

## Entrepreneur's bid for free land heard by Fiscal Court

CARLISLE: A former Nicholas County resident turned Paris entrepreneur made a bid for industry locally Tuesday night. Bill Bromagen, owner of Flying Slices, Paris, asked Nicholas County Fiscal Court for a free plot to house 15 employees for his textile industry.

"I'll help you solve all your problems," said Bromagen following a budget discussion for

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the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center.

"A year ago I was broke. I asked the court then to help provide a building for Flying Slices."

Throughout his discussion, the business owner referred to the

holes in his green flannel shirt, as if providing proof of his sincere need for assistance. Both the Old Army on Main Street was a possibility Bromagen discussed before making the court to give him free of charge one to two acres of land at the county owned

Industrial Park next to the Assembly of God Church. Later, Bromagen stated he'd have to see if one to two acres would be suitable. He may need more space, possibly three to four acres, and would ask the court to let him build not only a building for his textile industry

but a couple of buildings for other businesses. Bromagen owns the business building in Paris where 23 employees work. However, the area is being re-zoned. "I'll have 15 positions open in seven weeks," Bromagen stated.

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## City Council corners school annexation issue with a "No" vote

By Leigh Stone  
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CARLISLE: City Council cornered a couple of controversial issues during Monday night's meeting. Council voted against annexation of the Nicholas County School property with a vote of 5-1.

"No profit - No pay" request denied

### Business fee questioned by citizens

By Leigh Stone  
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CARLISLE: Landlords showed up at Monday night's city council meeting, questioning the annual \$25 business license fee imposed by council Oct. 13.

Betty Barton, a former council person, owns one piece of rental property and isn't making a profit. She doesn't want to pay the fee, which was due Jan. 31. So far, she hasn't paid.

Harold Bassell, a landlord with several pieces of rental property, has paid his \$25, but he'd like to have it refunded. He said he's not making a profit. The mayor said he'd propose that landlords who own one property and rent one property be exempt from the fee. Furthermore, the \$25 is a fee paid annually by landlords.

Charlie Fay was the only council member for annexation in the vote with the council against. Mayor Ronnie Clark was for annexation, but didn't have a vote. The Mayor clarified to the council that the \$25 fee was passed originally last October.

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As clarified by Council woman Sharon Falconer, the \$25 is the set fee, regardless if a person owns one piece of property or many. Landlords don't pay \$25 for each piece of property owned, but a one-time annual fee of \$25.

Bassell told the mayor, "You told me if I didn't make a profit, I'd get it (\$25 fee) back."

Clark said he was there the day Bassell came in but told him, "That's the way the ordinance reads. That's the minimum per year."

Clark said he paid his fee and Clerkman Vaughn said he paid his also. Council made a motion on the \$25 to let it stand as is. It was a 4 to 2 vote with Tommy Vaughn and Doug Garrett both voting "No."

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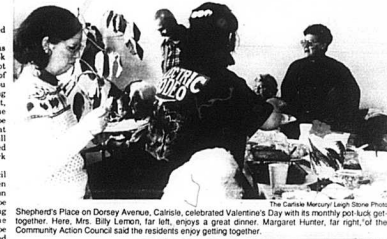
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Shelpher's Place on Dorsey Avenue, Carlisle, celebrated Valentine's Day with its monthly potluck together. Here, Mrs. Billy Lemon, far left, enjoys a great dinner. Margaret Hurter, far right, of the Community Action Council said the residents enjoy getting together.



The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo. Carlisle residents (l-r): Marilyn Sarris, Minnie Hawkins and Betty Barton sat at an attendance at Monday night's city council meeting to see if council would change the business fee ordinance.

## Primary program being revamped at NCE

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE: A change in the grade level system in use at Nicholas County Elementary will be called for by next year. We're in the process of totally revamping our primary program for next year. What we're doing isn't working," said NCE Principal Gerald Hammons to the NCE Site Based Decision Making Council Monday afternoon.

Hammons said a possibility of 20 Primary third graders may not be ready for fourth grade next year. There's been no decision yet, but it looks like the fourth grade may become part of our primary program. As for the kindergarten program, Hammons said it's been pretty much decided to move the kindergarten program out

of the primary program. Kindergarten and first grade are mixed together currently. Next year, after a few weeks of school, teachers are planning to look at kindergarten students ready to move beyond the regular program and move them into the regular primary program.

