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Magistrates okay planning & zoning committee to study county

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
A planning and zoning committee was proposed to Nicholas County Fiscal Court Magistrates by Nicholas County Court Clerk Doug Fryman at Tuesday evening's regular meeting.

"I suggest we set up a committee and go with the city and get something started if we don't get started we won't get anywhere," Fryman's suggestion was approved by magistrates Juanita Smith, Melvin Fryman, Danny Hughes, Avery Thornsburg, and County Judge Executive Chuck Smith.

Magistrate Daryl Stacy missed the meeting to be present at his wife's surgery. Nicholas County Treasurer Wanda Belmont explained Stacy's absence and all expressed concern. Carlisle resident Sherry Watkins committed about the zoning issue. "This has been mentioned before and there's

been no action but I think Doug's right on - we need to get started and it will even help attract industry." Fryman said people call his office from out of state about planning and zoning and he tells them Nicholas County doesn't have it. They say that's great. And do what they want.

Fryman, Watkins and Judge Smith agreed the regulations shouldn't be as strict as neighboring Bourbon County or Fayette County.

Judge Smith said his concern was that furniture not be allowed to be dumped outside and that the septic systems of all residences meet state health and fiscal guidelines. He wasn't necessarily for dating the size of lots that could be sold, at least not as strict as other counties.

Nicholas County resident Bill Crawford suggested to magistrates that a seven-member committee be appointed to study planning and zoning. Two members of the so-

cial Chamber of Commerce, two members of the Industrial Authority, two members of Fiscal Court, and, as Judge Smith recommended, a member at large, Dorsey Watkins. Watkins said he'd be pleased to serve. Both Fryman and Judge Smith would represent Fiscal Court.

Crawford, a Chamber member, also suggested that someone with planning experience be a part of the study. The Bluegrass Area Development District could be asked to have someone give advice, he offered.

Some where, along the way, this is going to hurt you. You can put in a \$100,000 house and that's not much these days and put in a \$1,000 trailer next to it. There are no restrictions whatsoever. I really think it's hurting us, Fryman said.

No deadline for getting a committee together was set by magistrates. Representatives of the chamber, industrial authority should contact Fryman and Judge Smith with suggestions on how to proceed further.



Fire destroys house Tuesday night

Five trucks and nine firefighters of the Nicholas County Fire Department banked a blaze of a two-story wooden home on Upper Lick Road at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Justice and Howard Cox weren't harmed but the home, owned by Bobby Crockett, will be considered a loss, said County Fire Chief Mark Hughes. A grass fire started in the kitchen is blamed for the damage. The fire quickly traveled upstairs. Some contents were saved.

Expanded city sewer questioned

Residents voice opinions at hearing

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
More than 20 people showed up for a public hearing about the city of Carlisle's proposed East End sewer project. Some wanted city sewer. Others claimed they didn't want to pay city taxes or be hindered from having livestock. Others wanted to know if a trailer park was being proposed for East Union Road.

The East Union Road area would be annexed as part of providing the service.

Mayor Ronnie Clark said the project would make it possible for 110 houses to have city sewer made possible with a \$500,000 part of it, \$493,000 from a Community Development Block Grant and a loan from Farmer's Home Administration.

It felt good to have so many people tell me they were for it," said Clark of the 20 minute meeting. "Some wanted to pay the \$500 tap fee right then. Both

Harold Russell and Gordon Sargent told me that. I didn't know some of the others. But I feel like most people want it." Councilman Doug Garrett said.

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how they feel but you can't justify running the services outside the city without being part of the city. One you get services, why take on the burden, even though minor, the taxes and regulations. I can understand why nobody would want to do that."

Garrett said there were some ordinances in effect putting a damper on the project. "You can't have a horse or cow in the city limits. Perhaps you could

put some provisions in that something to handle that where if I want a nuisance to your neighbors - You've got to think about that, too."

East Union Road resident Sherry Uptegraft attended the hearing. She's for the sewer. She wanted to know about talk of a trailer park to be located on East Union. "You know how you can get wrong information and I don't want to come across like the bad guy. I'm for the sewer. But I don't feel like we have all the information. We should be told if a trailer park's coming. The road is a state road, well maintained, but it's narrow and people drive too fast. It's not safe for a trailer park. We didn't bring it up at the meeting. We thought we'd show up and somebody would talk about it. I was raised in the country and I like it there. I bought my home in 1988, about nine years ago. I wouldn't want to move. I have a septic tank and it was checked by the health department. Some of others have had problems, I know. So I have nothing against the sewer or anything for the sewer. If you can get a sewer, more power to you."

Cassidy Creek couple wins lottery

Ticket purchased at Carlisle Shell

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
"Hoop, we was!" shouted Joe Graves.

But he told his wife that every week. "No, we really won!" Graves exclaimed Monday night as he read the numbers to his wife, Melody.

The Graves of Cassidy Creek in Nicholas County won \$100,000 in the Kentucky Lottery's Powerball.

They purchased the ticket from Shell Food Mart #9, Concrete Road, Carlisle. "I've known him all my life. I was so happy that someone who could use it won and that they bought their winning ticket at Shell. They made it to the store last night (Monday) and I went to school to verify they had the ticket. He was so excited, said others have had problems, I know. So I have nothing against the sewer or anything for the sewer. If you can get a sewer, more power to you."

It's good advertisement for us and should bring more people in," Woolley said.

"This will be a good downpayment on a house."

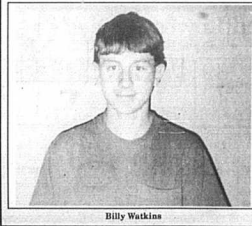
Joe Graves is employed by Stamler in Millerburg. His wife is employed by Kentucky Textiles, Paris.

Neither plan to give up working. "We'll get up early in the morning to go back to work," Melody said. "They are the parents of two children, Michael, 11, and Tyler, 7. "This will be a good downpayment on a house," Melody said Tuesday night. "We have been looking at houses for about the last three weeks in

the Nicholas and Bourbon County area. We'd been approved for one loan, but Joe took the lotto check into our banker and asked if that would help with the house. We needed it to come at a really good time."

The Graves have played lotto since it started. The couple, married 22 years in September, once won \$100, but started playing \$5 Wednesday and \$5 Saturday after some friends won. They split the money by going \$3 for Kentucky lotto and \$3 for Powerball each time they play. "We'll play lotto for the rest of our lives," Melody said.

In Brief
Staff meeting tonight
A work session with the two school councils and the Board of Education will be held 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at the elementary school library. No action will be taken.



Billy Watkins

Student of the Week

Billy Watkins, 15, is this week's Student of the Week. Watkins is a freshman at Nicholas County High School.

He is the son of Bill and Donna Watkins. He works on his parents' farm when not involved in school activities.

Upon high school graduation, Watkins plans to attend auto diesel college in Nashville, Tenn.

Watkins was selected for Student of the

Week by his freshman English instructor, Mrs. Griffith. "Billy works very hard, has a positive attitude and is respectful of his teachers and peers," she stated.

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.

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