taxes.

Mary Tapp, Carlisle City Clerk, said she estimated her office spends 16 hours a month billing for the taxes.

Council voted unanimously to charge 10 percent of the taxes they issue for the service.

Mayor Hughes said, "We want to recover our own costs."

In another insurance related issue, council voted 3-2 to investigate the need for the current 10 percent tax on insurance.

Council member Charlie Fay suggested the tax be decreased to five percent.

Council member Betty Barton declined to vote, members Tommy Vaughn, Clark and Fay voted in favor and Doug Garrett voted against the motion.

Fay said, "We've done without it before without the money from the insurance tax."

Faulstich said, "We voted in favor of city stickers and they are not going to be a drop in the bucket compared to what money comes in from this tax."

Watkins said council would have to pass an ordinance to reduce the tax rate and it could not be changed until the next fiscal year.

Clark suggested the city may be losing money by furnishing water to homes not on the county water lines.

Vanlandingham said a water pump was installed during a drought a few years ago on private property.

He said the city agreed to furnish water on that property until county water lines were extended.

Watkins suggested he or members of the council attend the next meeting of the Nicholas County Water District to determine the problem and see if the lines have been or are going to be extended to that property.

Council will meet next Monday, November 19, in a special session regarding the sewage system.

Questions about the system were put off until the special meeting.

Clark informed the council of the Carlisle Fire Department's plan to build a meeting room behind the fire department.

Mayor Hughes said the room will be 20 feet by 24 feet, made of metal materials.

He said he is getting figures for the cost of the materials.

Tapp said funds for the construction could come from Area Development Funds which come from the state.

She said the funds have been used in the past to build the city barn and city sewer lines.

He said she expects the city.

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## Attention Turkey Hunters

You weren't crazy, I was!

Last week while diligently putting the paper together I prepared the little turkey hunt so those interested could push through the pages and enter the Turkey Day Give-A-Way.

When the paper came out I began to get a few calls about the absence of the Turkey, but since I just knew it was in the paper I continued to tell everyone, oh yes it was in there.

Once I had received 10 calls I began to wonder and pulled out a paper to see.

Lo, and behold, no turkey. No matter. Either I forgot the thing or it fell off. Whatever the reason there is at least one this week. I'm sure of that.

Sorry for the inconvenience! Good luck on this week's Turkey Hunt. - HB

