

Certified Cities reps visit Carlisle; express optimism for future

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CARLISLE - The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce entertained representatives of the Certified Cities Program last Thursday, August 5.

Evaluators from across the state arrived at 9 a.m. for a hands-on judging of Carlisle. Randy Smith, from the Cabinet of Economic Development in Frankfort, was the evaluator for the Existing Industry section.

Carlisle business people who headed up that team included Spud Marshall, President of the Nicholas County Industrial Authority, and Carolyn Denton, of Kentucky Utilities.

Other members of the team were Keag Simot, Frankie Hughes, Leney Hushman and Tom Oskerman. Jim Orr, Kentucky Utilities and Connie Riddall, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, were the evaluators for the Community Quality of Life section.

Mary Tapp, Carlisle City Clerk, and Gladys Bhrout, Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism Inc., headed up the local team.

Other members included Dan Miller and Josh Shephard of Johnson Mathews Health Care and Betty Barton, Carlisle City Council member.

Bob McCray, insurance broker and realtor from Lexington, and Steve Stevens from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce were evaluators for the small business section.

Kathy Howard from the local Chamber of Commerce and Debbie Rowles from the Jewelry Patch headed up that local team.

"Up until a few years ago this was a totally open concept school... we had no interior walls. This school system has invested a considerable amount of funds and now this facility is one of the largest, and I wouldn't hesitate to say, one of the best in the state," Hammone said.

"We have approximately 920 students, kindergarten through eighth grade, serve 1400 meals a day and the school is used five nights a week by the community."

"We have a fully implemented KEBA (Kentucky Education Reform Act) Program and our teachers are not elsewhere in the state teaching others how to implement the program into their curriculum. Our educators wanted to make a more comprehensive evaluation before it was mandated by the legislature."

Hammone conducted a tour of the building and the group then gathered in the elemen-

ary library for the video viewing.

Marshall introduced the video which highlighted community resources including: prehistoric health care system, Jonky Industries, Magic Image, tourism activities, neighboring state parks, clubs and organizations, schools and sporting events to name a few.

Marshall said the video, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Year Partner in Success, would be used primarily to draw new industry to Carlisle, but copies would be available for various civic organizations.

"We really appreciate what Ken Bunker has done. Every time you see this video, you discover something new and exciting you didn't see before," Marshall said.

Connie Riddall, head evaluator, said next year's program would be a more comprehensive evaluation including the county as well as the city.

More details concerning the new program will be unveiled during the annual Certified Cities dinner which

will be held November 17 at the Galt House in Louisville. "I think Carlisle got an excellent showing. The evaluators were especially impressed with the Jeller's Home, Carlisle Depot and Forest Retreat as well as Main Street," Howard said. "As first I wanted to hide the fact we have some broken

windows on Main Street, but the evaluators realize every one has their problems. I was pleased with what they said and their comments at the end."

"I probably won't know if Carlisle passed the evaluation or not until around the first of October. But I'm hoping we did well."

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The Carlisle Mercury/Heather Mathews Photo
Certified City evaluators and community team members expressed an optimistic outlook for the future of Carlisle and Nicholas County.

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Council discussed bills from Bill Berry for work Berry performed for the city. Several questions were asked about tools and equipment on the bill, and it was decided to set up a meeting with Berry to discuss the matter.

"Council spent the day for construction of a free-standing building to be raised at the sewer plant. Two quotes were received."

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Technology Plan.
"According to state planning, they want a computer station in every department, but that's a problem in this building. I would like for us to update the computer lab, but we first need a written plan of action for the high school from Mr. Gubins before August 15," Reid said.

"Use for the metal building on school grounds was also debated by the council."

"It is really not feasible for a concessions stand, we only have five home football games and a few baseball games. Plus, we just get the trophy cases set up in the lobby and many people think having concessions outside would take away from the lobby," Reid said.

"If it is used for a visitor's locker room it would be better to place because it is put in it because water in a metal building creates a dangerous situation."

The council tabled a decision until more recommendations concerning usage could be obtained.

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for \$500 is a very good deal." Council accepted a quote from County Concrete for repair work to be done on the front steps and walkway in the courthouse. Total amount for the walkway and steps is \$2715. Repairs will include removing old walkways and installing new walks, and refurbishing the front steps.

Court heard first reading of an ordinance regarding construction on the flood plain. According to Nicholas County Attorney Joseph Conley, the ordinance will include removing old walkways and installing new walks, and refurbishing the front steps.

"This ordinance has to be in place by law," said Conley. "If we don't have it, no one will sell flood insurance in Nicholas County."

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold its next regular meeting September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club host game for charity
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ing that he was trying to break that very habit."

"I know I've done it before myself," said Hughes. "It's a bad habit, and people need to pay more attention to what they're doing."

Later he said people riding bicycles on the sidewalk is becoming a problem.

"We need to place an ad in the paper telling them that this is illegal, as well as dangerous," Luster bid.

Agreement was reached to place an advertisement in The Carlisle Mercury, to make pedestrians and drivers alike of the need to watch out for each other.

Hughes reminded council that they are invited to attend the VFW fish fry, to be held on August 21, at 6:00, and the grand opening ceremony for Shepherd Hills on August 23.



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Mary Ellen Puryear, Lions Club, Class of '93, great Jerry Ellen Danner, Class of '91 on left and Elizabeth Cawoy, Class of '92 on right, are pictured at the Carlisle High School Reception held at Saturday at the local Worthington Center.

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