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May 25 is the day for Democrats to choose their candidates for the November General Election. Your participation in this process is vital to the Democratic process. So remember, get out and vote for your favorite candidate and make your voice heard.

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Board tackles tough issues

The Heather Mathers-Harris Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
The Nicholas County School Board tackled several difficult issues in this month's monthly meeting including one involving new band uniforms and another concerning the retention of part-time aides for the elementary.

A group of parents attending the meeting on the band's behalf was represented by Jim Denton.

He explained several positions short, and those that we do have are mostly too small to fit the buying of new band uniforms and have been fixed, added to and are missing pieces such as ties, cummerbund and cords.

Denton added, "It would buy the 25 more uniforms to go grade five, and that grade is based on their performance at competitions and games as well as in class activities."

"Also, when the band competes with other schools the whole county receives a rating, they remember where we're from."

"And at those competitions you are judged from the moment you hit the field, not just on the music you play but on marching, but on appearance- how the uniforms fit, if they match, if pieces are missing and so forth."

"The number of kids we have participating are more than any activity in the school system, including more than the scholastic events or athletic."

"And the band does add a lot. I've noticed that most of the crowd is staying to watch our half-time shows, they add to the sporting events and are there to pep up the crowd and support all our teams. Without them half-time would be dead air, and there is nothing to fill."

"Finally, what it comes down to is an issue of time. If we get the order in at the first of May we can get the uniforms in at the end of August to the first of September."

"If we are forced to wait we will miss the whole competition season- we will already miss the state fair which is held in the middle of August," said Denton.

Presently the band has 40 uniforms.

Judie Sorrell, band booster, reported, "We are still 25 uniforms short, and those that we do have are mostly too small to fit the buying of new band uniforms and have been fixed, added to and are missing pieces such as ties, cummerbund and cords."

Denton added, "It would buy the 25 more uniforms to go grade five, and that grade is based on their performance at competitions and games as well as in class activities."

"Plus, when the band competes with other schools the whole county receives a rating, they remember where we're from."

Denton further proposed having two different uniforms on the field, not that the new uniforms, which solely on the music you play but on marching, but on appearance- how the uniforms fit, if they match, if pieces are missing and so forth."

The band needs 12 color guard uniforms and approximately 70 band uniforms.

Band members buy their own shoes.

And the band boosters was done to a uniform the individual using the uniform at that time would be responsible.

Louise Zachary said that since the present band leaders resignation the board had wanted to wait until a new leader was hired.

"What if the new leader we hired didn't like the new uniforms, we couldn't afford to make a lot of changes," commented Zachary.

"Again, it comes down to an issue of time the time involved. We are going to miss the whole competition season if we wait to order the uniforms."

"The uniforms are in a partly toy soldier style with the Australian hat and would go with any style of music or routine," Denton replied.

Superintendent of Schools Ceibert Gilbert added, "I don't understand why you would need 70 uniforms. The experience I've had is when you lose a band director, it's a good time for the kids who didn't want to play anyway to go ahead and quit so I think you all will lose a lot."

Gayle Irvin, band booster and parent, replied, "When Shawn Parish left and we had a new band director, we didn't lose any band members."

"There is prestige attached to being in a successful band, the kids grow, it's an accomplishment to play an instrument."

"These kids work very hard practicing in the hot sun in July, three nights a week, competing five out of eight weekends in the fall and we feel they deserve the best when they are willing to give our community the best."

After deliberation, the school board decided to accept bids for band uniforms.

Another group of parents and teachers raised the issue of aides in the primary area.

Jim Galbraith, spokesperson for the group voiced concern over the issue and asked if anything would be done about it before August.

Zachary pointed out that the



Residents and staff celebrate National Nursing Home week Monday. Residents attached their address to their balloons, so the binder of each one can write the senior who launched it.

Court allows monument

By Jason Hart
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court accepted a bid from McDonald's Ambulance Service in regular session Tuesday, and discussed other issues.

The court opened the single bid received and approved \$72,000 to pay for service by the present vendor.

City councilman and local businessman Carmell Lester addressed the court, asking permission to place a monument in front of the courthouse, opposite the monument honoring Nicholas County veterans.

"We would like to put up a monument honoring Dr. Charles Mathers," Lester said. "I don't have to tell you what all Dr. Mathers contributed to this community. It's about time we honored him."

Lester said he represented a committee sponsoring the monument, and the monument will not be constructed for some time.

The court voted unanimously to give Lester and the committee permission to place a monument on the courthouse lawn.

Craft heard from Susan Craft, a representative of Bluegrass Area Development with a revised agreement to provide Nicholas County youth with summer employment, and other Nicholas County training.

Craft said the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) provides employers with the ability to hire workers for on-the-job training by paying a percentage of the trainee's wages.

JTPA will pay up to fifty percent of a trainee's wages," said Craft. "They must meet our guidelines, but it's a very valuable program."

Craft said youth interested in the summer youth employment program should see their guidance counselor, or Lou Ann Kelly, at the Department for Employment Services in Paris, Ind.

Court entered into a contract with Clark County to house juvenile prisoners in the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center.

"It will be a lot more convenient for us to transport prisoners there," said Judge-Executive Reese Smoot. "It will save us money."

Court approved a request from John Rogers to rent the Old Memory for church services until a suitable location can be found for the congregation.

"We need to charge them something, we can't just give them a special deal," said magistrate Floyd Bassell. "Court voted to charge ten dollars per use for the congregation's use of the facility."

Council votes to bid labor on building

By Jason Hart
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff
The Carlisle City Council discussed several issues in regular session Monday night, including construction of a metal building to be located at the sewer plant.

Mayor Frankie Hughes read a bid from Bird & Vice for materials to construct the building. The bid totaled \$4,124.70. "This construction won't include any finish work," Hughes said. "The building will measure 36 feet by 65 feet."

Council members voted to accept the estimate as read, and to bid labor for the project.

City attorney Skip Watson told council members it was not necessary to take bids on a project as long as the total cost is under \$10,000.

Council members questioned employee Gayle Vanlandingham about city participation in the "Adopt-A-Highway" program.

"We've done it for two years, and I think that's long enough," said Vanlandingham. Council discussed the possibility of using jail inmates to take care of the section of road "adopted" by the city. Members agreed to check into the legality of using jail labor, and discuss it further at the next regular meeting.

Council adopted a resolution setting guidelines for the reporting and cleanup of hazardous material spills. The resolution outlines steps that should be taken by city fire and police officials in the case of a spill of toxic materials.

Guidelines set in the resolution included materials that are considered hazardous, the quantity of the spill that must be reported, and procedures for reporting spills to the state.

The next regular meeting of the city council will be the second Monday in June at 7:00 p.m.

Attention Parents of 1993 Seniors

The Carlisle Mercury will again be producing a tribute to the 1993 Graduating Class of Nicholas County High School.

As part of this special keepsake edition, parents, relatives, and friends will be given the unique opportunity to send a message to that special senior.

A message with picture is \$9.00. A message alone is \$4.00, up to 20 words.

To order your message, stop by the Mercury office at 25 N. Locust Street in Carlisle.

Deadline for messages is May 21, 1993.

Hurry! Don't Miss This Opportunity To Honor Your Graduating Senior!



Congressman Scotty Baseler takes politics with a patron at Plank's Grocery in Moorefield on Saturday. Baseler's Mobile Office visits each of the nineteen counties in the South Congressional District at least once a month.