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Council to draft letter to planning and zoning

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CARLISLE — The Carlisle City Council made a unanimous decision to draft a letter to send to the Carlisle Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the ordinance of allowing mobile homes within the city limits, at its regular meeting on Monday, September 23.

Council member Ronnie Clark said, "I don't understand why a person can't replace a mobile home if they get burned out or if they own a $2000 mobile home, why it can't be replaced with a $6000 one."

Carlisle City Attorney Skip Watson will draft a proposal to be sent to the planning and zoning commission for its consideration.

Carlisle City Clerk Mary Tapp said she had been notified by the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce that anyone interested in attending the Certified Cities Banquet is encouraged to do so, but since the bus has been filled people would have to provide their own means of transportation.

The banquet will be held on October 31, at 12:00 p.m. at the Galt House in Louisville.

The council made a unanimous decision not to update the warranty on the VCR.

A unanimous decision was made to donate $250 to the Nicholas County Academic Boosters.

Gene Kelly, supervisor at the Carlisle Sewer Plant, requested a building to protect the equipment at the sewer plant from the weather this winter.

He will look into the cost of such a building.

Clark said he had received two complaints, one from a passerby and another from the National Guard Armory, about smells coming from Bluegrass Pet Food.

The council will check into the complaints.

The council decided unanimously to hire Roy Clark at the water plant to help with maintenance. After two years he will be eligible to apply for a license that will enable him to run the plant.

Gas leaks fixed

CARLISLE — Several calls had been reported to the Carlisle City Office on Monday in reference to a gas leakage smell.

Gayle Vanlandingham, Superintendent of the City of Carlisle said there had been about 18-20 calls, which the city employees had responded.

During the fall of each year the city is required by the government to put an odor into the gas lines to detect any leakages, said Vanlandingham.

Most of the calls Vanlandingham said he received were small holes in the lines, which have been fixed.

He didn't receive very many calls on Tuesday and believes the problems have been fixed, said Vanlandingham.

Carlisle becomes a Certified City

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — After two frustrating attempts, Carlisle is finally a certified city.

Carlisle Chamber of Commerce coordinator Kathy Howard received confirmation of Carlisle's acceptance into the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Certified Cities program early Friday morning after receipt of a letter from John Booher, chairperson of the Economic / Community Development Committee, congratulating them on their acceptance into the program.

"Though we were optimistic after the evaluation meeting, it has been a tense two month wait to hear whether we made it or not," Howard said.

Spud Marshall, head of the Nicholas County Industrial Authority and one of the chief coordinators for the Certified

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The Carlisle Mercury/Melissa Hall Photo

Mrs. Lovell Hollar of Nicholas County was the administrator of the Mathers Fund for 42 years. The fund was established by the late Charles W. Mathers for indogent children in Nicholas County.

The Carlisle Mercury/ Pam Bowles Photo

A two vechile accident occured on Hwy 68 at approximately 5:10 p.m. on September 16, 6 miles east of Carlisle. Drivers involved were Galen C. Tolliver, 27 operating a 1988 Chevrolet pickup pictured to the right and Shawn Fryman, 14, of Carlisle operating a 1962 Ford Farm Tractor and his passenger David F. McLean. Fryman and McLean were transfered to the Nicholas County Hospital by the Nicholas County Ambulance Service. McLean was air lifted by helicoper to the University of Kentucky Medical Center and Fryman was taken by ambulance. Both Fryman and McLean have been released from the hospital.

Hollar recalls Dr. Charles Mathers

By Melissa Hall
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LOWER JACKSTOWN ROAD — Mrs. Lovell Hollar was given a rare opportunity to see firsthand, how one man could touch the lives of so many.

She was the administrator of the Mathers Fund which was established by the late Dr. Charles W. Mathers for indigent children in Nicholas County.

Having seen the fruits of his works, she felt an intense obligation to know more about the life of Dr. Mathers.

Hollar contacted many of his friends and family members to gain an insight of the man whose legacy still lives on.

She spoke with Dukie Tilton, Mathers niece by marriage who resides in Millersburg, Lovell Hollar, Roger Womack and Mrs. Thelma Linville.

To say the least, some of the information she obtained is quite remarkable.

Mathers was a native of Nicholas County. He was born in 1856 and died in 1937.

He was married to Nannie Orr, a relative of the Layson's in Millersburg and then to Ada Monger. He was never blessed with children from either marriage.

Mathers was a doctor in Nicholas County, but due to health reasons he decided it would be beneficial for him to go into farming.

Being a very intellectual man he became interested in foreign as well as United States stocks and bonds.

Through his connections he later became involved with buying cattle.

He bought the cattle in nearby counties and weighed them on local scales then drove them to a central location to ship them.

The cattle would often weigh at least 1,200 pounds.

He would spend the night with the seller and be ready to weigh the cattle at daybreak.

The cattle would be shipped to New York and Mathers would ride along on the caboose of the train to keep a close check on the stock.

He wouldn't buy his lunch, but would take enough food along to do him for the entire ride.

His first mode of transportation was an old buggy and a swayback horse. He later purchased a Coupe which his wife Ada drove.

During his lifetime he became quite wealthy.

He became interested in helping young people to further their education.

This could possibly be contributed to the fact that he saw the result of what a little help at the right time could mean toward producing a good and useful citizen.

This in itself could be the reason he left a fund for indigent children in Nicholas County to help them in continuing their education.

Since the beginning of the Mathers Fund in 1938, there have been thousands of children who have been given an opportunity that they might have otherwise never receive had they not lived in Nicholas County.

This fund has given children the opportunity to excel and become leading citizens in almost every different walk of life.

"There are many people who know how helpful this fund has been throughout the years, but I think it is good to remind ourselves of the continuing legacy left to the children of Nicholas County.

"This shows that Mathers was a philanthropist interested in the welfare of people," Hollar said.

Mathers made trips quite often to Cincinnati where he did his banking.

According to Tilton, he was usually accompanied by his wife Miss Ada, as he called her. One time after he entered the bank using a tobacco stick for a cane, she looked down at his feet and said, "Dr. Mathers your shoes don't match," he replied, "It doesn't make any difference."

From the president of the bank, to the tellers, Dr. Mathers received special attention.

He wasn't concerned with material things but always said, "It isn't what you make in life but what you save."

Nicholas County needy children aren't the only group that has benefited from the funds left by Mathers.

A fund was established for the Kentucky Female Orphan School which is now Midway College.

Money was also left for the Nicholas County Hospital.

Dr. Mathers had quite an input in the first hospital in Nicholas County, and was also a heavy financier, known as the Johnson-Mathers Memorial Hospital on Elm Street, which was the first hospital in Nicholas County.

The hospital was named after Dr. Mathers and Hugh Johnson, who was the owner of the house used for the hospital.

In the late 1940's the hospital was moved to a new location at Scrubgrass Road.

Since the Mathers Fund was established, there have been only three people who have been the administrator.

Mrs. Adrienne Wilson, who is now deceased, was the first to work with the fund. She was the administrator for approximately four years.

After that time, Hollar worked with the fund for 42 years.

"I worked with the Mathers Fund for 42 years and I have seen the fruits of Dr. Mathers good work.

"It has been a gratifying experience to see what a little help at the right time can do.

"I am still in contact with some of the recipients of the Mathers Fund. Some are as far away as Washington D.C., California, Hawaii, and there are others who still live in the area.

"I am only sorry that Dr. Mathers could not see for himself the tremendous

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