

Radio station kicks off membership drive

WKMY directors Paul Hitchcock and Tom Lewis have their own method to squeeze a bit more cash out of their listeners.

"We'll keep bringing until you make us stop," Hitchcock told the listening audience on Saturday.

It was the first day of the week-long, annual fund raising campaign for the member-supported public radio station on 90.3 FM.

At one point the inharmonious duet chimed in "call 1-800-296-WKMY" in the back ground of a song.

"Last year we got pledges from people promising us money just so long as we stopped," said Hitchcock, the station's music production director.

Anything it takes to make their pledged \$20,000 donation goal by this weekend.

Anything it takes for the station to scrounge the funds to pay for such national favorites as "All Things Considered" and "Car Talk" and to keep operating the local folk duo such as "Bluesgrass" and "The Bluegrass Band."

The lion's share of operating funds comes from MSU and several donors, she said. But given Washington's climate toward funding public radio,

listener support may become even more crucial in the future.

"Because the Corporation of Public Broadcasting is continuing to show we qualify for funding," she said, "we get quite a few callers from listeners telling us how much they appreciate a program. But the people in Washington want to see numbers."

Mullins believes all federal funding will eventually be geared to community response to annual membership-drive programs.

"If you're a big station in a large metropolitan market that doesn't sound like a problem," she said, "if you're a small station like us, it's a bit scary."

"I think we have a strong listener base. But it's a matter of proving we have the support to show we qualify for funding," she said.

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WKMY directors Paul Hitchcock, left, and Tom Lewis pitch for pledges on Saturday.

Letters to the Editor

Teens say law unfair

Dear Editor:

We are writing response to the article, "Rules changed for teens getting driver's licenses" published September 26.

We are a group of concerned parents which wish to file letters.

Although we understand that this law is official, we still would appreciate voicing our opinions.

Turning sixteen will open a lot of new doors for us, but not being able to drive will stall the doors in our faces temporarily.

When getting older, a social life is important, but another serious factor is getting a job and being able to take on responsibility.

On October 1, 1996 our "senior" began. From that day forward we will pay for all of those drivers who showed their maturity when behind the wheel of a car.

At the age of sixteen, we are of legal age to get a job, but this new law makes it difficult to find a means of transportation.

For those of us who have parents that work also, it means more difficulty.

For those students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities not having their driver's license might cause hardship for their working parents.

Participation in extracurricular activities provides assets in a well-rounded education. Parents would either have to

take off work or hire someone to pick up their sixteen year old teenager.

We are not suggesting to completely remove the law, we agree with the point of the law, but we've put your points across. All we are asking for is a little more leniency which fits the law.

We see your point—a few minutes of your time and try to see ours.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer L. Peters and Mary B. McGlothlin

Writer may be forced out

Dear Editor:

People in Nicholas County think they have such a great county, but I would like to put them straight on a few things.

If this is such a great county, why do they do the things they do, like force people out of their homes and off of their land that they have worked and paid for all their lives?

Because they don't have a sewer system that meets their standard, and no money to let one put in.

They can force you to move out and live on the street. That's all we need more street people, because of the law the state has.

Little the people of Nicholas County watch out, because it's not only the young they do it to, it is the old and disabled people, too.

Wanda Mitchell
No address, unless it's on a street or road somewhere

THE CARLISLE MERCURY

Home-grown favorites such as the ever popular Bluesgrass Division and Friends and Family are being featured.

But the station still needs to shell out for the electricity, production, CDs and other program expenses.

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Local and Area Deaths

ROBINSON

Della Marie Sparks Robinson, 80 of Liberty St., Carlisle, Thursday, October 10, 1996 at her residence.

She was the widow of William A. Robinson, was a member of Moorefield Christian Church, a homemaker, born in Kuttill County to the late Lewis and Susan Lewis Sparks.

Survivors include a son, Jill Robinson of N. Hobas County; two daughters, Mildred Sparks of Estill County and Roberta Howard of Harrison, Dayton, Ohio; three sisters, Ruby, Ohl, Rose Kabler, North Carolina; Bertha Stephens, Carlisle and Nancy Labeo of Phoenix, Arizona; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 14, 1996 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Graden Fike, with burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers include Jeffrey and Kirk Robinson; Howard and Russell Howard and Steve Coutsinger.

