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Water district tables city proposal

By Josh Shephard
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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Water District commission, at their regular meeting, Thursday, May 21, rejected a proposal by the City of Carlisle to clear a \$1,300 bill by taking over water supply service to Jim Simons. Simons, a member of the commission, was absent from the meeting.

Curvey Curtisinger, Water District chairman, said he had received a proposal from the city council about an alternative means to clear a \$1,300 bill which the district is said to owe for a meter installation on High Street. The council, Curtisinger would consider the bill paid in full if the district agreed to take over supplying the James Simons home with water.

District members considered the offer, but were unsure of accepting it immediately because a question of the district's obligation to the Simons' master is still unresolved.

To further complicate matters is the question of whether the Sharpshurg Water District will receive Farmer's Home Administration loans and block grants enabling them to complete a water project begun in late 1990. The new Sharpshurg district proposal would deliver water lines around Myers Road and connect with the previous project lines.

But, according to John Blawie, Mike Poyer of the Sharpshurg district could not guarantee or have any way of confirming that their latest project would be funded this year or even within the next two to three years.

Presently, it has been reported that the city is expending approximately \$104 a month to supply Simons with water.

Commission member James Allen Murrell suggest they table a decision on the city's offer and work on paying bills the commission is absolutely certain it owes. The commission was in agreement over Murrell's suggestion.

Concerning the commission's finances, Curtisinger announced that the District Bank would approve a \$75,000 loan to the district at 8 percent

interest in order to arrange all district debts into one simple account and cover all existing debts to individuals.

The loan agreement, Curtisinger said, should be signed by all members of the commission to ensure that all members are aware of the loan and all are accountable for the loan payments.

The loan, though tentatively approved, could be rejected through the loan and grant applications the district has made recently to help pay for a new water line project involving a new water tank required to be erected in the Nicholas County area to serve the Water District customers.

Although Curtisinger is optimistic about gaining approval for the grants and loans, in the event the Water District were turned down, Curtisinger said Deposit Bank representatives would sit down to work out an alternate plan for the district to meet their loan obligations.

All members present at the meeting signed the loan agreement.

But as to the plans for the location of a new water tank,

board members called on C. Beuren Garten, a representative for the location and Engineering firm, to present a proposal for the location and operation of the new tank.

Garten's proposals remain tentative since the meeting depending on funding. However, Garten presented a detailed map outlining the existing water district's lines in the county, including the pump station and tower currently in use.

The tower itself, Garten proposed, would be best located at a high elevation and had marked a point in the Barterville area where the need for an elevated tank, would be eliminated, he said.

However, the existing district pump station with its attached four inch line could not, Garten said, handle the kind of water pressure necessary to reach the proposed tank site.

Working within the parameters of the \$1 million dollar grant application the district is seeking to fund the construction of the tower, Garten suggested the district consider installing a new

pump station, possibly within the area of Millers Station Road.

The rationale for locating the pump station at the proposed site was also to put the district in a position to expand as money came available.

The new station, as Garten proposed, it to the district would serve a six inch water main laid along the main highway, down a section of Maple Grove Road and circle through the Headquarters area to the lower in Barterville, and possibly run down Hill Road to connect with the existing Water district line.

The advantage of Garten's proposal, he explained, is to open up several avenues of expansion, if possible, through out the remaining county area.

This implementation, of phase 2 project, as Garten dubbed it, is estimated at a cost of about \$1 million.

Using the map Garten presented, board members suggested a variety of other possibilities for the way in which main line would run through

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Oakley resigns as basketball coach

By Pam Bowles
Staff Writer

CARLISLE — Nicholas County Head Basketball Coach and teacher Ed Oakley officially resigned his post at Nicholas County High School Monday morning.

Oakley, who served as head basketball coach of the Bluejackets basketball team for the past two years, informed Nicholas School Superintendent Cobert Gilbert of his decision to accept a new head coaching job at Russell County High School in Russell Springs, Kentucky beginning in the fall.

