

Council sets Halloween trick-or-treat date Oct. 31

By Jack Shepherd
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According to a report from Councilperson Ronnie Clark contracting for a private city gasoline supply could mean big savings for Carrisle's budget, as much as \$9,000.

However, during discussion of Clark's proposal, the notion of annexing land on U.S. 22 from Hill to Sexton's Trailer Park entered the conversation.

According to Clark, he contacted representatives from Northfield and Ashland oil companies requesting information about supplying gasoline tanks for city use.

Both companies said they would provide tanks, but a security computer system would

have to be purchased. But even in regard to that cost, Clark estimated the city could save in the neighborhood of \$9,000.

But Council was not yet convinced to proceed with Clark's idea. There was some talk of annexing the area from Upper Jacktown Road to Sexton's Trailer Park and bid out gasoline supplies.

All Council members felt they could get a better price in gasoline than previously and, perhaps, save the same money without the added burden of monitoring tanks and purchasing computer equipment.

Most seemed to find the idea appealing, since most new gasoline stations were apparently locating on the west end of town.

But as yet, Council felt there

was enough time to wait on every decision and table the matter for future discussion.

In other Council business, a Halloween Trick-or-treat was scheduled for Saturday night, October 31, from 6:8 p.m. for all children 12 and under.

Council discussed new Christmas Decoration purchases.

The Council and Mayor Frankie Hughes proclaimed November 18, 1992 as Pumpkin Day.

Westwater Treatment plant supervisor Gene Kelley informed council that three inspections of the sludge farm by the Environmental Protection Agency have shown the farm to meet all state and federal requirements well



Channel 36 weather meteorologist Brad James demonstrates the tornado in a bottle and answers questions of the Nicholas County Elementary School fourth grade during class Friday in the library.

Ellinger to visit Carlisle October 21

Dr. Chuck Ellinger will return his campaign for 6th District Senator in U.S. House of Representatives in Nicholas County on Wednesday, October 21, 1992.

OBITUARIES

FEDBACK
 Elmer H. Feaback, 82, native of Nicholas County, and a Peninsula resident for 46 years, died Friday, September 26.

Mr. Feaback retired in 1979 as a carpenter/foreman for the H.W. Roberson Construc-

tion Company. He was a member of Morrison United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Men and the Men's Bible Class.

Survived by his wife, Dorothy S. Feaback; daughter, Phyllis F. Shrivette of Richmond; and a grand-

son, Monday, September 28 at Morrison United Methodist Church by the Rev. H. Jack Lynch. Burial was in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorials to Morrison United Methodist Church, 236 Harpersville Road 25601 or to the American Cancer Society, 618-CJ, Clyde Morris Blvd., 25601.

Nicholas County is vital to my victory on November 2 I expect to do very well in Carlisle and the outer lying parts of Nicholas County, Ellinger said.

Dr. Ellinger is a professor of dentistry at the University of Kentucky. He is in his seventh year as a member of the Lexington-Fayette County Unit of the American Dental Association. He and his wife, Jay, own and operate Roger's Restaurant, Lexing-

ton's oldest established restaurant. Anyone who is interested in hearing and talking to Dr. Ellinger is welcome to come by the courthouse steps at 1 p.m.

"If you are unable to speak to me on Wednesday, October 21, or if you want further information on my campaign, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-333-9229," Ellinger concluded.



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Eighth grade social promotion concerns of school councils

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Unwritten policy on the "social promotion" of expelled eighth graders to the ninth grade became the focus of a joint discussion between the Nicholas County High School and newly elected Elementary School Site-Based Management Councils Wednesday night.

The Elementary school council, which last Monday night, submitted its request to the Nicholas County School Board to waive school board policy and activate members under shortened terms, met with members of the High School Council last Thursday afternoon to observe high school council procedure.

However, during the course of the high school council's regular meeting, discussion concerning the recent expulsion of eighth grade students and the possibility they would go on to the ninth grade, as some students have done in the past year according to an unwritten practice known as "social promotion," became a matter for both organizations to discuss.

Nicholas County Elementary School Principal Gerald Hammons told high school council members that he has experienced difficulties with eighth grade students 15 and 16-years-old held back because of grades. In some past cases, he admitted to having "socially" promoted older students to the ninth grade because, basically, they were too old to stay in middle school.

While Hammons said he agrees, from an academic standpoint, that these students should be held back, there is a very good reason why some students got summarily moved on.

"It gets to be a very serious discipline problem when you have older kids in the eighth grade. They tend to bully other students or they become the worst kind of influence on young students," Hammons said.

However, he said, expelling a student then passing them to high school seemed a good message to other students who wanted to get promoted.

High School Principal Greg Reid agreed. In addition, students who are "socially" promoted are often one entire year behind on their learning.

Council understood the problem. According to Reid, two students who were socially promoted last year have not been discipline problems in high school.

He theorized that one reason discipline problems didn't exist was that the two students are no longer the oldest students in school. In Elementary school, he said, they were on top. In High School, they are on the bottom.

But they're also on the bottom academically as well. That's a problem I end up dealing with," Reid said.

From that viewpoint, social

promotion is working against the standards to which an education system should aspire, Council members said.

High School teacher and council member Carla Allison said socially promoted students need to earn their way into high school. They spend a great deal of time in Alternative School working their way to the High School. If they don't succeed, they stay until they're 19.

"It would be conditional within the social promotion type promotion," he continued.

But it would be a promotion, others countered, thereby giving other students the message they need not succeed academically to be moved on.

One solution Reid suggested would be to have expelled students promoted, but rather than high school, students would start the ninth grade in a start up program in Alternative School.

"We should stress that students need to earn their way into high school. They spend a great deal of time in Alternative School working their way to the High School. If they don't succeed, they stay until they're 19."

Both councils, however, recognized the double-hand issue. Since the problem involved policies in both schools, both councils felt it was matter they all should address.

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Both councils decided to table establishing a policy until the elementary council was activated and when they have researched other alternatives and reviewed how other schools handle the same problem.

In other business, Council approved some

recommendations to the Nicholas County Superintendent until the elementary council was activated and when they have researched other alternatives and reviewed how other schools handle the same problem.

"I'll review it with the Board of Education and the Board of Education and technology

remains at the highest problems facing the high school.

Recommended David Ham as golf coach to the Superintendent. Council also wished to see the problem with the handling of golf team signs, with the mistakenly implied exclusion of girls on the team, improved.

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