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Advisory Council

Citizens of Nicholas County are encouraged to serve on the Drug Free School & Community Advisory Council. J. W. Ballard, facilities management, Nicholas County Schools, said the meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2 at the school board office with a decision on how to use federal funding discussed.

Haunted House

The Annual Tourism Inc. Haunted House held at the Old Jail, Main Street, Carlisle, is being held four nights this year, said Tourism Co-Chairman Gladys Shrout. Visit the Haunted House Oct. 22, Oct. 27 and Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Adults \$2, children \$1. A chili supper is \$4 Oct. 28 from 5-8:30 p.m.

4-H WEEK

NICHOLAS COUNTY 4-H, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF OFFICE AGENT JOHN MARK HACK, JOINED THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCT. 1-7. MANY CARLISLE BUSINESSES VOICED SUPPORT. SEE PAGE 11.

74° LOW 57°
Friday - Sunshine. High 69. Low 56.
Saturday - More sunshine. High 67. Low 51.

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Dream session Chamber "brainstorms" to promote area

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - A melding of ideas voiced during a Chamber of Commerce "brainstorming" session has hopefully helped set the stage for Carlisle's future economic growth.

Fourteen community members, including several Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce members and board of directors met at the conference room Monday night Oct. 2 at the session hosted by Johnson Mathers Health Care Inc.

Housed by chamber board member Bill Crawford, the session provided opportunity to give a wish list of dreams participants thought would help Carlisle. According to Crawford's instructions, participants were to list their ideas without thought to money. And no idea was unthinkable. And

when the conversation stopped, Crawford would couple. "I know some of you have ideas. The Chamber could be the driving force of the community. Split it out! I'll write it down and we'll fill the wall with our ideas."

In a meeting supposed to last 30 minutes, more than two hours were spent talking of strengths, like the community's tourism industry, and what could be done better to further market Carlisle.

Carlisle, Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce President Rose Brady told The Mercury "From this, we can see there's anything we can do with consideration to time constraints and money. We will take what we can do. There were a lot of good ideas talked about and they will take a lot of time and effort to get done. We will prioritize the ideas and do

whatever we can. We'll talk about the meeting at Wednesday night's meeting."

Among those present besides Crawford were his wife, Mary, Chamber President Rose Brady, and Vice President Spud Marshall, Lida Farah, and Leigh Stone of the chamber board of directors, and Louie Zachary of Hopkins Drugs, Jim Wentz, Johnson Mathers Health Care administrator, Betty Linnville, also of Johnson Mathers, Taylor Mathers, City Schelling, Gladys Shrout, co-chairman of Tourism Inc., County Attorney Jack and his wife, Jean Conley, of the Nicholas County Historical Society.

As Crawford described, the chamber should serve as the marketing arm of the community. Of the 60 ideas listed, several were voted most favorable by participants including:

- Helping nearby Blue Licks State Park get a lodge restaurant and become a national entity.
- Helping Forest Retreat become better known and possible become a bed and breakfast.
- Encourage chamber members to facilitate board directives.
- Find funding avenues to promote the area.
- The ideas will be further prioritized at another chamber meeting.

Members of the community were invited to attend the brainstorming session.

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark told The Mercury Tuesday afternoon he wanted to attend but had to go to Lexington to get electrical parts for a new house. He and a couple of partners hope to have open Nov. 1 on East Main Street. "It's possible we could be open before November and I'm trying to do what I can to get the business started, but I had intended to attend the session," he said.

Throughout the session, new ideas were cultivated with little emphasis on what the chamber had done in the past. Crawford said if the chamber was to be a viable working part of the community, the chamber would have to show the community it could organize and complete plans.

"We must have credibility to show them we can do something - something for this community," Crawford instructed. "What's important here tonight is direction. We're not gonna look back. What does the Chamber want to do?"

Then, hopefully, the chamber would get backing from city and county officials, he commented. If the chamber couldn't help market the community, Crawford said it would "fold up."

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The Jockey Sewing Plant awarded the announcement of Jockey's highest honor - the Distinguished Service Award, at a ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 27. Faye Letcher was the 1995 DSA with Eddie Carter being named the Knitting Plant DSA winner.

Jockey in good financial shape

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - Jockey is doing well economically, said a high-ranking company official at an awards program last week.

Eddie Carter and Faye Letcher were each awarded Jockey International's highest honor at an awards ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Both long-time Jockey employees were named recipients of the Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

Carter was selected from the Carlisle knitting plant. Letcher was selected from the Lexington plant.

See Page 8 for photos and stories about the Jockey Distinguished Service Award winners.

