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Senior Citizen's Center pays IRS in full

Amount \$8,312.55 less than anticipated

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Speaking is paid off.
A little help from some people from the IRS, either the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center paid the Internal Revenue Service \$8,312.55 less than it was anticipating.
We are good and full and we are in the clear, said Nicholas County Senior Center Director Angie Bowles at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, just 15 minutes after the arrived back from a visit with the IRS with Advisory Board President Betty Fay and Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley.

Bowles went with checkbook open, pen at the ready. IRS employee Linda Kennedy looked at the Carlisle group before her first thing Tuesday morning. "I just want to see the look on your face. I've got good news," she announced proudly. Kennedy then instructed Bowles to make out the check for \$2,737.87.
"My hand was shaking. I don't know how I got the pen to write," Bowles described.
"We're glad it worked," Sixth District Congressman Scotty Bassett told Mercury 1120 a.m. Tuesday. Jack Conley sent a letter and we sent a letter. We're pleased. It worked out. We appreciate the efforts made by the IRS, Mayor Ronnie Clarke (Clark, of Carlisle) has talked with me several times about this. Joe Conley's letter helped me let me send you a fax of the letters."
Just last Friday, the IRS had informed her the center owed

\$11,050.42 in back interest and penalties on withholding taxes. The center was informed it was being sued by the IRS if approximately \$9,000 wasn't paid, by Sept. 5. Then, it granted an extension until Sept. 30, but the interest kept mounting up. Conley sent a letter asking for a waiver on the penalty and fees but never heard back. He was later told the penalty could be waived but not the interest.
On Sept. 11, a block party was held with Carlisle business donating items to be raffled. An anonymous donor said he gave up to \$4,500 cash. The donor sent a check for \$1,200 with Bowles Tuesday, since until that time she was still being audited for the \$11,054 by that amount even with the party donations and other donations from people listed at area businesses and church

donations. Also last week, another anonymous donor sent a check for \$1,000.
"I'm grateful," Bowles said. "I just want to see the look on your face. I've got good news," Linda Kennedy of the IRS said.
Now, the new budget will have the completely renewed. It takes about \$10,000 a year to pay the withholding taxes on time. It will give them on time. They even gave me a calendar with all the second days.
"We'll be watching our P's and second days."
Bowles isn't sure how the center will come up with the money. She may have to take fewer than 40 hours or overcuts



Scotty Bassett
may be in the center's future.
The center has prodded launch
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-In Brief-

Fish Fry Saturday

The public is invited to a fish fry at the National Guard Armory beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. The fish fry is being sponsored by the Democratic Executive Committee and Democratic Women's Club.

Courthouse closed

The Nicholas County Courthouse will be closed Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 1997 due to renovation on the courthouse. It will reopen on Monday, October 6, 1997.

Health Fair Saturday

The public is invited to the Nicholas County Health Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at Johnson Mothers Health Care, Concrete Road.
There will be flu vaccines for \$1, prostate cancer tests for \$10, cholesterol & triglycerides, \$5, free vision exams, free blood oxygen screenings, free pharmacy medication reviews, a AARP of Life demonstration, a St. Joseph Hospital CareFlight of ambulances on display. The "Sharing Home Family Council" and "AMHC Auxiliary" will sponsor a craft and bake sale.

Home total loss

The Lonnie Craig home of Carpenter Pike burned Sunday morning, Sept. 28.
It was a total loss, said Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes.
The second framed home was owned by S.W. Campbell.
It started at the meter house. I don't know if there was faulty wiring or if it was overloaded and not able to handle it. Hughes said none was hurt. There was insurance on the dwelling but not the contents.

Carlisle's Dorseyville has 50-50 chance at housing project, predicts mayor

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
There's \$5 million dollars available.
There's 14 applications.
"That gives us a 50-50 chance," Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clarke said on the proposed \$1 million housing project to be built on Dorseyville in Carlisle.
In the 14 applications the total amount of money asked for is \$10 million, Clarke said Tuesday.
Kira Lowry of Lowry & Associates and representatives from the Department for Local Government visited Dorseyville with the mayor Wednesday.



On Spring Street in 'Dorseyville' the group made its way looking at drawings. From left are the Lowry & Associates representative, Carol Abell, Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, Kira Lowry, Judy Blatter and Carlisle City Engineer. The mayor hopes to hear from the developer's office sometime in November whether Carlisle will get a portion of the housing funds.

Water District financial status may be O.K.

PSC says study only for information

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The Nicholas County Water District financial status may be all right after all.
The Public Service Commission has asked for more information from Nicholas and 26 other water districts to determine if they are following financial guidelines.
"We're not saying Nicholas County is guilty," explained Gifford, principal assistant

of the PSC, Frankfurt, on Tuesday. Let me explain what we're trying to do. This is a non-adversarial action by the PSC as far as enforcement. But it is an opportunity for our staff to get more information. We take the information from their annual reports that show a loss. Just because it shows a net loss doesn't mean they're actually losing money.
Gifford said the PSC is studying the water district that

have shown a net loss for the past five years.
Water district with construction projects are likely to be on the list since they show net losses due to depreciation. It doesn't necessarily mean the system is doing bad, Gifford said. This is a learning process for both of the water districts and the PSC.
The Nicholas County Water District in Phase IV. The had already been let for Phase IV and PSC is now determining if it is acceptable and construction can start within weeks. The last thought was had

from our sources was Oct. 20 but of course, that's up to the contractor, Simons added.
The water district is working to comply with the Public Service Commission's request for detailed descriptions of its financial condition, its rate structure and maintenance priorities.
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Tony Williams
Detective Williams makes FBI history

COVINGTON - Covington Detective Tony Williams has graduated from the FBI's National Police Academy in Quantico, Va., making him the first minority to represent the department at the prestigious school.
Williams is originally from Carlisle.
Williams, who is African American, also was Covington's first minority detective and member of the Professional Fire Board.
He joined the department in 1986 and has served in every major division.
When Al Bosse became chief nearly three years ago, he promised minority officers would get a fair shake in the department and be given every opportunity to advance, and Assistant Chief Bill Dorsey.

Elementary principal search continues

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The search for a new principal at Nicholas County Elementary School is ongoing.
"We may have someone by the end of the year," said Acting Principal Pam Randolph Monday.
Gerald Hammons retired from the position in the summer and has taken the migrant worker position.
Randolph was the assistant principal.
Mr. (Bandy) Everly (superintendent) hasn't sent any applications to us. Right now we've got a Bath County Principal

"We've decided the someone within the next month."
Pam Randolph acting principal

helping us. We've got two applications from there (Bath County) We'll read them and see if they'll apply here.
Randolph said retired Bath County elementary principal Wendell Moore has been serving the past few weeks as assistant principal 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

"We met each Thursday to go over things. We've decided the criteria. So I hope to get someone within the next month."

Johnson Mothers Nursing Home Activities Director Sharon Duncan welcomes visit Day Health Care service participant Albe Tepp. See page 6 for story.

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