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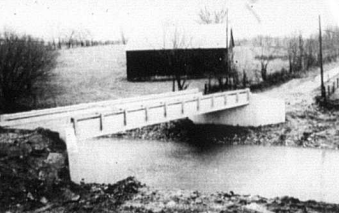
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Senior Citizens books in trouble again; Director to study Bluegrass ADD findings

By Leigh Stone, Managing Editor. The books are in bad shape... The books refer to the bookkeeping at Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center.

go into closed session to discuss personnel. A call from The Mercury to Bluegrass ADD at approximately 3:30 p.m. revealed the women in charge of the Division of Aging Services wouldn't comment.

5 or the IRS would close the center. The IRS granted an extension until Sept. 30 to funds more than \$11,000 could be gathered from the community. Congressman Scotty Basler had a letter to the IRS drafted to ask if the fees could be lowered.



Miller Station Bridge reaches completion. Construction, spanning, is done with the 16-foot wide Miller Station Bridge, said Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith. Now, the county must work on fill and final touches. This was one of Magistrate Juanita Smith's projects she's wanted so much. "The bridge is built over Bearby Fork Creek."

Blackberry Festival finds new home this year behind National Guard Armory. Magistrates agree to help get Toyota donation

By Leigh Stone, Managing Editor. The Blackberry Festival could be held behind the National Guard Armory this year.

But courthouse lawn still festival back-up plan. Watkins said he'd like to see the area graded and a building erected. But acknowledged the festival could be held one year without a building. He also noted parking would be in good availability.

The courthouse is in its last stages of a half million restoration project. Only a few windows are in place. The Administrative Office of the Courts for providing minibuses for the Circuit Court Office and 52 percent of costs of the main courtroom blinds, panel and carpet.

No wrongdoing found says Ethics Board

By Leigh Stone, Managing Editor. No wrongdoing was found by the Nicholas County Board of Ethics in its first complaint.

Jim Galbraith and Gladys Shrest attended the Tuesday meeting of Fical Court to tell magistrates that Nicholas County Water Board Chairman Jim Simons had paid his \$350 tap fee and was found to have been within the law.

the letter written by the ethics board to Jim Simons on Nov. 28. Hall had been informed on the site inspector Ronnie Brooks on Oct. 29 that a meter well was present on the on-site inspection and saw the meter well. There was no order for the installation of the meter well and no subsequent water usage fees had been charged. She requested that the proper tap and fee be paid on any water usage fees be paid. The letter further stated Simons should pay before Dec. 17. A copy of the letter and Simons check was given to all magistrates: Juanita Smith, Darby Stacy, Danny Hughes, Nelson, Fryman, and Avery. Thoroughburg as well as County Clerk, Doug, Fryman and County Judge Executive, Chuck Smith.



Licking Lynn gives ballpark contribution. Carlsle Mayor Ronnie Clark, center, gratefully accepted a \$1,900 check from Edgar Darrell, president of the Licking River Valley Conservation Resource District, left, and District Representative Stanley Alexander, right. The money will help provide installation costs of new lights at West End Park. "They're a big help. The last time they gave money was the \$8,000 for the sewer project in 1996. They're fighting for the home folks," praised Mayor Clark.

Lee-Lynn Machining honored by Chamber's annual Progress Award

The Community Progress Award of the Carlsle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce was presented to LEE-LYNN MACHINING, INC. The following statement was made in presenting the award by president Jim Wentz: "It's my pleasure to present the community progress award. This award is presented to a member of our Chamber of Commerce in recognition of their contribution toward the economic development of our community. It is by the unanimous decision of the Board of Directors that this award be presented to Lee-Lynn Machining, Inc. for their investment in our community. Through their efforts in expanding their business they have created new jobs, expanded the revenue (tax) base of the community and created development site with the needed infrastructure to potentially attract new business into the community. It is with pride that we ask the Murrell family to accept this award."

Bradley Murrell accepted the award and expressed appreciation for the recognition they receive in the presentation of the award. The Carlsle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting at the elementary school on January 8, 1998. Following a welcome and invocation the membership enjoyed dinner catered by a local catering firm. A before amendment was placed before the membership that related the election of officers. The membership will elect the Board of Directors and the elected Board will then elect officers.

Conservation District extends deadline

The Nicholas County Conservation District has extended the deadline for accepting applications for incentive payments of \$250 toward installation of heavy area used for livestock feeding. Applications will be accepted through February 2, 1998. Applications will be selected for payment by random drawing at the conservation district February meeting. Recipients must have their project completed by June 30, 1998. Farm products may, high applications in the Nicholas County Conservation District office Tuesday, Thursday, of each week. Additional information may be obtained by calling the office at 289-5165.

-In Brief- CAC Transportation to pharmacy provided for eligible elderly

Elderly people meeting income guidelines will have a way to get to the pharmacy. Community Action Council's Margaret Hunter announced during Tuesday night's regular Fical Court meeting that CAC has funds available for subsidized transportation for eligible persons. Hunter said to call 289-7172 and ask for the transportation department to attain more information. She said people may be transported by the CAC System, although CAC funding is not being used. She also said people can be taken on an as needed basis, but may have to wait a day for transportation.

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