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School Board approves tentative draft budget

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The first step to approve the 1997-98 draft budget was made with a unanimous decision at Tuesday night's special meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education.

"I feel this is basically a starting point, moving toward the board to adopt the budget, but to assure the state they're receiving it. Nothing's set in stone with this budget," assured School Board Attorney Shawn Leitcher.

Nicholas County School Superintendent Randy Every showed board members a rough draft copy of the letter he would mail the Kentucky Department of Education. The letter would show the board's compliance with policy to showing it made a

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Carlisle cable rate raise effective on March 1

Mayor Ronnie Clark voices disapproval
By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Effective March 1, Frontier Vision cable customers will reach a little deeper into their pockets to accommodate a \$1.15 per month rate increase. Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark has already voiced his displeasure.

A breakdown of individual components with the old rate listed first is as follows:
• Economy Broadband: \$12.50 to \$13.25
• Satellite Tier (including the four channels previously carried on the Deluxe Package): \$8.75 to \$10.85
• Deluxe Package: \$1.50 and non-applicable on the new rate, making the standard cable rate change from \$22.75 to \$24.10.

Right, regional manager, stated in his letter, "These increases are necessary to help offset increases in our operating expenses due to inflation and increases in the prices that we are charged by the various cable networks carried on the system."

"I got the letter about four days ago. I called them and voiced by dissatisfaction. They told me there'd be no more new channels and although we have the franchise with them, we don't have any say. Their franchise is up in 1998 so we've got them for a couple more years," told him Wayne Knight, an executive at Frontier Vision's Richmond office. I wasn't being a smart aleck, but in the next few years I'm gonna get a satellite dish."

Every customer will be notified of the change in rates at least 30 days prior to implementation of the new rates on March 1, 1997.

Right also stated that also effective March 1, a 4¢ cent charge will be applied for additional sets to "help offset our costs of maintaining multiple connections in subscriber homes in compliance with state FCC standards for signal leakage and quality."

According to a letter sent by certified mail to the mayor, Frontier Vision will have rate change for each of the individual components of the rate. Effective March 1, the Deluxe Package will be eliminated so the four services carried on that package will become part of the Satellite Tier level of service.

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Jail escapee remains at large after phone call

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Carlisle resident Gary English is still at large following his escape from the Bourbon County Detention Center last Saturday.

English, 39, was serving his seventh month of a year-long sentence for trafficking in marijuana.

English was taking the trash out at 12:45 a.m. with another inmate as the deputy jailer watched. But instead of returning to jail, he broke free. He was wearing the orange jail uniform at the time, Fryan said.

Apparently, English was motivated to escape following a telephone call to the jail informing him his girlfriend had found someone else.

Fryan said the escape surprised him, there hasn't been an escape from the Bourbon County Detention Center since 1971.

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New water tower to see panoramic view of Carlisle
The foundation is laid for the new water tower soon to be installed at the end of Rayne Street, said Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark. Contractors finished the foundation and are awaiting the steel needed to build the new tower which will provide storage of a half million gallons of water. Clark estimates the job to be completed in August.

Carlisle woman faces burglary charge

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
A Carlisle woman charged with receiving stolen property at Monday's District Court hearing had the charge dismissed without prejudice only to have it upgraded to first-degree burglary.

about the decision to inflict a more serious charge. Bromagen said the original charge, being dismissed without prejudice, meant she could be charged again with that offense if the burglary charge doesn't hold.

The receiving stolen property charge holds a 1 to 5 year sentence while the burglary charge carries a 10-20 year sentence.

hicles with damage from pellet gun bullets. She will also appear in Nicholas County District Court 1 p.m. Feb. 3 for those charges. She was allegedly accompanied by Nathaniel Ritchie and James Ritchie, both 18 and residents of 722 Pleasant Springs Road, who were also charged Monday with burglary.

Sexton is being held at the Bourbon County Detention Center. She was also arrested Dec. 27 for criminal mischief in the first and second degree and for vandalism for her alleged part in a spree which left approximately 16 Nicholas County ve-

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In Brief

Freshman Tournney

The Freshman Boys District Tournament will be hosted Saturday, Feb. 8 at Nicholas County High School.

Blackberry Festival

It's time to start thinking about this year's Blackberry Festival! This year's Festival runs from June 30 through July 1.

Student of the Week



John Robert Hall

John Robert Hall, 14, of Carlisle, is this week's Student of the Week.

"None of the animals were hurt," Hall said thankfully. Band is the favorite extra-curricular activity Hall participates in at Nicholas County High School. Upon graduation he'd like to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

Hall, a freshman, is the son of John and Boogie Hall, both of Carlisle.

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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