Honorary bearers were Roger Riggs, Jackie Chubb, Billy Durbin, Dwight and Boyd Sparks and Robert Sparks.

HURST

John Robert Hurst, 68, of 320 Kennedy, Harrison, Kentucky, husband of Katherine McKenzie Hurst died Thursday, October 10, 1996 at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was born in Bourbon County to the late James Lafayette and Ella Swann Hurst. He was a member of Church of Hope in Paris, and a retired employee of Fyndall A.F.B. in Panama City, Florida.

Survivors include a son, Gary Hurst in England and a daughter-in-law, Debbie Hurst.

Two brothers, Russell and Eugene Hurst of Paris; Mother-in-law, Mrs. Claude McKenzie of Carlisle and four grandchildren and one grand-grandchild, also several nieces and nephews.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 12 at the Carlisle Cemetery Chapel by the Rev. Ron Hill. There were no visitations. Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home were in charge of services.

Casket bearers were Keith Courtney, Ricky Hammonds, Harold and Justin Maxwell, Bryan and Kenney Hurst, Hayden Crump, Rodney Gilvin.

Honorary bearers were Johnny Colburn, Hanley Davis, Johnny Forehand, and Bobby Tedder.

Contributions suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Hospital giving free shots

The VA Medical Center, Lexington, is offering free flu shots to eligible military veterans Oct. 15 through Dec. 20.

Veterans can receive flu shots during their regular scheduled appointment OR at the Flu Shot Clinic, 4010 Main in basis (no appointment necessary) at the VA medical center.

The Flu Shot Clinic will meet only on the following Wednesdays: Oct. 13, 20, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18; the clinic time is 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Veterans attending the Flu Shot Clinic should report to the 2nd Floor Clinical Addition, Cooper Drive Division.

In addition, flu shots will be given at all the mobile clinics sites to those who have regular scheduled appointments during December.

Additional dates have the following sites: London, Oct. 25; Somerset, Oct. 29; Mt. Sterling, Oct. 30; Morehead, Oct. 31; hours 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The mobile clinic van will provide flu shots on a walk-in basis to veterans at the DAV Chapter 137, 4010 Main, 2nd floor, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Veterans should bring their Patient Identification Card when reporting to the Flu Shot Clinic or the walk-in mobile clinic sites.

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Auxiliary to meet Oct. 29

There will be a special meeting of the hospital Auxiliary on Tuesday, October 29, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the hospital.

Casket bearers include Lester Carhart, Bradford Tubby Cobb, Art Meloy, Danny Robinson, Danny Robinson, Phil Mitchell and Enis Feather.

Services will be at Clark Funeral Chapel in Carlisle. Visitation was 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 1996. The funeral services were held Wednesday, October 16, 1996 at 2:00 p.m., with burial in Green Hills Cemetery in Sharpshire.

Casket bearers were Mike Emmons, Bill and Ray Gun, Kenny Mattox, Jimmy L. Harris and Virgil Jones and Gary Ishmail.

Honorary bearers include George Emmons, Bill Coffey, Claude McKenzie of Carlisle and four grandchildren and one grand-grandchild, also several nieces and nephews.

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BCC to mark 144th year

The Bethel Christian Church will be celebrating their 144 year birthday on Sunday, Oct. 27.

There will be Homecoming Celebrations commemorating this special occasion.

Rev. Harold Watkins will be the guest speaker for this special occasion.

Also Rev. Kent Duke, the pastor at the church, will be on hand for the commencement. A past lack dinner will be served. The starting time of the event will be 10 a.m., with Sunday School starting the event.

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Dr. West graduated from Bourbon County High School in 1984. He received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He will be joining his father, Murray West, M.D., in practice at Westmont Clinic, 6 Linnville Drive, the medical office building west of Columbia Hospital Paris.

Dr. West enjoys things, music, sports, and traveling. He and his wife, Deirdre, have two children, Taylor, 5 year old daughter, and Logan, 1 year old son. The family has recently moved back to Paris.

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