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Governor to visit Carlisle

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Governor Paul Patton is coming to Carlisle.

The town meeting is open to the public and will be held 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20 at the upstairs courtroom of the Nicholas County Courthouse, Monday morning.

"I'll talk and then he'll ask people for questions. He's helped Nicholas County. He's done more for Nicholas County in 18 months than had been done in 35 years and there's more coming," remarked Sparks, a Carlisle dentist and liaison with the governor's office.

Sparks' wife, Carol, was happy to get the call from the governor's spokesperson last week. "Sally Davis called. She's his liaison with about 20 counties, and she said, 'Would you like to have the Governor in Nicholas County on Sept. 20th?'"

"We sure would," Sparks exclaimed. "Bob (her husband) is a liaison person with the governor's office. I just said we'd be delighted."

Dr. Sparks said Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark and County Judge Executive Chuck Smith will be part of the town meeting. Afterward, a small group will attend a private luncheon with the governor at Forest Retreat.

Forest Retreat Co. owner Donna Burkhardt said Monday morning she didn't have all the details for the luncheon but that

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Kevin Shoe would prepare the lunch. Burkhardt said she'd let the governor know before, when he'd be at her Mays Lick establishment.

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-In Brief-

Community Share scheduled Sunday

For Jennifer Willshy and J.D. Mitchell's house trailer burnt down last Saturday morning, August 30, 1997. The share will be held at the Carlisle Depot, Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Feedback birthday celebration Sept. 21

The public is invited to celebrate former Nicholas County Elementary School teacher Lucille Feaback's 90th birthday. The celebration is hosted by her family, Martha Sue Taylor and family, who invite all friends and former students 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at The Old Jail's Home, 120 West Main Street, Carlisle.

Healthy Baby Class Offered Sept. 19

Ways to Have a Healthy Baby class will be presented free of charge to the public 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at the Nicholas County Public Library.

Free handouts will be distributed and everyone is invited. Items discussed will be proper nutrition and healthy living before pregnancy.

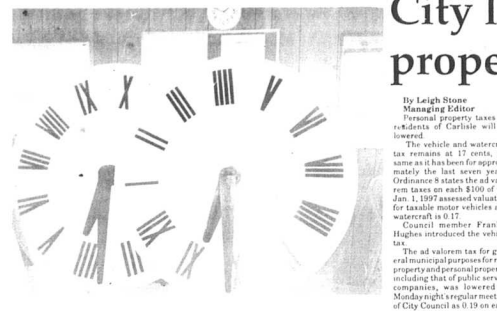
The class is sponsored by the Welch District Health Department and Nicholas County Library.

City FEMA Check

The City of Carlisle has received another check from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Carlisle Disaster Emergency Service Director Gene Kelley and Mayor Ronnie Clark said the \$42,701 check will pay for flood damages incurred by the city in March and help pay overtime sustained by employees. The city had already received a \$14,000 check, making the FEMA money in the amount of \$56,701 to date.

Kelley said another check for perhaps \$41,000 is likely to be received.



Four cleaned clock dials await placement on the Nicholas County Courthouse tower. Supervisor Jack McCrewe is placed to report new dials weren't necessary and that keeping the old ones saves \$4,000. Restoration is ahead of schedule. See page 3.

Lee-Lynn Machining expansion set

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Lee-Lynn Machining of Elm Street, Carlisle, will soon have a new home on Concrete Road.

Bradley Maxwell and wife Kathy, owners of Lee-Lynn, will have the new facility built near the Nicholas County Health Department, adjacent to property owned by Nicholas County Hospital.

"We've outgrown our present building. It's approximately 5,000 square feet and our new building is about triple that," Bradley Maxwell told The Mercury Tuesday morning.

Lee-Lynn Machining

City Council had announced at Monday night's meeting the city would install sewer lines to his new facility. Mayor Ronnie Clark said plans were underway to have the property annexed into the city.

"I was thankful for that. I looked at other places in the county but they didn't have the water supply," Maxwell said.

