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Council adopts insurance plan

By Kara Bond
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CARLISLE — In a 5-1 decision, Carlisle City Council voted to accept a quote from Larry Willis for life insurance coverage from Sharen Paulson for city employees. Council member Sharen Paulson cast the only dissenting vote for the \$10,000 group life insurance policy. Willis coverage will cost the city \$6.75 per employee per month. The city has 25 full time employees making the cost \$147.40 per month. Five quotes were presented to council in a special meeting two weeks ago. However, the majority of council's discussion centered on the differences between policies offered by Willis and Proctor Blair, an independent agent. Blair's quote for a \$25,000 group life insurance policy was \$99 per month, roughly \$9 per employee. He also gave a quote of \$96 per month (\$36 per employee) for a \$15,000 policy. Willis said his policy was superior to others because the

coverage does not decrease with age and offers a waiver of premium if an employee should become permanently disabled. Council member Ronnie Clark said he favored Willis quote because it allows full coverage to employees of any age. "If you let age go into it, you have to look at it a different way," Clark said. Paulson said she thought the quote from Proctor Blair was better because his \$25,000 policy quote was only about \$50 more per month. Although coverage decreased at age 70, the policy would still pay over \$500 after that age, according to Blair's quote. "We've spent \$50 on a whole lot less," Clark said he favored a \$10,000 policy, leaving the decision up to employees to purchase additional coverage with their own funds. Council decided not to allow council members to be eligible for the life insurance. Willis said he could work

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Board holds special meeting on new tax

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Board of Education held another special hearing on the utility tax Monday night. The meeting was held after the local board complied with state law in publishing the announcement in The Carlisle Mercury. The board held its regular monthly meeting immediately after the special meeting.

For October election last day for ballots

The last day to request Absentee Ballots is October 10, 1990 for the November 6 general election. These ballots come from Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott's office, and the ballots must be received in the mail by 3 p.m. election day.

Turpin chosen queen

Kami Turpin is the daughter of Norman and Judy Turpin of Carlisle.

She was crowned homecoming queen during festivities at halftime of the Nicholas County — Madison Southern football game. She is a member of the Nicholas County — Madison Band and the drama club. Kami is president of Health Occupational Students of America for Harrison, Pendleton and Nicholas counties and a member of the Blue Licks Christian Church Youth Group.

Kami enjoys reading, crafts and spending time with family and friends. I plan on majoring in nursing at Mayville Community College after graduation.

She was escorted by David Sisher. Others in the homecoming court included: Robyn Brookshire, Aimee Tussey, Anna Koury and Jennifer Hardin.



Kami Turpin



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Two injured - one trapped

Robin Griffin, 17, and Johnny Griffin, 15, were injured in a one vehicle accident on East Union Road, last Wednesday evening. Members of the Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad responded to the call for the jaws-of-life. NFD Chief Mark Hughes said, "We were able to get the one trapped out of the car by taking out the windshield. We thankfully didn't have to use the jaws-of-life." Robin was trapped in the vehicle, while Johnny was thrown from the vehicle. According to one report, the vehicle had its wheels drop off the road attempting to avoid an oncoming car, and then the operator, Robin Griffin, lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle apparently overturned three times before coming to rest upside down. Both occupants of the vehicle were transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance, where they were admitted.

Residents to pay more in taxes

By Kara Bond
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The residents of Nicholas County will pay more out of their pocketbooks when tax time comes.

Tax rates and the valuation of property have both increased this year. According to Rose Brady, Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator, the total valuation of property in 1989 was near \$5.5 billion. In 1990 this number jumped over \$6 million dollars to about \$6.5 billion.

Residential property had the largest increase in valuation, jumping from \$38.3 million to \$43.3 million. Brady said she reassessed the values on all residential lots in Nicholas County for 1990. Residential lots include anything less than 10 acres. While the value of residential property increased over \$5 million, farm and commercial and industrial property increases totalled just under \$1.3 million.

Along with this increase in the valuation of property, the tax rates for real estate have increased by 9.12 per \$100 for residential property had

the same amount for city residents although city residents pay slightly lower taxes because they are not assessed by the fire districts.

The School Board contributed heavily to the tax rate increase, raising their taxes on real estate by 13.92. All other taxing agencies decreased or kept their real estate taxes at the same rates.

For residential property, the amount of taxes due for 1990 will be over \$400 thousand while in 1989 the figure was nearly \$100 thousand less. The increases

in taxes and property valuation will mean that Nicholas Countians will pay an average of \$40 to \$50 more in residential property taxes for the year 1990.

The value of all property in the county, which includes three categories, residential, farm and commercial and industrial, has increased by nearly \$6.3 million, according to Brady's figures.

"For us (Nicholas County) it's a good size increase," Brady said there were certain areas of the county which

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Markers designate historical buildings

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — The historical markers found on many buildings in town started with a federal project, according to the man who engineered the drive for the plaques.

Henry Potts Young, a former President of the Nicholas County Historical Society, said the program to have these buildings recognized began with the United States Department of the Interior. "The program was developed by the Department of the Interior," Young stated, "and we worked with the Kentucky Heritage Council in Frankfort to put it in motion."

Young indicated that 20 percent of the cost of the project was local, with one-half of this amount coming from donated labor. No local tax money was used, he said.

The Interior Department people did the actual survey, Young said. What the survey found was 305 buildings in Carlisle or its immediate environs eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. "It can actually be a vacant lot, a building or whatever," Young said, "but it must meet standards for age, architecture and use."

Any building on the register can buy one of the plaques which are now found on Mr. Neal's Store, Elder's Restaurant and The Carlisle Mercury.

Young stated he felt the registry was important to people could recognize history when they see it. "We have 200 years of history in this town," Young stated, "we should be able to look back and consider this. We need to be aware of the fact of history."

The project to get Carlisle's buildings on the national register started in 1988 and finished up last year, according to Young. The results were the 305 buildings registered and part of Carlisle being declared an historic district.

"Any property listed on the register is eligible to nail one of the plaques on the home or business," Young stated. "More can always be ordered if necessary."

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