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Roadblocks may be stopped

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, citing safety concerns, told Carlisle City Council Monday night he has not been approving road blocks in the city.

The primary location has been at the intersection of Concrete Road and Old Paris Pike, where groups would block traffic to collect funds for various groups and organizations.

"I have some concern about the safety issues," Clark told council. "Some groups get cones to place in the roadway as a safety measure and some do not."

Clark told council it is a mayor's decision, but he was seeking input.

He also said he had approved no roadblocks recently and has no plans to in the immediate future.

Some council members suggested that if the mayor does want to continue allowing roadblocks to take funds there should be some restrictions and guidelines.

Some even suggested each group provide some sort of acknowledgement that money had been given so when individuals pass through several times it would be possible to identify those who have already been given.

City attorney Skip Watson acknowledged there is certainly a safety factor involved in making any decision.

Clark said, "I know groups use these to raise money, but possible there would be a way to allow the cars to move off the main road into one of the lots and drive around, rather than putting children at risk collecting money.

While council was not asked to make any type of

formal resolution, they did support the views of the mayor to his concern for the safety of the children and others who participate in the roadblocks.

Members of the Carlisle City Council tabled acceptance of formalizing of bids for a new city fire truck.

The truck, which is a Pierce, was the only bid presented to council at Monday's meeting.

The total cost of the vehicle will be \$157,469, however the city has more than \$35,000 to put down at the time of the purchase.

Financing is why the action was tabled. This will give Mayor Ronnie Clark the necessary time to pull together exact numbers for financing.

There is one payment left on a 1997 truck, which the department uses as its primary vehicle.

The new truck will replace a 1967 Ford, which has failing pumps and is in ill repair, according to Carlisle City Fire Chief Jeff Jefferson.

The combination truck and pumper will handle 1250 gallons of water per

minute. According to the specifications of the bid there is a lifetime warranty on the tank, which is 1000 gallons.

There are various warranties around aspects of the truck, however there is a one-year bumper-to-bumper warranty and a 10 years, 100,000 mile power train warranty.

The price also includes some hoses, lights, and ladders.

The truck would be delivered from the Bradenton,

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Carlisle Police report released

City of Carlisle Police Chief William D. Denton has released the month's activities for the Carlisle Police Department cover the month of March 2007.

Officers of the department prepared five accident reports.

In total, the department made 36 arrests broken down in the following manner: alcohol intoxication 5, assaults 3, criminal possession of a forged instrument second degree 1, drug related 7, DUI arrests 4, receiving stolen property under \$300 2, resisting arrest 1, traffic related 9.

There were 5 warrants served, 3 failure to appear, trafficking in a controlled substance cocaine first 1, and trafficking in a controlled substance opiates first 1.

The chief's monthly report shows 174 calls for service broken down in this manner: coroner 2, dog warden 2, emergency management 8, EMS 38, fire 5, police 142, state crew 1.

The officers of the department opened 6 new cases. There were 23 cases closed.

The officers issued 58 citations, and served 5, JC-3s for domestic violence.



Photo by Phyllis Guthrie
These Nicholas County High School students showoff one of the 81.4 signs that is being offered to anyone who wishes to show their support for the academic efforts of Nicholas County High School students before and during April 23 - May 4. From left, Tiffany Wilson and Tara Wilson. Second row left Britton Dale and right Hollie Bretz and in the back row, from left, Hannah Dixon, Leah Hughes and Hannah Sams. This is the time students throughout the state will be taking the Kentucky Core Content Test, and students here must achieve the state's goal of 81.4 in 2007 and 2008. These test results are directly related to the No Child Left Behind federal programs.

NCHS students set lofty testing goals for new challenge

Next testing dates: Apr. 23 - May 4

When Nicholas County High School students and Teachers return from their spring break, the state assessment will be close at hand.

Atabulation of test results averaging 81.4 has been posted throughout Nicholas County High School since last August as the state's goal for the Kentucky Core Content Test for Nicholas County High School.

Since August, everyone has become acquainted with the reality of the number 81.4, and the realization that the school has two years, 2007 and 2008, to achieve this goal.

April 23 to May 4, is the CATS Window for testing throughout the state, and with it comes the challenge for Nicholas County High School students . . . and they need the community's support.

Although NCHS students are poised and ready for this year's annual testing, the responsibility of raising the test scores cannot be taken lightly.

The high school hopes that local businesses and families throughout the county will band together for this academic effort.

This can be done in a number of ways.

The 81.4 signs are available at the high school to anyone in the county who would like to post one in a window or as yard sign before and during the April 23 - May 4 testing period.

Blue ribbons for car antennas are also a good way to show support for these students.

And, like with any significant event here in the county, the goal of use of creativity in making banners, window displays, and painting something blue and white will certainly help indicate we're all behind our students.

American Profile debuts April 18

American Profile, a full-color national magazine with stories that celebrate the people, places and things that make America great, will debut in The Carlisle Mercury, April 18, as an insert in the newspaper.

Each edition of American Profile will include a broad range of regular features, including stories of Home-town Heroes, regional calendars of events, as well as features on celebrities with human ties, health trends, entertainment, important current issues, and more.

A profile of one of America's great hometowns - perhaps one in this area, or one just up the road - will also be an editorial feature of each issue. This is a very special feature of this excellent addition to The Carlisle Mercury.

"American Profile is one of the most exciting ideas for smaller newspapers that the industry has ever seen," said Hank Bond, publisher of The Carlisle Mercury.

"This full-color magazine will complement our local news coverage by providing editorial content that celebrates the people and places that make up our



Photo by Hank Bond
Carlisle Police on patrol
Carlisle Police Chief William Denton and the police force have a new, fully equipped police cruiser for the police department.

Honey man making ready
Willmer Halcomb the honeyman of Sycamore Street makes ready for another busy bee season.
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