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Carlisle Mercury makes tentative agreement to sell

A tentative agreement has been reached between the board of directors of The Carlisle Mercury Inc. and Park Newspapers of Meridian, Ind. for sale of the Nicholas County newspaper.

"Although we have agreed in principle to the purchase agreement, the final documents have not been signed as yet," said Hank Bond, co-publisher, with his wife Marilyn, of The Mercury since 1987.

With respect to other published reports on the pending sale, no official transaction has taken place.

"The Mercury has long been the leader in presenting Nicholas County news and continues to be so. The staff has made certain of that," Bond said.

The publication is celebrating its 125th year of existence in 1992, making it one of Kentucky's oldest continuously published newspapers. It has been honored on many occasions by the Kentucky Press Association and the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association for its work in the fields of reporting, photography and advertising.

"Park Newspapers has a tradition of long standing in the media around the country," he added. "I see no changes in the manner of operation, which will affect the readers or advertisers of The Mercury."

"Traditionally Park Newspapers endeavors for each of its publications to operate business as usual when purchasing at any location. Any changes would normally not be reflected in the editorial presentation of the newspapers, other than to continue producing the best locally generated newspaper possible," Bond said.

Police investigate Footdown break-in

Police officers investigated an apparent break-in at Crockett's Footdown Thursday evening.

Police arrived at the scene at approximately 6:42 A.M.

Police still have the matter under investigation as of press time, but have confirmed that entrance to the store was gained through a small ventilation shaft on the roof of the building. Police declined to comment on how much was stolen or if there are suspects in the case.

Fiscal court prepares for meeting with JMHC board

Nicholas County Fiscal Court members concluded a light evening meeting with preparations for next week's meeting with the Johnson Mathers Health Care Board of Directors for the purpose of beginning major refurbishment of the JMHC Nursing Home.

Johnson Mathers Health Care administrator Dan Miller appeared before the fiscal court and invited magistrates to the hospital board meeting to discuss the upgrading the facility to current Nursing Home codes and standards. Magistrates have had one previous meeting with the board to look over architectural plans and be assured of where funding for the project will come.

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Mrs. Roger Rice collects her award winning ribbons in this year's Nicholas County Extension fair in the display room at the old Nicholas County armory. For her reportedly first time entering in the fair, Mrs. Rice was pleasantly surprised about bringing home a few ribbons.



Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith investigated a two vehicle injury accident, Tuesday, at the traffic island intersection of U.S. 68 and Kentucky 36. Sarah Ellen Booth Curran, of Carlisle, and Charles and Mary Bryant, of Turtletown, Georgia, collided at the intersection when, according to the accident report, the Bryant's apparently failed to see Curran and turned left in front of her automobile. No charges have been filed, Smith said. The Bryants were transported by Nicholas County Ambulance to the Nicholas County Hospital, where they were treated and released. Curran, however, suffered a leg fracture and was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for surgery. She was released earlier last week.

School board approves maintenance projects

By Pam Howles Shepherd
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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Board of Education approved eight different maintenance projects for the schools and campus area Monday night at the regular school board meeting.

The following were awarded the bids for the maintenance projects:

- L-Stadler Company to replace the acoustical ceiling in the boys' and girls' locker rooms at Nicholas County Elementary School with vinyl covered gypsum at a cost of \$1576 per room
- Tabor Builders to install a ketch basin at cost \$1105
- Tabor Builders to extend sidewalk in front of the elementary school and install sidewalk from the elementary school to the high school at a cost of \$310
- McDonald General Contractors to install a sidewalk from the south sidewalk from the elementary school to the high school at a cost of \$3102
- McDonald General Contractors to install a sidewalk from the elementary school to Highway 32 at a cost of \$6860
- John Fox Painting to paint the gymnasium ceiling and upper walls at Nicholas County Elementary School at a cost of \$3120
- South Insulation Company for asbestos removal at Nicholas County High School in the amount of \$8801
- Hinkle Contracting for asphalt paving in various locations in the amount of \$4500

The board rescinded an earlier motion from July 13, regarding the leave of absence of Jane Becker, Supervisor of Instruction, for a medical leave. Becker has requested to use her unused sick days.

Nicholas County Superintendent Covert Gilbert received a letter from Becker's doctor stating after her treatment she could resume her position.

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The board authorized the superintendent to employ two suggest at the Nicholas County Elementary School in the amount of \$67,720 and the Nicholas County High School in the amount of \$37,200 for 1992-93 school year.

The resignation of Clay Campbell as head boys basketball coach and assistant football coach, J.T.P.A. and

alternative education instructor Franklin Smith as eighth grade teacher, high school girls' softball coach, assistant high school football coach, and assistant high school basketball coach; and Suzanne Dotson as high school chemistry and science teacher to acknowledge the required notification from the superintendent of the resignation and approved by the board.

The board acknowledge the required notification from the Superintendent of his hiring of Chris O'Leary as head boys basketball coach, assistant

football coach, alternative education instructor, and J.T.P.A. instructor at Nicholas County High School; Benita Damper Curran as elementary teacher; Dreauna Griffith as middle school teacher; David Helm as science chemistry teacher and head track coach at Nicholas County High School; James Simons as assistant high school basketball coach.

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Carlisle City Council to rebid sidewalks and bell tower work

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Carlisle City Council was forced to drop all bids pertaining to sidewalk replacement and 600 repair of the bell tower when, it became apparent that specifications for the bids were not specific enough to meet Carlisle's needs.

The problem became apparent when bidding for the repair of the bell tower at the top of the city building involved differences in the amount and type of work to be done.

While specs for the bell tower involved covering all white exposures with a vinyl covering on all sides, one bid did not match exactly the same work that a competitive bidder had promised, resulting, possibly, in one bid being lower than the other.

Mayor Frankie Hughes suggested discussion of both bids on the work be tabled until the conclusion of the meeting and for council to consider bid proposals on sidewalk replacement around the city building.

It was determined, when council looked over the first of five bids, that an important part of the specifications had been overlooked by building committee members in the original specification document.

With confusion beginning to be the prevailing element in the discussion of what bid to consider, council agreed their best direction was to re-bid both jobs under a revised set of specifications and award the job to the lowest, best bid.

With bid discussions light until the next meeting, council opened discussion concerning an update of the Comprehensive Plan required of Carlisle's Planning and Zoning Commission.

According to law, the commission must update a Comprehensive Plan for long range goals the commission hopes to achieve over time to improve the overall status of the city and county.

The plan, according to city attorney Skip Watson, must include at least four vital elements for economic and future development. An update of current land use, transportation, and community facilities elements as well as a statement of the long range goals and objectives the city would attempt to reach over a period of time.

Although update and establishment of the Comprehensive Plan is primarily the job of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Bluegrass Area Development District offered its services to help render the update.

Council members, however, felt the fee for such help to be exorbitant and had not been included in the commission's budget for the fiscal year.

According to city supervisor Gayle Vanlandingham, it was possible he and City Clerk Mary Tapp could work together with the Commission in developing and issuing the required update at a considerable savings to the council and commission's budget.

However, being that the plan was the job of the Planning Commission, Council agreed to bring the suggestion to the commission for their input and acceptance of Council's proposal.

Related to the commission, council agreed unanimously to appoint Mark Mattox to fill a position left vacant with the resignation of former Commission chair, Jerry Galbraith.

In other business:

- Council approved amendments to city ordinances regarding Trash pickup and containers and increases in compensation for Carlisle Volunteer Firemen.

Changes to the garbage ordinance allow for brush and tree limbs to be tied, that collections must be located on the

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