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Liquor store drive-thru questioned

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Carlisle businessman Jim Snapp was informed at Monday night's Carlisle City Council that his new intended liquor store at the corner of Main and Syracuse, wasn't zoned for a drive-thru window.

"You're in C-1. If you were C-2, it would allow the drive-thru window," said Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark.
Snapp came to council to request remodeling permits and was told by Clark about neighbor complaints about the drive-thru.



Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, far left, swore in members of city council at a special meeting. From left are Clark, Doug Garrett, new member Frankie Hughes, Sharon Faulkner, Tommy Vaughn, Sandra Ritchie, and Libby Earlywine.



New school board members take oath
School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher, far left, swore in new school board members Donna Gail Mattox and Sherry Uppgraff at Monday's special meeting along with Don Elder, re-elected. Mona Vice was voted chairman with Mattox voted vice-chair for a two year period.

"I've had some neighbors call me and complain. To be honest, one lady wanted to know what I do to start a petition, but they're not here tonight. If planning and zoning did allow for the drive thru, I would ask for a motion from council to say yes or no."
Councilman Tommy Vaughn said he'd give a comment right then. "I give you a motion, no one's received a second from Councilwoman Libby Earlywine."
"I can save your some money. I can ask council for a straw vote so there's no need for planning and zoning, that's a lot of expense," Clark said. Council woman Sandra Ritchie abstained from the vote. A ye vote meant a member was in favor of not changing the zoning thereby disallowing for the drive thru.
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Outdoor furnace causes problems

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Carlisle resident Bill Guthrie doesn't want any trouble with his neighbors but he does want to breathe.

Guthrie told members of Carlisle City Council Monday night that an outdoor furnace near his home is creating a large quantity of smoke. Sometimes the smoke is so great it's in his bedroom. Guthrie and his wife have resided at the same home at 318 N. Elm St. for 25 years. He refused to give the name of the neighbor with the furnace.

However, Mayor Ronnie Clark said the furnace was owned by resident Dennis Jackson of 215 E. Mulberry St. Jackson had requested to on the agenda that night, but didn't attend.
"He wants to save money by not having gas or electric bill," Clark noted.
"I've been in that neighborhood 25 years and I prefer not to have problems but I don't want smoke in my bedroom. It's in our bedroom, clothing, it all smells like smoke. It's been an intolerable situation. I've talked to the mayor and he's been cooperative. I have been in contact with the state department of human resources to get information about minimum laws. We called the Division of Air Quality and found nothing that could be done. I'm not working to put it out, but he put in a stack, that once it's improved, I think the solution may be to put in a higher stack."
There's a ordinance saying he can't have it there, mentioned Council member Tommy Vaughn.
City Attorney Skip Watson said he could look at building codes to determine what the stack should be. "That's one that should have been covered in an ordinance."
Guthrie said the stack on the furnace is only about 10-12 feet high and needed to be perhaps 25 feet high. Some additional stack was added and that helped some of the smoke problem, he said. Guthrie volunteered money for additional stack.
In the meantime, he said another concern was that the furnace be enclosed in a fence so neighborhood children couldn't get near the furnace.
"If we could do one thing, I'd ask for the fence," he said.
Guthrie said he had sent a letter to the Kentucky Department of Human Resources to determine if the smoke was a health hazard or in violation of law.
Mayor Clark said he couldn't find where the furnace was in violation of any city ordinance, but said council may want to consider adding an ordinance clarifying language about smoke within the city.
Watson said in the case of junk areas, citizens facing fines from Nicholas County Circuit Court usually "clean up," but this could be different.

In Brief

Cattle association dinner set Saturday
The Nicholas County Cattle Association is having its annual meeting at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Old Armory gymnasium, Main Street, Carlisle.

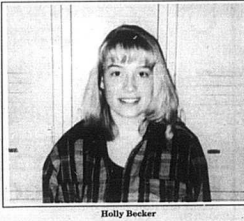
Hospital auxiliary meeting is Jan. 14
The Hospital Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the conference room at the hospital.

Horse Park arrests made
Vandalism at the Lion's Club Horse Park, also known as West End Park in Carlisle, has caused extensive damage to the announcer's building, fence and other property.

"We'll have a meeting Wednesday night to determine how well repair it and figure out how much we can spend," said a disheartened Frankie Hughes at Monday night's Carlisle City Council meeting. Hughes is president of the Nicholas County Lion's Club and is also a charter member.
Three juveniles were arrested for the vandalism.

"They don't know why they did it"
KSP Trooper Bret Kirkland, two of the youth were 16 years old and another 17, all Nicholas County males.
"They don't know why they did it," Kirkland said Monday. One of the parents was shocked, but the other two acted like something like that had happened before.
Kirkland wouldn't release the names of the juveniles involved, and said he didn't know what their former record was.
The youth drove a pickup truck to the facility to do the damage, tearing the fence and grounds. They didn't use any equipment to destroy the park. The ballfield, owned by the city, could be repaired by repaving and reseeded.
Law enforcement made the arrests within 48 hours of the vandalism, believed to have occurred on Saturday.
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Student of the Week



Holly Becker

The Nicholas County High School Student of the Week is Holly Becker, a senior at NCHS.

Becker was chosen by NCHS Secretary, Kay Earlywine. "She is very dependable, good worker with a great personality," she stated.

Becker's after school activities include senior class secretary and yearbook staff.

After high school, Becker plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and majoring in medical records.

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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