Council Member Doug Garrett commented Tuesday morning, "I'm proud to have them here. I'm tickled to death they had people out of the county try to get them. They were sought after. They have a good business and I hear they do good work. He just needs more room. They're off to a good start and I'm glad they're able to do something here."

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County expects to increase tax .2 percent - slight raise could help pay for courthouse restoration

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The tax rate for real property will go up .2 percent in Nicholas County, but not beyond the compensating rate.

Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith said 13.6 percent is the maximum rate set by the state.

"13.4 is the rate for real estate and .4 added as compensating rate for 11.6. It was 11.6 last year. The total was \$161,466 in 1996 said Smith.

Projected for this year at 11.8 is \$163,000.

That's all we can go. We can go 4.10. The state sets this. We don't have anything to do to set the tax rate. The revenue is up a little more than last year in county. That cuts your rate back. You're making a little more money. We're reducing the tax rate, so we'll get the .2 percent. I won't hurt nobody. I pay \$5,500 and it might cost me \$5. Two-tenths of a percent more than that.

Any tax increase beyond the state's compensating rate of .4 percent would have to be taken to the voters, explained Smith.

"We've never had anybody show up at the public hearing for the tax rates in the last three or four years," commented Smith's secretary, Dana Price.

"People call and they're not really right. That's not what it is."

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City lowers property tax

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Personal property taxes for residents of Carlisle will be lowered.

The vehicle and watercraft tax remains at 17 cents, the same as it has been for approximately the last seven years. Ordinance 8 states the ad valorem taxes on each \$100 of the Jan. 1, 1997 assessed valuation for taxable motor vehicles and watercraft is 17.

Council member Frankie Hughes introduced the vehicle tax.

The ad valorem tax for general municipal purposes for real property and personal property, including that of public service companies, was lowered at Monday night's regular meeting of City Council as 0.19 on each \$100 of the Jan. 1, 1997 assessed valuation.

The valuation went up so we were able to do this," confirmed City Clerk Mary Tappat Monday's regular meeting of City Council.

Mayor Ronnie Clark introduced Ordinance 7 which lowered the tax.

It looks like we'll be able to lower the tax once we get everyone's consent, so 0.19 to 0.195 to 0.19, he explained before he began reading the ordinance. The motive to introduce the Ordinance was made by Councilman Tommy Vaughn.

Council members including Sandra Ritcher, Frankie Hughes, Libby Earlywine and Sharon (Paulmeyer) Caudill were present with council member Doug Garrett away on a business trip.

Council will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22 to approve the tax amounts. They will go into effect at that time.

Clark confirmed the personal property tax brings in about as much as it did last year. Tappat figures from the 1996 collected tax for real property was \$93,058.13 and projected to be \$94,912.04 for 1997 with the increase being \$1,853.91 even though the tax rate is being lowered.

The 1996 vehicle tax brought in \$11,982.36 and is projected to be \$10,525.98 for 1997 for a decrease of \$1,456.38.



From left, Bluegrass ADD Assistant Director Don Hassaß, GWR Engineer D. Brad Montgomery, Mayor Ronnie Clark and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Donny K. Smith sign the agreement for East End sewer project.

East End sewer construction should start early next year

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The East End Sewer project is set to start along with the signing of papers at the Carlisle City Building Tuesday morning.

"This drives the nail in the board," remarked Don Hassaß, assistant director of the Bluegrass Area Development District.

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Democratic Meeting & Fish Fry scheduled

The Nicholas County Democratic Executive Committee and Democratic Women's Club's regular meeting on Sept. 16 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

The reason for the meeting is to make final plans for the free Democratic Fish Fry to be held Oct. 4 at the Carlisle National Guard Armory, starting at 5 p.m., which is open to the public.

Anyone planning to attend the Fish Fry is requested to make a reservation by contacting Joan Conley 289-5402; Betty Fry 289-5281; Mike Fry 289-7849; or Dorsey Watkins 289-5284 after Sept. 25.

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