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Winter makes a come-back Snow blanketed the City of Carlisle after last Wednesday's cold, winter storm. Schools were closed one day due to slick roads.

School council approves buying 20 new computers

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

The Nicholas County Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Council agreed to the recommendation to purchase 20 new computers for the school at a regular meeting Wednesday, March 11.

The computer lab will receive 12 of the new computers and will donate 12 of their older computers to be used in the building.

The school will purchase 8 additional computers, as well. The council is also considering a new system of automation for the Library.

General Hammond will possibly be contacted for more funding information.

Nicholas County Elementary will participate in the blood drive at the hospital on Tuesday, March 23.

Cynthiana lawyer convicted of felony

Mark Marsh, a Cynthiana lawyer, was convicted Thursday, March 12 of a felony charge.

Marsh was tried for tampering with evidence after the shooting of his client, Eddie Whitaker, in September.

The jury recommended three years of imprisonment on a crime that is punishable by one to five years.

Sentencing has been scheduled for April 17.

Marsh's law license will be suspended by the state bar association due to his conviction.

Whitaker was struck by Cynthiana police bleeding outside Marsh's office on March 2.

The shooting had apparently taken place in the office and Whitaker's body then dragged to the sidewalk.

Carlisle customers outraged over costly TV cable service

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

Citizens of Carlisle and members of Frontier Vision cable service gathered Monday evening, March 16, at City Hall to voice their complaints on the service they have been receiving.

Newschannel 36 was also at the meeting and later interviewed Mayor Ronnie Clark for the eleven o'clock news.

Frontier Vision took control of Carlisle's cable system in October of 1996 and Colwell agreed with the consumers that updates and changes were long over due.

Colwell stated when talking of improvements to the system would be costly.

During the meeting, debates became heated at times as customers presented question after question about their poor service and defended their rights as consumers.

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Colwell informed the group that the underground cable from Millersburg to Carlisle was suitable for the new system and that the City has been planned and budgeted for the upgrade.

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for cable when Frontier is the same price for better service? Why should I stay with this service?"

Colwell said, "I don't think much of it," Phillip Mitchell, a concerned citizen, stated about the cable he now has in his home, "They charge more, they get less."

Those attending the meeting were given an opportunity to not only express their concerns, but to also sign a petition stating their disapproval of the service they now receive.

Jerry Tedder, a resident of Carlisle, stated after the meeting, "I just think we have poor service over here."



Mayor Ronnie Clark and Rusty Colwell, spokesman for FrontierVision, listen to customer's complaints over cable rates at Monday evening's meeting.

Council approves work on Dorseyville project

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

The Carlisle City Council held a special meeting Monday, March 16, to adopt Ordinance No. 3 and 4.

Stewart gave second reading to Ordinance No. 3, the Dorseyville Redevelopment Project.

This Ordinance calls for an increase in transfers to the City of \$990,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds and \$94,000.00 from the unappropriated fund balance of the General Fund to the Dorseyville Redevelopment Project.

Council also voted unanimously to the passage of Ordinance No. 4.

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Gov. Patton's mother dies after battling with cancer

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

Trene Borders Patton, 81, Louisville, Governor Paul E. Patton's mother, died last Wednesday in Frankfort following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Gov. Patton and other family members were by her side.

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