Students come to school at different academic levels. Some know colors, numbers and shapes. Others are even at a first grade reading level, so Hammons suggests the students be grouped differently. Advanced students wouldn't have to stay at a slower pace. Students who need more reading skills will be kept together to receive those skills.

"But, we're still in the talking stage," the principal cautioned.

If the change is made, there wouldn't be Primary 1, 2 & 3 levels, just a primary level. Tony Smith, an elementary teacher acting as secretary at Monday's meeting, commented, "We've got to do something. The only way to do it is if everybody work with the same thing. It's like the State Department of Education is the doctor and they've given the prescription. To get well, we have to do what they say."

Hammons commented, "I hear a different attitude from the teachers now." Smith said that could be because Kentucky educators have had varying thoughts about the success of MEA (Kentucky Education Reform Act).

"They see the rewards now," said Jimmy Dale, vice chairman of the Nicholas County School Board and former NCE site based decision making member.

For the first time this year, NCE is using the KELP (Kentucky Early Learning Profile) system of grading. Each 12 weeks, a parent conference is requested. Even at a teacher

gives a parent four to five appointments to talk, sometimes parents still don't participate. "They just won't come," Smith shook his head.

"You can't make them," agreed member Donna Gull Mattox. Dale commented, "There has to be some sort of campaign. The teachers know this is serious. It may be later, but maybe parents will think it's serious soon."

The work of the Primary Effect Committee was accepted by consensus with a motion by parent member Jim Galbraith and a second by teacher member George Becker. The committee was comprised of NCE teachers and several parents.

Curriculum alignment was also discussed. A representative from Kansas who helped some schools in La Rue County, Ky., may help the Nicholas County Schools but the decision hasn't been finalized.

Hammons suggested the council talk with other Kentucky School district people about the success of the alignment program.

## Podiatrist to open clinic at JMHC



The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo. Kevin Booth and Eric Fyman, Nicholas County Jr. high football players, work out extra weight from after school to build strength.

Dr. Marc Pawas, podiatrist (foot and ankle medical specialist), is the latest in a series of new enhancements to the specialty clinic available every month at Johnson Mathers Health Care.

Dr. Pawas, who opened his office practice in Mayville last August, will see patients in his specialty clinic at JMHC beginning Thursday, February 23rd from 1:00-5:00 pm. Those wanting to make an appointment may call the JMHC front office at 289-7181.

For now, Dr. Pawas said, he will operate his specialty clinic on month basis at JMHC so far, the only location Dr. Pawas has designated as a location for a clinic outside his regular office. "It's a service that helps both

the patient and me. My Nicholas County patients don't have to travel all the way to Mayville to see me and it gives me an opportunity to build on my practice," Dr. Pawas said.

Dr. Pawas is a native of Mayville. He completed a two year surgical residency at the Mineral Area Regional Medical Center in Farmington, Missouri and earned his specialty degree at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio in 1992.

On the days Dr. Pawas has for now, Dr. Pawas said, he will provide services to Johnson Mathers Health Care residents in the morning and meet outpatients for treatments in the afternoon.



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## Police to receive 'Cops Fast' funds

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CARLISLE: The Carlisle Police Department will be awarded \$30,880 under the new Cops Fast Program. U.S. Senator Wendell H. Ford (D-Ky.) has announced that Carlisle is one of 114 police jurisdictions in Kentucky to receive \$5,741,761 to hire additional police officers.

Mayor Ronnie Clark said during Monday night's regular city council meeting that the funding would be enough for Carlisle to add another police officer to the force. He didn't know when the funding would arrive. The grant money will go toward police training as well.

## Iwo-Jima anniversary Feb. 19

ELIZAVILLE: The Marine Corps League of Kentucky will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the landing on Iwo-Jima at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 with a ceremony at the gravesite of Pfc. Franklin R. Souley at Elsaville Cemetery on Route 32 near Farmington.

Souley, a Kentuckian, was one of the five men who raised the American flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo-Jima. The ceremony is open to the public and will be conducted by members of the Marine Corps League, U. S. Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion.

The Battle of Iwo-Jima was one of the bloodiest and most difficult in the annals of Marine Corps history. There were 5,031 Marines killed and 17,272 Marines wounded. By the time it was over in 1945, 22 Marines had earned the Medal of Honor. This was the greatest number of Medal of Honor recipients for any single engagement of World War II.