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Lease signed, applicants sought

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New life is beginning to vibrate through the former Jockey sewing building at 2471 Concrete Road, and anyone looking for a new job is encouraged to apply next week with the new tenants of the spacious building.

L.C. Manufacturing LLC of Paris, a producer of automotive parts, signed a lease agreement with the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority on July 1 to occupy the building and they will be taking applications next week for those seeking em-

ployment.

We currently employ around 95 people during a three shift operation and we hope to be adding some additional employees," said Doug Carr, plant engineer for L.C. Manufacturing.

Carr and Rick Curran, the director of operations, were part of the negotiating team that worked with members of the Industrial Authority to bring the plant to Carlisle. Carr, Curran and Susan Hosman, the human resources officer for the company, were on site July 9 to continue with renovation planning so the company can begin to move their manufacturing equipment.

L.C. Manufacturing LLC will be accepting applications at the Concrete Road site in the front office of the facility from July 16 thru 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're hoping some of our good workers from Jockey Manufacturing will be back in the building again in the future," Carr said. "I'm personally very excited about that."

Carr, Curran and Hosman, said the future of L.C. Manufacturing looks very bright.

As a producer of heavy-duty automotive steering components with a global clientele that extends from Mexico to China, employ-



Photo by Charles Mattox
From left to right, Lanny Hutchison, Eric Carmickle, Bascom Sorrell, Susan Hosman, Mike Pryor, Rick Curran, Doug Carr, Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark and Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher stand together as a new day for economic development begins with L.C. Manufacturing LLC.

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Former magistrate Floyd Bussell dies

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Carlisle native and former Nicholas County magistrate Floyd Bussell passed away at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington, July 3 following a long illness. Cardiac arrest will likely be listed as the cause of death.

Bussell enjoyed politics more than most and when it came to his family, well, as his wife Betty said, "He was always there."

Born June 21, 1943 in Nicholas County he was an Army veteran, an American Legion member as well as a member of Carlisle First Christian Church.

He began at Kentucky Finance in 1970 working two long tenures with the company. He spent a brief stint at Farmers' Bank of Cynthiana and then worked for several years until the end of his career for Jim Brown at the National Bank of Cynthiana.

He retired from his last position in November of 2005 for health reasons, Betty Bussell said.

Floyd suffered from a disease, which prevented his body from producing enough blood. He then went through stages of renal failure. His suffering caused several medical maladies, but he took them in stride.

He underwent extensive treatments including dialysis three times a week for nearly a year and faced several other medical efforts to control his illness.

Floyd served two terms as a magistrate on the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

"He loved every minute of it," Betty said. "He just loved it when people would come up to the house and talk politics."

He lost to Chuck Smith in a race for judge-executive, finishing second, and then never held public office again.

As a father and family man he coached his boys in baseball and basketball, and when his daughter Christel played sports he was always court-side or at the finish line.

Floyd graduated from Carlisle High School in 1961 where he played every sport available. Once he graduated he played softball and then took up the game of golf.

"We knew how sick he was when the time came that first summer he said he was tired to go play golf on blood. He then went through stages of renal failure. His



Photo by Hank Bond

Mallory Cobb crowned Blackberry Festival Queen

Navy Veteran and Carlisle resident Kevin Booth crowned Mallory Cobb as the 2007 Blackberry Festival queen. Mallory Cobb is the 18-year old daughter of Bobby and Melody Cobb. While attending Nicholas County High School, Mallory served as her class secretary all four years, was the Student Council Corresponding Secretary for two years and a D.A.R.E. Role Model for two years. She also participated in Who's Who among American High School Students, Youth Salute, Marching Band, Volleyball, Chess club, yearbook, Pay Band, Concert Band, Winter Guard, S.T.A.P., was Senior Editor of The Bluejacket Connection newspaper, and was selected as a Governor's Scholar in 2006. She has been very active in her church youth group at the First Baptist Church of Carlisle. In the fall of 2007 Mallory plans to attend the University of the Cumberland, and major in Mathematics. Also with her is last year's queen Kara Wells, far right. Staci Myers, left, was first runner-up. Also on the platform was Laci Allison, second from right. Jim Galbraith was the Master of Ceremonies.

Feds part of drug investigation

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A drug investigation initiated by Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and Deputy Bennie Buckler, which led to two arrests and removed over \$100,000 worth of street-level pain medication from the community, may soon escalate to a federal investigation encompassing two states.

An agent with the Lexington-based, Federal Drug Enforcement Agency confirmed that agents with that office have been working with officers with the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office in regard to the June 29 arrests of Gary Barnett and Vickie Shepherd.

Investigators also confirmed a Florida connection. Garrett and Buckler arrested Barnett, 46, of Lower Sharpsburg Road, and Shepherd, 41 of East Union Road, after an ongoing investigation yielded thousands in cash, and hundreds of pain pills.

Garrett and Buckler found a sack in Barnett's hand when they entered Shepherd's residence while executing a search warrant. Inside the sack were numerous prescriptions for several people for perocet, oxydone, methadone and xanax. Garrett and Buckler also found approximately \$50,000 cash.

"Mr. Barnett had the pills in a sack in his hand, and all of the cash was in a fanny pack around his (Barnett's)

"We also found pistol ammunition but found no pistol"

**Deputy Sheriff
Bennie Buckler**

ated out of state in Miami, we contacted DEA officers and are working closely with them as our investigation expands."

Buckler and Garrett also found a .12G rifle and a double-barreled shotgun, which they confiscated.

"We also found pistol ammunition but found no pistol," Buckler said.

Barnett was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Shepherd was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree.

A second search warrant, executed at Lower Sharpsburg Road, uncovered no cash, drugs, or any illegal items.

"The prescriptions had several names on them and we are expanding our investigation," Buckler said. "Since the prescriptions were initi-



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Weaver new Carlisle police officer

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, right, swears in the newest law enforcement officer in Carlisle and Nicholas County. Brad Weaver, 32, of Sharpsburg officially joined the force July 2. Weaver has been with the Beth County Sheriff's Office since Sept. 11, 2001, and is a certified police officer and a certified K-9 officer. A graduate of Beth County High School Weaver and his wife Kaitiana have two children Carson and Kaylee. Carlisle Police Chief William Denton looks on.

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