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-In Brief-

Fund raiser to be held for senior citizens

The Nicholas County Senior Citizens will be having a Fund Raiser. Any donations of money or clothes will be appreciated. No appliances needed.

Cameron Mills to speak in Ewing

Cameron Mills will be speaking at Mt. Sarah Church, Route 1 (Fairview) Ewing, Friday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. We invite everyone to be a part of this service.

Rose Hill schedules annual picnic supper

Rose Hill United Methodist Church will hold its annual Community Picnic Supper, Saturday, June 13, 1998 at 6:00 P.M. at the church. This is done each year to kick-off Vacation Bible School which will be held nightly June 13-19, 7:00-9:00 P.M. this year.

Softball tournament to be held in June

A Men's Softball Tournament will be held Saturday June 13, 1998 at the Flemingsburg Industrial park. For more information contact Jeff Fryman at 267-2431.

Lecture to be held in Florence in June

A lecture presenting the ideas of the authors G.I. Gurdjieff and P.D. Ouspensky will be held at Media Play 87 Spiral Dr. (next to Meijer), Florence, KY, on Saturday, June 27th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Jailor's Home Luncheon scheduled for June

Just a reminder - The Jailor's Home Luncheon this month is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, at 12:00 noon.

Many Nicholas County students participate in the 6th annual Kid's College this week

The 6th annual Nicholas County Kid's College began Monday morning, June 8, at the Nicholas County High School.

Paula Hunter, coordinator for this year's events, stated that enrollment was good this year, with 88 students attending the college.

During the week-long event, participants become involved in such classes as Math, Computer Adventures, Science Experiments, French Discoveries and French Discoveries 2.

Other classes include Market Weaving, Sports of All Sorts, Line Dancing and Cooking for Fun.

Age groups for the college range from Kindergarten to Eighth grade.

Students in Computer Adventures learn the basic computer skills necessary in today's world, as well as exploring the internet and making business cards.

In French Discoveries, Primary students (K-3) learn how to count and express various phrases in the foreign language and study the culture of France.

Secondary students (4-8) learn an expanded lesson in the French language when they participate in French Discoveries 2.

Math Adventures expresses the importance of math while teaching with games and first hand materials.

Students learn about a wide range of scientific facts in Science Explorations, including Cooking for Fun, secondary students are allowed to prepare their own nutritional snacks while learning the methods and various safety techniques of working in a kitchen.

Other classes, such as Basket Weaving, Line Dancing and Sports of All Sorts, teach children fun and useful facts while allowing them to express their individual personalities.

During a visit on Tuesday, students were observed as they weaved and soaked their baskets, preparing them for decoration later in the week.

Other students were actively involved in learning the various functions of static electricity when exposed to their hair and clothing.

Students will receive awards and certificates Friday, June 12 to celebrate their completion of the Nicholas County Kid's College and to remind them of the fun, educational summer they spent learning and experiencing new and exciting things.



City Council members gather at the Carlisle Police Department to examine the condition of the building after their regular meeting Monday, June 8.

Heated discussion arises between Homemakers and Fiscal Court

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met in regular session Tuesday, June 9.

The court began business by discussing estimates given for trimming the trees in the Courthouse lawn.

After reviewing the various bids, the court voted to accept the bid given by Allen and Mary Potts.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by James Brannon, Representative for the Public Defender Program.

Brannon related a total number of court cases in Nicholas County requiring a public defender, stating the approximate cost and number of hours spent on each case.

His request was for funding to help support the program and to ease the cost of each public defender.

Although the court is not legally required to support this program, County Attorney Jack Conaty stated his advocacy and desired support for the work performed by the Public Defender Program.

The court will review budget concerns and make a decision at a later date as to whether they will offer their monetary support to the organization.

The Homemakers of Nicholas County made a presentation before the court, concerning the medical responsibilities of Nicholas County and submit the Resolution for approval.

Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith has received court approval to sign the ambulance bid and to request that the company apply for grants to help support the cost of Advanced Life Support Services training, an advanced system used in many cities today.

Another item of business was the discussion of installing an air circulation system in the top floor of the Courthouse.

After agreeing to fund out who would be responsible for the costs, the court approved installing the unit on the roof of the building.

Dorsey Watkins questioned the court on his proposition for a building for the American Legion to be funded from grants in association with the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

The County Attorney stated that the building must serve a public interest before the court could become associated with the project.

The court agreed to continue investigations into the legalities of the matter.

Watkins also stated that a special meeting will need to be called to discuss Subdivision Regulations.

After conducting regular business for the month, the court entered into closed session for the evening.

City Council gives first reading to fiscal year budget

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

Carlisle City Council met in regular session Monday evening, June 8.

Items up for discussion included a possible date for the City Employee Fish Fry and the need of stricter enforcement of speed limits in the city.

Mayor Ronnie Clark said Carlisle may need to invest in a few more speed limit signs to place in various locations throughout the town.

After giving first reading to the proposed budget plan and making the necessary changes concerning the requests from various community organizations, first reading was given to Ordinance No. 5 which, if accepted, will adapt the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

After the readings, council made a motion to pay the bills and scheduled a special called meeting for Thursday, June 11 to give second reading to the budget plan and Ordinance No. 5.

The council discussed with some disagreement another topic presented by Mayor Clark. He stated the need for a facility for the Carlisle Police Department.

He suggested that the Fire Department be moved to the current location of the Carlisle Police Department immediately.

In doing this, he reasoned both buildings would be owned by the city and any repairs or improvements made would remain for the city's use.

However, several of the council members stated that the police department needed to remain on Main Street.

Regardless of the decision, the money necessary for the project was included in the proposed budget, which was discussed immediately after the regular meeting.

Before the budget discussion, the council confronted various issues that have been presented to them concerning side street parking and maintenance of certain walkways and steps in the city.

The Mayor continued with the budget hearing by reading each item and discussing their various changes or uses.

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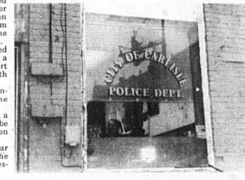
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The Carlisle Police Department may have a new look and a new location if plans continue to relocate both the police and fire departments.



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If you have a news item you would like to share with the Carlisle Mercury, give us a call at 606-289-2454