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Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark met with Sen. Denny Nunnely on a recent visit to Frankfort.

## City Council appoints two for Independent Planning Committee

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The Carlisle City Council at its regular monthly meeting, March 9, gave first reading to three Ordinances, appointed two individuals to the Independent Planning Commission, and discussed cable service as well as the Sewer Rehab Project.

Ordinance No. 2 was unanimously passed appointing Phillip Melzer, who will serve a 4 year term, and Sam Reynolds, who will serve a 3 year term, as Independent Planning Commissioners. Council received only one sewer rehab bid which was rejected Monday night, due to discrepancies regarding potential connection fees.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1 addresses the intent to annex to the City property to be included in the East End Sewer Project. Council is making efforts to contact all residents and business to be affected by the Ordinance, if adopted.

Ordinance No. 3 is proposed to adopt the City of Carlisle Antidiscrimination and Relocation Assistance Plan. If adopted, low/moderate income dwellings, both occupied and vacant, will be either demolished or converted for other usage.

The Ordinance makes provisions for education assistance and replacement housing. Ordinance No. 4 is presented to amend the Fiscal Year 1997/98 budget by transferring funds from the General Fund to the Darapsville Redevelopment Project.

A special meeting is scheduled March 16 at 7:30 P.M. to adopt Ordinances on Darapsville Project and Budget Amendment. Another item on the agenda Monday night was a discussion regarding Frontier Vision Cable Service.

A public hearing has been set for March 16 at 5:30 P.M. to hear complaints from citizens about the service. According to letters received by Mayor Ronnie Clark from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), the public protection classification for Carlisle has been improved to Class 6.

As stated by the letter from ISO, "the new classification will result in a decrease in the property insurance calculations for insured properties in the City." The new classification will be effective as of April 1, 1998.

## Home schoolers face new law

Kentucky home schoolers have faced many laws and regulations recently. Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, a home school parent and lawmaker introduced a bill Monday after other bills were pronounced dead.

Martin Cochran, the policy analyst for the Family Foundation, a conservative non-profit educational organization, requested that Riner file his bill and stated it was more likely to become a law than previous ones proposed. Riner's bill is focused on students who are home schooling because of low grades and will lose their driver's licenses.

It will also confront students who claim home schooling as a means of dropping out of school before Kentucky law permits. "We want to eliminate those who are giving us a bad name," Riner stated.

Riner insists that his bill is not intended to impose unnecessary rules on home schoolers. Home school parents feared earlier bills were intrusive to their rights and may have limited or put an end to the successes they had realized from teaching at home.

"I'll withdraw the legislation before it will have an adverse impact on legitimate home schoolers," Riner said Tuesday. "There is currently an estimated 10,000 students taught at home."

Riner's bill would require students to receive a General Education Development certificate or to score adequately on national standardized testing administered by public means before having their driving privileges returned. Cochran, who also home schools his children, says he doesn't want to impose regula-

tions on families who are sincere in their children's education. Riner doesn't expect the bill to be opposed like the ones presented before it. The leader of Christian Home Educators of Kentucky, Rev. Joe Adams, doesn't offer his full support to Riner's bill. Riner believes the new legislation may be an issue at Wednesday's House Education Committee meeting.

## Fiscal court discusses EMS advisory council

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The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met in regular session Tuesday, March 10. A representative for the Nicholas County Hospital presented a diagram for the possible structure of the Nicholas County E.M.S. Advisory Council.

This council would be strictly advisory in nature and would serve the various emergency areas in the county. Although the plan as proposed would only include the emergency medical and rescue services of the county, if adopted the council may come up with ideas on all health care and human needs services in the community.

The court is expected to talk with these organizations involved and discuss the idea in more detail at its next meeting. Dorey Watkins submitted a copy of submission regulations to the court for consideration. One issue to be dealt with in the regulations is sewage disposal. Watkins informed the court that he was searching for better alternatives to such undesirable sewage disposal as ponds and lagoons.

The court will attempt to decide at its next meeting if the submitted plan is suitable.

## Legal limit lowered for drunk driving

A bill passed by the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, will lower the national standard for drunk driving. Currently the limit is 0.10 percent blood alcohol content. The new legal limit will be 0.08.

Many states have already lowered the percentage to 0.08 Kentucky, along with 35 other states, still consider the 0.10 limit as intoxication. President Clinton supports the bill and stated, "I hope that's an indication that these kind of public safety issues will be high on the agenda of Congress."

Brenda Frazier of Westminster, Md. Wednesday after the Senate vote of 62-37, "We've worked diligently for this victory, not only for my daughter Abby, but for all the victims who've been injured or died because of this terrible crime."

Frazier lost her daughter, Ashley, 9, two years ago to a drunk driver.

Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Kentucky, voted against the bill while Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, voted in favor. Sen. Jim McConnell stated, "Drunk driving is a deadly problem and, simply put, this vote will save lives."



Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark and Paris Mayor Doug Castle, left, were guests of Sen. John "Eck" Rose on the Senate floor last week. Mayor Clark and Mayor Castle met with Sen. Rose while in Frankfort participating in a Kentucky Municipal League rally.

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