Oakley commented that his decision to leave Nicholas County was a necessary career move for him. Russell County is a 2A school in need of a head basketball coach and the opportunity to move to higher levels of coaching was such that he could not afford to pass it up, Oakley said.

"Nicholas County gave me the chance to finally be a head coach after many years of playing the assistant's role.

For that opportunity I sincerely thank the committee that recommended me and the support I have been given from Cobert Gilbert and Greg Reid as well as the boosters and fans of Nicholas County hall. My experience here will always be important to me," Oakley said.

Oakley said the decision to move does not come without regrets. He has enjoyed his time with the Bluejackets a great deal, he said. The past two years with them have been important and memorable.

Oakley intends to fulfill his commitment to host the Nicholas Basketball Camp next week with Lady Jackets coach Barbara Kenney.

Also he will be host to visiting, NRA and former Kentucky Wildcat's center Sam Bowles, who will be visiting Nicholas County Tuesday, June 9, at the Nicholas County Basketball Camp.

He also fully plans to attend the Sam Bowie basketball camps scheduled for this summer.

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The Judge in the Courtroom (Photo by Shephard Press)

Ring out the Bells!

Frank Lyman rang in the Kentucky Bicentennial day, Monday, at the Carlisle Christian Church as the clock struck noon at the Nicholas County Courthouse, marking Kentucky's birthday and the beginning of the Bicentennial celebration in Nicholas County and across the state.

Judge finds for city in Byrd suit

By Josh Shephard
Staff Writer

CARLISLE — Circuit Court Judge Robert McInnes found in favor of the City of Carlisle, in summary judgement of a lawsuit filed against the city involving a two-car accident on U.S. 68 a few years ago.

The suit against Carlisle announced at a meeting of the

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Bicentennial quilt almost complete by Nicholas County Homemakers

By Josh Shephard
Staff Writer

CARLISLE — All that's left is the quilting. Otherwise, the Nicholas County Homemakers have all but finished their commemorative quilt celebrating Kentucky's Bicentennial.

But folks, you'll have to wait just a little while longer before it's seen. According to Nicholas County home agent Margie Wilson the finished quilt will be on display in the County Extension Office during their open house July 3.

It is still a fairly long way off, but don't rush it. After all, a quilt meant to last another two hundred years takes quite a bit of time to prepare.

This quilt is no simple blanket. It is a piece of history, celebrating not only the fact that Kentucky was admitted to the union in 1792, but that Nicholas County itself has a heritage to be remembered and cherished.

Every Kentucky county homemaker's organization in the state has produced either quilt or wall hanging as a memento of the contribution each county has made to Kentucky's history, Wilson said.

The quilt prepared by the Nicholas homemakers was nearly a year in the making. Each quilt block documents a site peculiar to Nicholas County history.

The four central panels depict woven replicas of Daniel Boone's cabin, former Kentucky governor Thomas Metcalf's mansion at Forest Retreat, the Stone Tavern in Elizaville, and of course, the agricultural sustenance of the county — tobacco.

The embroidery, by Rachel Mastin, reveals the texture of the buildings depicted.

In three corners of the quilt are blocks containing the state seal, bird, and flower. The Nicholas County courthouse; and the embroidered names of the quilt contributors.

These are the obvious squares, dedicated to the history for which this cloth celebrates. But the remaining blocks, the designs themselves, not one a duplicate, is a salute to something far older, even than this state, far older, even than the United States itself.

Quilters will recognize the Bear's Paw block, the Colonial Rose design, the Ohio Star, the Air Castle, Oak Leaf, Dresden Plate, — North Carolina Lily, Honeybee, and the Nine-Patch.

Like the fine woven tapestries that preceded the quilt in Europe and the Middle East, reveals the texture of



The Quilt (Photo by Josh Shephard Press)

Nicholas County Homemakers proudly display their nearly finished Kentucky Bicentennial quilt. Contributors to its making are Kathleen St. Clair, Rachael Mastin, Margie Wilson, Dorothy Kimbarding, Dorothy Neal, Katherine Wells, and Naomi Dale. Not pictured among them is homemaker Elizabeth Caywood who was unable to attend.

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