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Police officer arrested in Foodtown burglary

By Josh Shepherd
CARLISLE — A Carlisle Police officer was arrested and charged by city police Monday night in connection with the late-night break-in and theft at Crockett's Foodtown two weeks ago.

According to a statement from Carlisle Police Chief Sam Finch Tuesday morning, Carlisle Police Officer Daryl McFarland, 29, of Nicholas Square Apartments in Carlisle, was called in while on duty Monday night and was arrested at the Carlisle Police Station. McFarland turned in his badge and weapons and cooperated with officers, Finch said.

Along with McFarland,

city police also arrested and charged Brenda Joyce Brown, 19, of Lower Jacktown Road, at approximately 7:15 p.m. Monday in connection with the Foodtown break-in.

City police, Finch said, had been investigating several leads left them following the robbery which officers received a tip last Saturday evening.

Officers investigated the information they received until they felt their suspicions were verified enough to make the arrest.

McFarland was off duty at the time the break-in occurred, Finch said. Police, however, believe McFarland and Brown operated as look-

outs during the robbery in which the morning start-up money and several bags of quarters, collections from the Crockett crowd on walk on the edge of Main Street, were taken.

McFarland, police believe, did not enter the Foodtown building but acted as lookout outside.

Both have been charged with burglary in the third degree and theft of over \$200. They were both turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation officer and lodged at the Bourbon County Jail. Carlisle Police officers are continuing their investigations into the case.

Court approves nursing home project

By Josh Shepherd
CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court Monday night gave the green light for Johnson Mathers Health Care to move on a \$12.5 million nursing home renovation project.

The renovation project has been stalled in the discussion stage with the Fiscal Court since last month when Dan Miller and Herb Keton, administrators for the hospital, first introduced the idea and invited suggestions to the next meeting of the Johnson Mathers Health Care Board to review the renovation plans from its architectural design to a detailed outline of how the

entire renovation project would be funded.

The renovation costs, Miller stressed, would be paid for by Johnson Mathers Health Care's own annual revenues. There would be no tax assessment on the county to pay for the renovation, Miller asserted to the magistrates.

However, Miller said, before work could begin, the fiscal court had to clear some bureaucratic hurdles for them.

As the fiscal court, magistrates would need to vote their approval of the project and act as conduit or agent for the sale of tax exempt bond issues. The court would then have to act in its capacity as the Nicholas

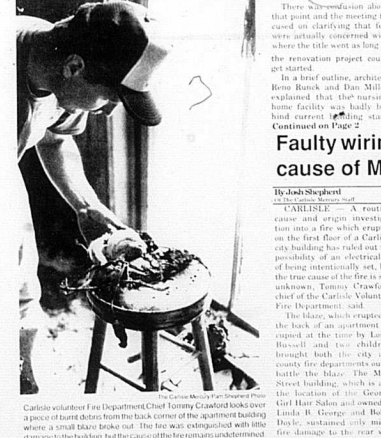
County Hospital Corporation, which also includes County Clerk Doug Fryman, to grant the first mortgage on the nursing home for use as collateral on a loan.

The sticking point on the part of the fiscal court was the question of the which administrative body would hold title to the nursing home and hospital land after all debts were paid.

Magistrates expressed their wish that after all renovation payments have been made, the property title remain in the hands of the Hospital Corporation rather than have it eventually transfer to the JMHIC board.

There was confusion about that point and the meeting focused on clarifying that few were actually concerned with where the title went as long as the renovation project could get started.

In a brief outline, architect Rene Runck and Dan Miller explained that the nursing home facility was badly behind current building standards.



Carlisle volunteer fire Department Chief Tommy Crawford looks over a piece of burnt debris from the back corner of an apartment building where a small fire broke out. The fire was extinguished with little damage to the building, but the cause of the fire remains undetermined.

Blue Sox players take court of their dead in the 1992 centennial of the reanniversary of the Battle of Blue Lick last weekend. The annual event at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park was host to hundreds of visitors who took part in the re-creation of Pioneer life and examples of local craft work by the Nicholas County Numismatists at the Worthington Center.

Board approves equipment requests

By Pam Hawkins Shepherd
CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Board of Education approved to purchase over \$14,000 in equipment for departments in the high school and elementary school.

Facilities representatives from the high school, high school Principal Greg Reed and elementary school principal David H. Hannon, each addressed the school board and explained the needs for each of their respective departments.

Bill Gordon, band director, requested \$2,494 to purchase school at a cost of approximately \$200 to purchase equipment and uniforms for marching band. Gordon asked for carrier bags, guard uniforms, a basic drum, and a microphone stand, in priority order.

Greg Letcher requested 15 lab tables for his various laboratory assignments where students can work, an IBM 11M typewriter, a cost of \$180, a metal cutting band saw for \$250, a hand sander for \$250, a man computer at a cost of \$200, 12 sewing machines at a cost of \$204, 12 cabinets at a cost of \$204, 12 lockers at \$474, and a VCR to replace the one stolen last year at a cost of \$292. One coffee maker, three can openers, and four free-standing mixers for a total of \$902. The total cost of for the Home Economics department was \$800.

Elementary school principal Gerald Hannon said he was in need of televisions for the elementary school. Since the elementary school has been renovated, he said, nine televisions have no televisions right do not meet the minimum specification, two do not work and six are not functioning properly.

Hannon said he could use 25 but could do with 11.

The board felt eight which do not meet the minimum specification needed to be replaced for a total of 19 televisions for the elementary school.

The immediate response of both departments and the administrative offices of the

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