

Chautauqua Days
Millersburg is the place to be Sept. 17-18 when the Eighth Annual Chautauqua Days becomes the weekend highlight. See page 16 for a calendar of events.

Foxhunter Hunt
The Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association will hold its 20th Annual Hunt at Clay Wildlife Area, Nicholas County, Sept. 27-30. The burgo dinner is 6 p.m. Sept. 28. The dance is at midnight at Worthington Center, Blue Licks State Park, Sept. 30. Call Shirley Mitchell at 288-5573 for more information.

CITY GOVERNMENT
SEPT. 21-25 IS CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK IN CARLISLE AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE. PRIZES FOR A DRAWING CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT NICHOLAS COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 10 A.M. FRIDAY. A PORTION OF THE PRIZES WERE DONATED BY DEPOSIT BANK OF CARLISLE AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CARLISLE.

9-11/09 PWS
PINS: MARGARET
L. BERRY
LEX INSTON
KY 40005

Monday - Showers expected
High 80, Low 60.
Friday - Showers still likely. High 79, Low 59.
Saturday - Showers continue.
High 78, Low 59.

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A change of the guard
Kentucky National Guardmen of Carlisle, once known as the 201st Engineering Company, became Bravo Company 208 as of Sept. 1. Here, from left, Capt. Larry Menon, Sgt. Henry Chandler and Sgt. Ivan Hedges are shown with some personal carriers to be used to transport troops. Seven APC's were acquired as part of the guard's new duties.

Residents sue Fiscal Court Annual county tax proposal made

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During Tuesday night's regular fiscal court meeting, magistrate Daryl Stacy announced the court had been sued Sept. 8.

"We have 20 days to make a legal response," said County Attorney Jack Cooper.

The civil summons was issued by plaintiffs Brian Halon, his grandfather, Ernest J. Halon, Sally J. Halon, and neighbor Duann M. Hopkins with Billy Hopkins as their attorney.

According to the complaint, the court didn't adequately describe the road or set forth a necessity for the road and failed to conform to pertinent provisions of KRS Chapter 178. The land allegedly runs through the plaintiff's property for approximately 1/4 of a mile.

The court's debate on the subject began at the regular July meeting. James Cooper, a neighbor of the Bryan Halon family, asked court for better access to his driveway.

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Magistrate Darryl Hughes outside the county road foreman also found residents in the road had been creosoted.

On August 15, the county officially named Irvingsville Road, also known as creosoted road and other names, a county road. The next day, county workers thoroughly creosoted the road.

Since August, Halon's hay bales have mysteriously been set ablaze twice. They were placed on the property of Duann M. Hopkins without permission, Halon said. The area is close to the Morning Glory Road, but no natural cause for the fire could be blamed, Halon has said. Halon said he believes the

fire was set in retaliation for his speaking up about the county road creosoted situation.

In new business, magistrates approved all tax rates as recommended by the varying agencies. All tax rates will remain the same except for a very slight increase in the library tax.

The county rate was unanimously reduced by magistrates from 12.17 percent last year to 11.9 percent this year. More revenue will be gained than last, however, because county assessments were higher, said County Judge Executive Chuck Smith.

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Magistrate Melvin Fryman seconded the motion with all magistrates - Juanita Smith, Avery Thomsen and Darryl Hughes in favor.

The county fire rate and health department both remain at four percent; the library tax on real estate is the same as last year at 2.59 cents but increased from 21.1 to 21.4 for personal property.

Robert Barker, secretary of the

City nixes extra lighting, debates water request

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - The city won't be funding lights near Shell Mart on Concrete Road, nor did they make a final decision about increasing the water capacity of the Nicholas County Water District.

It costs us more than that to make," Clark said mentioning the cost of water purification chemicals.

During Monday night's regular meeting, council agreed to set a special called meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 to discuss the water district's request and have a second reading on two proposed ordinances. No representative from the water district was present at the Sept. 11 meeting and the chairman issued a flow, said Mayor Ronnie Clark.

According to a letter sent to council members from the NCDW, the district asked to pay the city of Carlisle a one-time impact fee of \$50,000. Their

agreement to pay the amount would be subject to approval of the Rural Economic Community Development and the Public Service Commission. The water district already has an agreement with the city to buy 4 million gallons of water a month. In the past several months, the district exceeded its cap, using about 4.4 million gallons, due to dry weather. The NCDW has requested a capacity increase to up to 8 million gallons per month.

