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-In Brief- Don't forget to stop

Concerned citizens of Carlisle would like to remind you that the two-way stop at the intersection of Elm and Chestnut Streets is now a four-way stop.

Retired teachers to meet in April

Nicholas County retired teachers will meet Monday, April 13, at 2:00 P.M. in the basement of the Nicholas County Public Library.

Hospital Auxiliary to meet Tuesday

The J.M.H.C. Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday morning, April 14, at the Library at 10:00 A.M.

MSU club has horse show

Morehead State University's Equestrian Club is hosting its annual spring horse show at the Derbortan Agricultural Complex on April 10 and 11.

Friday night show begins at 7 p.m. and Saturday night starts at 6 p.m. Both nights will have classes featuring Tennessee Walking horses, American Saddlebreds, Hackney horses, Welsh horses, Rocky Mountain horses, Road ponies and spotted Saddle horses.

Whitaker Bank names new Vice President

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

Susan R. Fryman has been named as the new Vice President of Whitaker Bank, N.A.

Fryman received her promotion on April 1, after 18 years of dedicated service to the bank.

After graduating from Nicholas County High School in 1980, Fryman began working for the bank in the customer service area in November of the same year and has remained a faithful employee.

Fryman is in charge of operations at the Whitaker Bank, N.A. Carlisle.

Larry Hutchinson, President of Whitaker Bank, stated that the bank is fortunate to have "such a dedicated, hard-working, and personable individual in its employment."

Fryman resides at 402 Carpenter Road, Carlisle, with her husband, Mark A. Fryman, her son Jacob and stepson Josh. She is the daughter of Glenn Ritchie, Jr. and Linda Ritchie, also of Carlisle.



Susan R. Fryman has been named as the new Vice President of Whitaker Bank.



Mayor Ronnie Clark presents citizens with an award for their tremendous "Christmas Spirit" at a special ceremony Thursday, April 2.

Carlisle citizens awarded for their commitment to the community

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

In a special ceremony Thursday, April 2, Mayor Ronnie Clark recognized individuals in the community who had contributed to the City's growth and well-being.

Mayor Clark presented awards to six individuals who had opened new businesses in town in the past year, made special improvements to their homes or properties, or displayed a special "Christmas Spirit" this past December by going the extra mile when decorating with Christmas lights.

The City Council began discussions for the ceremony in November of 1997 and completed preparations for the event recently.

Receiving awards for their "Christmas Spirit" were Charles Gates; James Allen Murrell; Anna Lee Lawson; Dennis Allison; Joe Metcalfe; Charles Metcalfe; Ronnie Broderick; George Garrett; and Ronnie Letcher.

Receiving awards for economic development in the community were Main Street Lazer; Mullins TV and Repair; BKD Building; Tri County Floor; Rose Dental Plus; Nicholas County Custom Kilt; Hardie's Ashland; Carlisle Variety; Instant Money; and Dick's Car Care.

Receiving awards for Facial Improvements, or home improvements, were Annie Brenton; Jimmie Barton; Cliff Voe; Cally Kelley; Lee Hosta;

James R. Bean; Nicholas County Cleanup Committee; Joe Bark; Clay Hunt; ACH Laundry; Willis Taber; Taber Builders; Bobby Keith Barnett;

Robert McJiffey; Jr.; Katherine Roundtree; Jack Conroy; Derrin Howard; and Teddy Shaw.

After the awards were given, Mayor Clark thanked everyone on behalf of himself and the entire City Council.



Photo by Amy Rankin
Mayor Ronnie Clark presents an award to those in the community who have encouraged economic development in the past year during a special ceremony on Thursday, April 2.

Locals meet and speak with Democratic State candidates

By Amy Rankin
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The Democratic Women's Club, along with the Executive Committee, sponsored a special event Saturday, April 4, at the Nicholas County National Guard Armory.

The public was invited to come and meet various Democratic candidates for State and U.S. offices. Linda Worthington acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing each candidate as well as Charlette Hedin, who led the group in singing the National Anthem, and Bro. Gaucene, who opened the meeting in prayer.

Alice Basler, spokesperson and wife of U.S. Senate candidate Scotty Basler, was in attendance, along with James Brown, who is running against Basler in the race.

Congressional candidates in attendance were: Scott Land, spokesman John Swinford for candidate Ernieate Screener; John "Eck" Rose; Bobby Russell; Teresa Isaac; Jim Newberry; and Jonathan Miller.

Also at the meeting were State Senate candidates Donny Nurnally and Ed Miller. Candidates for the State House of Representatives in attendance were Carolyn Belcher and Jim Lovell.

Each candidate was given three minutes to address the audience and to speak on their issues.

After each candidate made their presentation, the floor was opened to the public to ask questions and speak directly with the candidates.

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One audience member, Genoa Steele of Cynthia, asked how each person stood on the issue of home care.

Many of the thirteen candidates stated that they were in favor of home schooling, but saw room for improvements, such as more access to public school functions, activities, and materials as well as more regulation on testing.

Steele also presented the fact that parents who teach at home are required to pay for the general test that public school students receive for free.

"Do you think that testing should be free for home taught children as well?" Steele asked the candidates.

The overall opinion was that testing should be required and paid for by the State.

Only one other question was asked by the audience and that the meeting was drawn to a close.

Immediately after the meeting was completed, the Democratic Women's Club, which was won by Carol Fryman, had a drawing for a UK basket ball, which was won by Carol Fryman.

Guests stayed afterwards to mingle and enjoy refreshments prepared and served by the women involved in organizing the event.

This year's "Meet the Candidates" was the first of its kind sponsored by the two organizations and seemed to be a huge success.

A large crowd of people, including Mayor Ronnie Clark, as well as other local officials, gathered into the Armory and, on all accounts, seemed to really get to know their Democratic candidates.



Photo by Amy Rankin
Betty Crockett Fay, President of the Democratic Women's Club, poses for a picture after the "Meet the Candidates" event their club helped organize and sponsor Saturday, April 4.

Two men arrested in Carlisle Wednesday after double-burglary attempt

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

Ernie Britton, a Carlisle Mercury Staff writer, reported Wednesday, April 1, after allegedly robbing the Dollar General and J & O Liquor Stores in Carlisle.

Officer Ben Buckler, of the Carlisle Police Department, stated in an interview with Ernie Britton, The Carlisle Mercury staff, that at 1:30 A.M. Wednesday morning two perpetrators broke into the Dollar General Store and J & O Liquor.

Officer Buckler said that after stealing various items and \$500 in cash from the Dollar General Store, the two men successfully exited the building and went on to break into the liquor store, located next door.

man at approximately 11:15 A.M. Wednesday. Britney's report states that both white males, ages 18 and 19, of Mt. Sterling, were charged with 1st degree burglary, as well as various other charges relating to the theft.

Both men are being held in the Bourbon County Detention Center, awaiting further prosecution.

An anonymous source stated that the 18-year-old who was arrested had been involved in some difficult financial and personal situations with his family.

Help is being sought for the man's family, the source included.

New Administrator named at hospital

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc. has announced a new Hospital Administrator, Davis Ecton, who will be accepting the position currently held by Jim Wentz.

Wentz confirmed his dismissal in a telephone interview Thursday, April 2.

He stated that he received a notice of dismissal by non-renewal of his contract on Wednesday, April 1, from the

ten-member Board of Trustees at the hospital.

Jim Herper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the hospital wished to make no other statements regarding the issue beyond releasing the new Administrator name.

In a release submitted by the Board, it is stated that Ecton has been an employee of the hospital since 1976, starting first in the position of Controller, then advancing to Assistant Administrator in 1989.

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