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Baesler visits Carlisle, convenes town meeting

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CARLISLE - Sixth District Congressman, Scotty Baesler visited Nicholas County Saturday morning for a meeting with local residents.

Baesler touched on several issues, including the recent partial federal government shutdown.

"I personally feel that the shutdown was a low point and a disgrace," said Baesler.

According to a release from Baesler's office, the government shutdown has caused "increasingly severe hardship for millions of Americans who depend on government services, serve the public as federal employees and contractors, or are impacted by the economic spin-offs or reduced government activities."

According to Baesler, 700,000 federal workers were furloughed or were working without pay since Dec. 16, 1995.

"The shutdown cost taxpay-

ers \$50 million for each business day," said Baesler. "The shutdown ended after 21 days on January 5."

Baesler also addressed the federal budget issue, as well as health care.

"44 percent of all welfare is Medicaid," said Baesler. "Without Medicaid, every rural hospital in the Sixth Congressional District would be forced to close."

Tax reform was next on Baesler's agenda.

"The flat tax that is being talked about is a big mistake," said Baesler. "The rich guy is going to pay the flat tax on wages, not on investment income."

Baesler said the flat tax will not work, and that there are no simple answers.

Residents at the meeting brought up their own concerns to Baesler including tobacco, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the concealed

weapons bill now being considered in the state legislature, and international trade.

"The government is gotten out of hand," said Carlisle resident Allen Clay Stone. "There's a lot of room for compromise. We need to protect our American industries."

Other residents spoke out on NAFTA.

"I believe that NAFTA created depressed cattle prices," said John Cleaver. "Why would you (Baesler) support an agreement that would hurt your own people?"

Baesler did not directly address the question, but did say that cattle prices are not related to the NAFTA treaty.

In response to the claim that NAFTA has hurt the textile industry, Baesler said "Jockey has been going outside the U.S. long before NAFTA came along."

Baesler visits Carlisle
Sixth District Congressman Scotty Baesler, standing, held a town meeting Saturday at the Nicholas County Courthouse, where he discussed a variety of issues with local residents.

Habitat for Humanity to hold informational meeting Feb. 7

CARLISLE - A meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a local Habitat for Humanity chapter has been scheduled for Feb. 7.

According to John Mark Hack, Nicholas County, he and Rev. Kevin Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist Church have been studying the idea for some time.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical housing ministry dedicated to eliminating "poverty housing" and homelessness.

Officials from HFHI will be on hand to answer questions about the program.

The meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Old Jail, and a free lunch will be served.

HFHI uses volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations to build and rehabilitate homes for families who live in substandard housing.

For details, call Hack at 289-2312 or Thomas at 289-5064.

Harrod moved to editor, Ross on board as new Mercury sales representative

CARLISLE - The staff of The Carlisle Mercury recently made some changes in staff to serve their readers better.

Kristie Harrod, formerly Mercury advertising representative, has been promoted to managing editor.

Harrod, who is originally from Cynthiana, was formerly employed by Kentucky Coal in Frankfort for five years.

Harrod moved to Carlisle in August, 1995 with her husband, Glenn and two children, Haley, 3, and Tyler 5.

"We chose Carlisle to settle in for two reasons," said Harrod. "First, we wanted to get away from the city, and second, my mother, Ruth E. Scott, lives in Law Estates, so we can be close to her."

A new face at The Mercury is that of Rocky Ross, who was recently hired as sales representative.

Ross, who is originally from Abland, is new to the newspaper business with an extensive sales background.

Harrod will be visiting all local businesses within the next few weeks to get acquainted and assist with their advertising needs.

Local business marks 50 years



Bill Small
CARLISLE - Bill Small has sold a lot of flowers in his time. Small, the owner of Small's Greenhouse and Florist on Eastern Avenue, is celebrating 50 years in business by giving away an 18-inch mylar balloon to the first 200 customers that make a purchase of \$10 or more.

"I wouldn't have been here for 50 years if everyone didn't appreciate my business," said Small. "I want to show my appreciation to my customers."

Small is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturdays, or by appointment. For details, call 289-2256.

Ross joins Mercury staff

Rocky Ross has joined the staff of The Carlisle Mercury as sales representative, the post formerly held by Kristie Harrod. Harrod has been promoted to managing editor of the publication.



No injuries in house fire
Carlisle firefighters responded to this house fire Monday afternoon on Dorsey Avenue. No injuries were reported in the blaze, which is still under investigation.

Local cattle company joins worldwide association

CARLISLE - A local cattle company has been accepted into the American Angus Association, the largest beef cattle registry in the world, according to Dick Spader, executive president of the association. The company is headquartered in Carlisle.

"We have over 29,000 active adult and junior members," said Spader. "Our computerized records include detailed information on over 12 million registered Angus cattle."

The association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members.

These permanent records help members select and pair the best animals in their herds to produce the high quality, efficient breeding cattle. These animals are then registered with the association in an ongoing



Bicycles in snow?
These two youngsters snopped their travels long enough Friday to have their picture taken. The winter storm that started Friday afternoon brought several inches of snow and record low temperatures to the area.