

Carlisle honored as Third Year Certified City

By Heather Mathes-Harris
OF THE CARLISLE MERRYVAULT STAFF
LEWISVILLE, Ky. — Carlisle was honored for completing and following through with a strategic plan for the city during the Carlisle Cities program at a luncheon on November 17 held at Louisville's Galt House Hotel. Six Kentucky cities were inducted into the Certified Cities Hall of Fame and 11 cities were recognized for innovative programs and projects during the Carlisle Cities program.

Carlisle completed its third year in the Certified Cities program and received a third year plaque at the luncheon. Community members who attended the event included: Boyd Marshall, Doug Charney, Frankie Hughes, Marilyn Hughes, Betty Horton, Corinne Lester, Gayle Vanlandingham, Kathy Howard, Kim Smith.



The Carlisle Merryvault Staff and the Nicholas County Elementary School students from left to right: Trena Perkins, eighth grade candidate and the daughter of Marvin Perkins and Cheryl Peatt; Hannah Clark, 11th grade candidate and the daughter of Ronnie and Kerneita Clark; Taziana, seventh grade candidate and the daughter of Timmy and Robin Gum; and Kerneita Isham, fourth grade candidate, the daughter of Kenneth and Betty Isham.

It was recommended that the Tourism share office space with the Chamber of Commerce. Corinne Ribbold of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Jim Orr of Kentucky Utilities write, "We recommend combining Tourism and Chamber of Commerce in order to have a full time staff person for each. This would possibly sell more memberships in the club, increasing funds available. Also, it would free up Mr. Strout to not have as much paper work as he could be spending meetings, finding financial backing, etc. This has worked well in other communities."

"The Certified Cities Program is all about identifying weak points, planning for upgrading and following through," Howard said. In the Education Resources Section a local challenge or problem was the federally funded and organized JTPA programs are being moved to a post-secondary level in the coming year.

The recommended action was for the community to establish a Co-op program in which high school and middle school students could have business and industry exploratory experiences. In the Community Development area as well as in the Community Quality of Life area, evaluators identified a local challenge as the unification of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Tourism Inc., with the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce.

He suggested the Industrial Authority review the community's strengths and weaknesses and then recruit those industries that best fit the community. "Due to the size of the industrial site, the Industrial Authority may need to target small companies instead of a large company," Smith wrote. "The Industrial Authority should try to acquire funds from local existing industries and businesses, city and county government. These funds could be loaned with interest to local citizens who wish to start their own business. The interest could go back into the fund for future loans. And a cooperative spirit between city and county government should be urged."

Ribbold said a new program was described at the luncheon. "The new program is called Power Partnership. It will continue to be an assessment of

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GENERAL NEWS



The Nicholas County High School Blue Jacket Cheerleaders for this year's basketball season include new addition, Kathryn Allison, seated third from left on the top row.

JMHC big employer in Nicholas County
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LEWISVILLE, Ky. — According to the University of Kentucky, Center for Rural Health in Hazard, nearly 500 people are employed in the area of health care in Nicholas County. And in the rural counties of the Bluegrass Area Development District, 897 new health care jobs were added between 1980 and 1990.
Johnston Mathers Healthcare does mean more than just healthcare to people in Nicholas County - health care means local jobs. Josh Shepherd, public relations director for Johnston Mathers, said.
"We are just one of the major employers in Nicholas County, third on the list behind Jockey and the school system."
"Over there are some upper level management services positions which fall to people out of the county, such as the pharmacist. But everyone in the administration lives here in Nicholas County."
Shepherd added in areas which have a strong economy, for the most part, there exists a strong and viable hospital.
"And there are many people who are employed by Johnston Mathers who have been here 10 years or more," Shepherd said.
"We do pay well and there are solid benefits in positions in this hospital and nursing home," Johnston Mathers has shown a solid bottom line when other area health care providers in the area were slipping.
"Back in the summer several layoffs were occurring in Bourbon County as well as Fleming County," Shepherd said.
"That we did not layoff a single person, as a matter of fact we did some hiring in the summer."
"And we try and help develop some of the faster growing areas of health care employment. One of the quickest growing careers is education in health information."
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Vices entertain family and friends

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Vico, Jr. of East Union entertained their children and grandchildren with a Thanksgiving supper on Wednesday night. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Vico, Jr. Dana and Daryn, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vico and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Vico and Doreen, Mr. and Mrs. David Vico Larri and David. Their daughter, Bernice Bayles of Florida couldn't be with them. All had a nice evening.

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