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## Strides made to keep senior center open

Fund-raising efforts underway; No IRS response to attorney's waiver request

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
The Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center could be closed for good Friday by the Internal Revenue Service.

But not if Director Angie Bowles' tooth and nail determination, an anonymous donor, and Carlisle's politeness with the wheels in another direction.

Director Bowles said Wednesday, Aug. 29, The IRS is going to seize the contents of the building Sept. 5 because they say the we owe \$9,000 in debt and penalties.

As of Tuesday morning, Bowles said the IRS spokesperson said of the center can prove it's trying to raise the money, it may consider extending the deadline to Sept. 20. No dollar amount was specified by the IRS.

"I'm trying," Bowles said Tuesday evening. "We got a little more than \$300 today and a couple of pledges of \$100 each."

Angie Bowles, Senior Center Director

In the meantime, Bowles, director since July, is asking for a helping hand.

"I talked to Bowler and he thinks it can be waived," Clark said.

Clark is also on the Senior Center Advisory Board.

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ANONYMOUS DONOR  
"I have an anonymous donor who said he'd donate \$1,000. But I have to come up with the other \$4,500 by Sept. 5."

This past weekend, area churches rallied to their cause. They announced it at the churches and we've received a favorable response. I'm happy," Bowles said Tuesday morning.

Bowles churches, all Carlisle businesses have just set out to accept money for the center.

Senior Advisory Council President Betty Fay said Tuesday to her knowledge, the IRS

hasn't agreed to County Attorney Jack Conley's letter requesting the fee be waived. But she will support Bowles through-out the ordeal.

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Bowles said she'd been bargaining with the IRS for about three weeks, hoping to get an agreement on Mayville Rd. being a covered disk.

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Angie Bowles, director of the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center collected donations from Carlisle businesses Tuesday. Here, she's at Garrett's Restaurant with co-owners Dick Garrett, center, and George Garrett, right. Donations are being collected to show the Internal Revenue Service the center is trying to pay for penalties. The IRS may grant an extension if enough effort is shown.

## State Senator adds to effort so senior center remains open

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
The state senator representing Carlisle says the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center will remain open despite the IRS Sept. 5 deadline for seizure.

The center owes approximately \$9,000 in penalties and fees, Director Angie Bowles announced recently.

"We're gonna find the money. We're gonna make it happen," declared State Senator Denny Nunneley to *The Mercury* Tuesday afternoon from his Midway home.

"There's too many reasons to keep it open. It may take every body and I don't have this done. It's not a done deal. I don't have a game plan. But there's too many people for it to be open that's the bottom line."

Nunneley has been in contact with Congressman Scotty Basler, Bowler, according to Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, has asked the IRS to totally waive the fee.

"That would be nice. Jack Conley, county attorney, sent them a letter asking the fee to be waived. I don't think they honored that," Nunneley said. "I don't like that. The Congressman doesn't like that. I'm working with Scotty."

"We've all got to join hands. The community will give a little but and the IRS may give a little slack. There's too many people depending on the center. It affects the whole community. When the kids have to take parents and grandparents on errands, it creates the trickle down effect because everybody will be stepping in to take care of things."

Nunneley concluded, "I wish I had \$3,000 in my pocket but this will work out."

## Nicholas County Murder Case 1826 Slave hanging of 1826 held at county courthouse lawn

The following article was researched and written by the father-daughter team of Charles A. Grier and Charlotte and Bonnie Lou Grier. They are interested in the history of Nicholas County.

Harry Q. Brown, the hanging judge of Nicholas County Circuit Court in the early 1800s, handed out many hangings through his judgments.

One intriguing case would be the execution of a slave by the name of Bill (Abasi) James. William, a negro slave, the property of Henry Hanson, killed Jim (Abasi) James, a Negro slave, also the property of Henry Hanson.

The weapon used to commit the murder was a large disk, a dagger, and he died instantly.

A Grand Jury was seated and its members were the foreman, William Harlow, Grand Jury members were John Hamilton, Jesse Oulson, Robert Berry, John Myers, Samuel Buckler, William W. Kingham, William Crawford, Isaac Hawkins, George Hays, Isaac West and William Johnston.

The Grand Jury rendered a verdict that the murder was a large disk, a dagger, and he died instantly.

## Attempt to sell Carlisle radio station WCAK falls through

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
A proposed deal to purchase Carlisle radio station has been dashed.

A spokesman for Mortenson Broadcasting, Lexington, said the communication agent was interested in acquiring Carlisle's WCAK. But, the deal had apparently fell through.

WCAK, owned by Jim Gray of Ft. Thomas, and operated from Hazard's Kent in Nicholas County, went off the air in May.

Gray created the station in 1995. It played Christian/Country music.

Mike Todd, owner of WMBR 1290 AM, Lexington, said he had expressed interest to Gray to purchase WCAK, but that Mortenson agreed to pay cash.

Todd said Mortenson was going to pay more than what he felt the station was worth.

"We were in the process of trying to purchase it and negotiations were not going to well," Jim Gray kept changing the terms. We wanted to wait out."

purchase the station, but Jack Mortenson owns two radio stations and he just offered a lot more money. He said it was from under us."

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Todd said that deal may have been contingent upon Gray's idea to top the power his station from 6,000 watts to 25,000 watts. Gray was hoping for Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval to increase the power and change the dial location from 106.7 to 92.1. Two stations, a Morehead station and one from Irvine, were also interested in changing their place on the radio dial.

Jim's an exceptional engineer and he wanted to do that. But the FCC may have said no," surmised Todd.

Todd's WMBR has been in Lexington for about two weeks. His station had been Winches for where it had been WCAK from October 1996 to May of this year and broadcast Nicholas County ball games.



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## -In Brief- Hamm reunion

Hamm reunion will be at Blue Licks State Park on Sunday, September 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You are all come.

## Hospital Auxiliary

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday morning, September 9th at the conference center in the hospital.

## Mattox reunion

Mattox reunion will be held September 14th at 12:30 p.m. at Phyllis Owens home on Mayville Rd. Bring a covered disk.

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## Salwell Cemetery

Due to the Interlocking Subwell Cemetery Road, the road will be closed each evening at 7:30.

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