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First lady visits Forest Retreat

Kentucky's first lady, Judd Patton, visited with models from Carlisle's own Caterbury House recently. Children pictured are from Nicholas County who turned out for a style show sponsored by Nicholas County Tourism Inc. For more pictures from the style show, see inside this week's Mercury.

Tourism hosts style show

By Rosann Jolly
The Nicholas County Tourism, Inc., hosted a style show and tea on Saturday, August 10, with over 150 people in attendance representing Nicholas and numerous other counties.

The style show consisted of reproductions of inaugural gowns worn by Kentucky's former First Ladies. There were 52 ladies modeling the gowns. The gowns were researched and crafted by Elaine Cox of Nicholasville. Mrs. Cox has been a very important supporter of the Nicholas County Tourism.

Her collection of period costumes have been loaned to the Tourism, Inc. for many events. Locally owned Canterbury House, modeled a collection of modern day dresses for little boys and girls. The collection is made here in Carlisle and are noted for grow tanks, which allow for lengthening in the hem line and extended wear.

City council raises tap, attorney fees

Awards contract for blacktopping

By Laura Fryman
Staff Writer
CARLISLE: The Carlisle city council met Monday and awarded a \$47,000 contract for blacktop improvement to Hinkle Construction.

Tom Baltson, the representative for Hinkle Construction was on hand for the meeting. According to Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, the contract will include only repairs to streets in the city, but no resurfacing work.

Jack Wheeler, from American Cable Entertainment, was on hand to answer some questions about that company's recent bankruptcy. The company, which holds the contract for cable services to the city, is being sold to Frontier vision.

Clark said Wheeler said the city police would start monitoring when cable service is interrupted. "I am going to ask the cable company to make adjustment cable bills to compensate for cable being off," said Clark.

After much debate, the council voted to adopt Ordinance No. 5, 1996, raising water and sewer tap fees. Council passed the measure, with Randy Early and Doug Garrett voting against it.

Clark said that in coming months the council will also be looking into an ordinance on fencing swimming pools for safety. He said there have been many complaints about children being around pools without a fence.

"Are we going to wait until a child gets seriously hurt or maybe even killed before we do something about the problem?" asked councilwoman Sharon Faulkner.

The salary of city attorney Henry "Skip" Watson was also discussed.

Clark proposed leaving the retainer for the same and raise the hourly rate paid to Watson from fifty to sixty dollars an hour.

"The Watsons had had a raise in a while," said Garrett in a phone interview Tuesday. "I think he deserves it."

Clark also informed the council that he had applied for a grant totaling 210,000 dollars with the city matching 10% of the amount.

Clark said said ground will be broken soon for a new water tower, and the take bidding process will be set to start.

Chuches can be better protected against vandals

County attorney speaks out

Although recent publicity regarding church burnings has made it seem like a new epidemic, churches of all denominations have long been the targets of vandals and arsonists for a variety of reasons, including racism.

Rural churches, because of their isolation, are often the targets of crime. But that doesn't mean a church can't be better protected.

If a church is deliberately burned in Nicholas County, I would be involved in the decision to seek an indictment against the responsible parties, said Nicholas County Attorney Joseph H. Conley. "But I hope it never reaches that point. While nothing will guarantee the safety of a church, there are some precautions a congregation can take to better protect itself."

To help in that effort, Conley has on hand the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' (ATF) "Church Threat Assessment Guide" for area places of worship. The brochure spotlights areas of vulnerability for churches, such as unsecured doors, heavy abstracts, and inadequate lighting. These problems can be corrected in a variety of ways, including:

- Installing perimeter floodlights outside the building to illuminate points of entry;
- Purchasing an adequate burglar alarm system;
- Making sure doors have interior hinges;
- Framing heavy abstracts that conceal criminals;
- Participating in neighborhood watch programs;
- Having an adult check the church on a daily basis; and
- Removing all potential fire hazards from church grounds.

The ATF also operates a toll-free arson hotline, which can be reached at 1-888-ATF-FREE. "As church members and as a community, we must work together to make sure that Nicholas County churches are safe and remain safe for its worshippers and others," Conley said. "Following these guidelines will go a long way toward maintaining that goal."

One injured in accident

By Laura Fryman
Staff Writer
CARLISLE: One man was injured in an accident Monday on Concrete Road in front of Berry's Service Station, according to Carlisle City Police. According to the CCP, Robert Berry of Carlisle, operating a 1985 Nissan, was stopped in the eastbound lane of Concrete Road, preparing to make a left-hand turn, when his vehicle was struck from behind.

According to the CCP, the operator of the vehicle that struck Berry's car was Michael Ellis of Lexington driving a 1995 Ford Ranger.

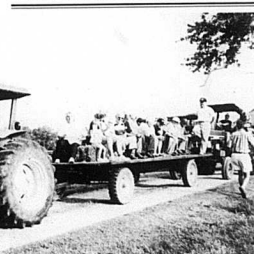
Ellis was not injured, and Berry was treated for minor injuries at Nicholas County Hospital for minor injuries and released.



Car Show Host Dick Garrett

Garrett presents the Eam Garrett Best of Show trophy to Floyd May. May resides in Frankfort Kentucky.

It's On Your Mind Carlisle. If you have constructive ideas or concerns about your community, please let us know. Write to: The Carlisle Mercury, Attention: Rosann Jolly, P.O. Box 272, Carlisle, KY 40311.



Field Day at Finley Farm

Participants of the Field day enjoying a fun ride to look at the farms fields.

Farm Bureau has meeting

By Laura Fryman
Staff Writer
The Nicholas Co. Farm Bureau held its annual meeting and fish fry on Thursday July 25th. During the meeting Cliff Vee presented a watch to Malibu Daley Kennedy for serving as President for 25 years.

New officers elected were Sam Reynolds, president; Eugene Snipe, vice president; and Steve Dunlap, secretary and treasurer.

Former teacher makes donation of annals

By Rosann Jolly
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Starting this month you'll be able to find annals from the Headquarters Schools and Nicholas County High School dating from as early as the 1940's to as recent as 1988 at the Nicholas County Library.

Mrs. Bobbie Harney, former teacher of 45 years, donated the annals previously owned by her. She has also donated programs from commencement, music rentals and baccalaureates. The annals and programs range in years and certain dates are missing. Harney stated the reason for some of the missing

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