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Court receives no bids for roof repair

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - Four bids passed by and the conference table at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Judge Chuck Smith's office didn't have one bid to be opened.

"I knew we weren't going to have any today," commented Nicholas County Magistrate Danny Hughes following the 28 minute special call meeting of the Fiscal Court. "Usually, a contractor stops by and checks out the job before they bid on it, but I've been checking and nobody's come."

The meeting was called to have the second reading on the county tax rate, which passed unanimously with a motion by Danny Hughes and second by Melvin Fryman for the tax rate to be 11.5 percent, down from last year's 12.5 percent.

The other part of the meeting was to open the roof bids. The courthouse roof is in dire need of repair and leaks considerably in hard rain.

"It isn't leaking today," Judge

FFA tractor pull winners listed

Nicholas County High School Future Farmers of America advisor Doug Bebbins presented The Mercury with the following list of winners of the Tractor Pull held at West End Park last Friday and Saturday nights in Carlisle.

- 3000-3000 lbs. Percentage
- 1) Bill Mattox - Oliver 77; 2) Timmy Fryman - 5000 Ford; 3) Billy Drennon - 4000 Ford
- Heavy Load
- 1) Bobby Kuder - John Deere A; 2) Floyd Garner - 5000 Ford; 3) Jason Dren - 4000 Ford
- 6000-9000 lbs. Percentage
- 1) Bobby Kuder - John Deere

- 2) Darrell Myers - 555 Case International; 3) Timmy Fryman - 4000 Ford
- Heavy Load
- 1) Josh Abnee - 7000 Ford; 2) Chris Adams - 399 Massey Ferguson; 3) Bobby Kuder - John Deere 220
- 9000-12000 lbs. Percentage
- 1) Steve Hamilton - 399 Massey Ferguson; 2) Bobby Kuder - 7000 Ford; 3) Josh Abnee - 7000 Ford
- Heavy Load
- 1) Doug Hamilton - 399 Massey Ferguson with cab; 2) Wayne Fryman - 1900 Case; 3) Jimmie Price - 6640 Ford with cab

City issues water alert

CARLISLE - A water shortage alert has been issued by the City of Carlisle.

According to Mayor Ronnie Clark, the alert is necessary due to dwindling water supplies, despite the rain Monday night. Car washes and other water-related businesses are still in operation during the alert, he said.

The rain we had didn't put anything in the Licking River. We're at 10 inches above the intake and it ought to be at least 24".

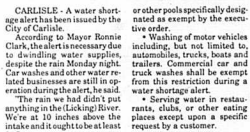
Two months of dry water, with some fluctuation, has caused the alert. The city asks the community for cooperation. The next step would be to invoke penalties, Clark said.

Other nearby communities have issued water shortage alerts, including Lexington. It's been five years or so since the city invoked a water shortage alert and at one time, car washes were closed.

The mayor explained the alert as pursuant to provisions of Ordinance No. 23, Executive Order No. 6, 1995. The following water uses are authorized to be banned by the order:

- Any use of water for ornamental purposes, including, but not limited to, fountains, reflecting pools and artificial waterfalls.
- Watering of public or private gardens, lawns, flowers, shrubs or trees.
- Watering of parks, golf courses (except greens), playing fields, or other recreational areas.
- The filling or operation of swimming pools except pools used by health care facilities for patient care or rehabilitation.

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The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo Community member Louise Zachary, Chamber of Commerce board member Lida Farah Jr., and Johnson Mathers Health Care Administrator Jim Wentz were among those to voice ideas at the "brainstorming" session held for the chamber Monday night.

St. Jude auction set on Oct. 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced that Mark Mattar, real estate broker and auctioneer in Carlisle, will conduct a "Get SOLD on St. Jude Kids" auction.

The event is being sponsored by the National Auctioneers Association to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, as a portion of a scheduled Oct. 7 auction being held at the National Guard Armory in Carlisle. Funds raised by the event will go to continue research, patient care and education programs at the hospital.

"Businesses and individuals are invited to donate items to be auctioned," Mattar said. "The funds raised in this event will help ensure that children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases will have a better chance to live. For more information, call me at (606) 289-5700."

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Circus in town at guard armory October 11

Star Circus is coming to the National Guard Armory in Carlisle 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 for their show. Chief Lone Oak will present Thunderball, the famous miniature horse. See magician, acrobats, clowns, exotic animals. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Student tickets 15 to 18 are \$4 each door. Adult tickets are \$6 at the door.

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Retired teachers to meet Oct. 9

The Nicholas County retired teachers will meet at Trackers on Monday, October 9, at 11 a.m. for lunch. All members are urged to attend.

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