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## 19th Hole restaurant closes abruptly

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CARLISLE — The Kentucky State Police and Carlisle Police Department executed a search warrant for two Carlisle residences in search of alleged stolen property from the 19th Hole of Carlisle.

State Trooper Tim Layne and Carlisle officer Gary Sallee investigated the homes in connection with possible looting at the Nicholas County restaurant.

The 19th Hole of Carolina restaurant came to a sudden, unexpected demise Tuesday morning, May 12, when the owners of the restaurant, Joe Ramey and Ed Bibby, were nowhere on the premises.

The abrupt closing of the restaurant substantiates rumors of the business' demise which have filtered throughout the community over the past several weeks. Rumors

further increased when Ramey's and Bibby's other restaurant venture, the Diner on Hill in Mt. Sterling, also closed its doors.

Tom Gerardot, who had recently been Carlisle's head chef, said several employees had become disgruntled in recent weeks over irregular paychecks. In some cases, they were not paid before continuing to work.

According to various reports, employees were not paid in full Monday evening, May 11. But employees were disappointed to learn they would have to wait until late Tuesday morning to receive their paychecks.

However, according to Gerardot, when he arrived Tuesday, Ramey, who was to deliver paychecks, had not arrived. Apparently electricity at the restaurant had been

shut off due to non-payment. According to former manager Barbara Paul, who had arrived at the restaurant later, much of the restaurant's finer pieces of furniture were missing a fact she was able to verify after viewing the restaurant late Tuesday afternoon. State and city police were still investigating the missing property as well as other allegations. No arrests have been made, but charges filed, although it has been reported that several formal complaints against the owners have been made due to non-payment of wages.

Wandalism was also apparent as the front panel of a cigarette machine had apparently been torn off and the remaining packs appeared taken.

## Council; Court approve donations

**By Josh Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — With final earnings filed toward the year end in the coming year, donations from the Carlisle City Council and Nicholas County Fiscal Court to various support agencies were conservative but significant.

The Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Authority presented a comprehensive packet outlining the organizations past year accomplishments and goals for the coming year. Speaking for the Chamber and Authority was Spud Marshall.

The list of activities with which both organizations have been involved in the past two years represented significant progress, Marshall said, and the schedule for the next year would be vigorous.

In addition to their regular activities, the Industrial Authority is developing closer ties with Frankfort under the direction of Jones administration, he said.

Members of the authority have met with Lt. Governor Paul Patton, who, among his other duties, is in charge of developing incentives to draw new industry into Kentucky. Nicholas County, Marshall said, is gaining ground by virtue of recent efforts made by a number of county citizens to get Carlisle recognized as a Certified City.

"The ball is rolling," Marshall told both governing bodies. "We need to continue to act on it."

However, monetary donations to the Chamber will be used for more concrete purposes, he said. Marshall explained that an application for grant money to aid in setting up the county industrial park fell through. But he said, the industrial park needs to be physically attractive in order to impress potential investors.

In Council chambers Monday night, Councilman Ronnie Clark disputed Marshall's claim that the current county industrial park, with its location a few hundred yards from the former county landfill, is not an ideal area to attract business no matter what type of physical landscaping is done.

Marshall, however, said there are far more areas in Nicholas County that may present themselves as more attractive to a potential business.



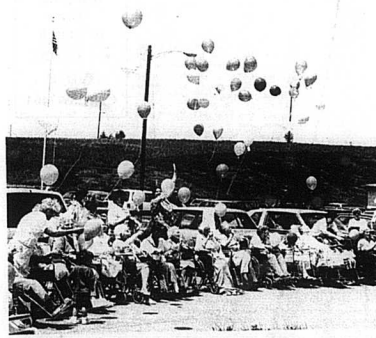
**This night will last forever...**  
Anna Whalen and Randy Zornes, the 1992 prom queen and king, take the first dance on the floor during the Junior-Senior prom held at the Worthington Center in Blue Licks State Park at Saturday night. Afterward other couples joined them out on the dance floor.

## Water District eases Council lawsuit threat

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CARLISLE — "Cooperation starts now" was Nicholas County Water District board chairman Garvey Curtis' resolve and hope as they threatened a lawsuit against them from the Carlisle City Council.

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Residents at Johnson Matthers Health Care celebrated National Nursing Home and Hospital Week with the annual balloon lift on Monday afternoon. Each resident was given a balloon to attach to a return address, have been answered by people as far away as Akron, Ohio, and West Virginia. This year, amid good wind and weather, residents are hopeful to break a new record for what has become a tradition at the facility.

At the regular meeting of the Carlisle City Council Monday night, Water District chairman Garvey Curtis and members Sue Kirby and AquaKWS representative John Blomms appeared in answer to a letter council addressed to district members several days earlier.

Curtis, who has been a member and chairman of the water district board within the past three months, appeared before councilpersons Monday night confided by discussion of a lawsuit against the new district board by the council.

Curtis' worst fears were allayed by Council attorney Skip Watson who explained that the council had not filed formal complaints against the water district. It was council's intention, instead, to explain a situation which Curtis had obviously not been informed prior to his acceptance of a post on the District board.

The problem, Watson explained, had arisen following an agreement between the former Nicholas County Water District and the city council in 1988.

According to council members, when water lines were being laid from the Licking

River near the Myers Road four years ago, Jim Simmons, a property owner on Myers Road and, most recently, a member of the 1992 Water District board, granted the city an easement through his property.

However, the easement was allowed on a contractual agreement that the Nicholas County Water District could tap into the line and provide fresh water service to Simmons quit much time as the water district had extended its own lines into the Myers Station area.

But four years later, there was little or no evidence at all to show that the Nicholas County Water District had even considered acting on the agreement. During that time the city has provided water service in the county. The Sharpshooter Water District was granted permission to extend water lines into a significant section of Myers Station.

According to Councilman Ronnie Clark, Carlisle has been losing about \$100 a month as a result of the continuing situation between them. "No ditch has been laid, nothing has been done. That's my problem with the situation and why we're talked about a lawsuit," Clark said.

With the point out in mind to get these problems resolved, instead of problems between us, we should be concentrating on getting water service out to every Nicholas County family. That's our job. That is what we have to do," Curtis said.

However, Curtis refused to apologize for the actions of the previous board. "This is not a situation our board created and I refuse to take the blame. We want to straighten out the mess the district is in right now, but we must ask for patience."

"Bill, we didn't know about are popping up everywhere, water lines are in poor condition. I must ask for leniency right now because basically, the district is broke," Curtis said.

Among the serious problems Curtis outlined was the matter of a \$1300 bill the District owed the city. City supervisor Gayle Vanlandingham explained the bill to which the district chairman referred has been unpaid since 1986. It was to pay for a full water tap the city provided them.

As the extent of the disorganization and fiscal damage the Water District has sustained over the past decade unravelled further, Curtis' promised better relations and cooperation between district and council organizations. But it was apparent, although relations between the group were obviously strengthened during this meeting, the initial problem between them would remain a while longer.