The city is the sole supplier of water to the NCDW, Clark said. All city council members were present including Sandra Ritchie, Tommy Vaughn, Charlie Fay, Doug Garrett, Sharon Faulstich and Lily Earlywine. Faulstich said she didn't receive a copy of the letter.

Clark said he couldn't see the city agreeing to the request because it costs the city \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons of water produced and the NCDW is offering \$1.38. "It costs us more than that to make," Clark said, mentioning the cost of water purification chemicals.

"When agreed to the \$50,000," asked Ritchie.

means, you are aware of our efforts to seek Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant financing together with PHED (formerly called PHHA) grant and loan financing on the Phase 4 expansion project. That project, if approved and constructed, could add as many as 225 new customers along 44 miles of rural roads.

The street light subject was again debated by council.

"That fact of the matter is, there's not money in the budget for more lights."

He said Tuesday several citizens had asked him about getting lights near their property. He said they would have to come before council in the spring before the annual budget is completed and discuss their needs with the city.

Clark also commented that no representative of Shell had asked him about putting a light near the business. Councilman Fay said he thought the area was well lit and that he didn't think the city should pay for

parking lot lights for a private business.

Councilwoman Ritchie thought different. "They're a business in the city limits and we should do what we can to help them. I don't think it is that hard."

Ritchie's motion to put a light at Shell failed for a second.

A motion put to council by Councilman Garrett to have a light on Broadway Street also failed for lack of a second.

Clark said he would ask the state to fund a flashing caution light in the Clifty Drive area and possibly on Concrete Road at the slope near The Dollar Store and J & O Liquor.

Council agreed to add the position of utility operator and maintenance worker with a grade of 20 in the Public Works Department. "This is a new job we've created," Clark said. The position will help already employed city workers have someone to fill in for them during vacation time and give additional help needed throughout

the year. The motion to accept the position was made by Fay and seconded by Vaughn with all in favor except Ritchie. Faulstich declined to vote.

Property tax was again set at 17 cents per each \$100 assessed. The rate was 17 cents last year, too. The first reading of Ordinance 7, ad valorem taxes for real and personal property, introduced capital, manufactured products and bank shares was introduced by Fay.

Ordinance 7, ad valorem taxes for motor vehicles and watercraft was also set at 17 cents.

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Community invited to hearing to discuss annual school tax

CARLISLE - Community input about the proposed tax rate as stated by the Nicholas County Board of Education will be heard during a public hearing 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Nicholas County Elementary School.

The board has proposed a four percent increase in the tax rates for this year - 40.1 cents for real property, 4.8 cents for personal property, and three cents for utilities.

School Board Attorney Dawn Latcher explained that the original tax rate motion, made Aug. 21, had been amended during a special called meeting Sept. 6 because it read the amount was to be adopted rather than proposed to adopt per public hearing.

The vote on the rate increase was approved with three yes votes.

from Louise Garberry,

Vice Chairman Mona Vice and Ricky Hicks will vote from Chairman John Cleaver and Don Elder.

"The board will take everything under consideration and vote on it after the public hearing," Eversly said Tuesday afternoon.

In other business, the board agreed to purchase two mobile units for the district, one at the elementary and one at the high school for special education classes. Each will cost \$22,814, including the special options agreed by the board.

A ranch was selected rather than an option to lease for 24 months. Hicks voted the monthly cost would be reduced nearly 50 percent if a 40-month purchase were chosen. The buy will cost \$1,800 over a four-year period.

GED registration through Thursday

Registration for GED Classes will be held Monday, September 11 through Thursday, September 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Action Center, Scrub Grass Road.

Classes will begin Monday, September 18. Classes are held each night Monday through Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All materials and the classes are free.

For more information contact Charles Canupp at 288-3702.

City street blacktopping begins

John Duff Blacktopping, M. Stierling, was scheduled to begin blacktopping of city streets Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the Dorseyville area as part of the continuation of the city's water line project. From left are City employees Wayne Vandorham and Rusty Duff. John Blacktopping owner, Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark and Billy Saylor, operating the milling machine that cuts the old blacktop to make the new road smooth.



The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo