

# Steve's Report

**Choices**

Every day we are faced with hundreds of choices. And the choices we make shape the course of our day. We usually make our first decision of the day when the alarm clock goes off. Do I get up right away, or do I hit the snooze button and try to catch a few more minutes of sleep?

Some of the decisions we encounter are extremely important and carry serious consequences while others are of little significance but even the trivial decisions affect our lives. The decisions we make can trigger a sequence of events - a chain reaction - that brings an entirely different set of consequences than what we originally intended.



Steve's Report by Steve Scaif

If I hit the snooze button and choose to snooze a little deeper in my covers instead of getting out of bed right away, I sacrifice some of the time I would normally use to get showered and dressed in the morning, or the time I need to set a good breakfast. And if I miss breakfast, I may not be at my mental peak throughout the day and my work may suffer, or at least require greater effort to reach the desired quality. And if sleeping in and missing breakfast become habitual, and the quality of my work begins to suffer over an extended

period of time, my employer may eventually decide to replace me with someone who will do a better job. And if I lose my employment, I could lose my ability to provide for my family and to pay my bills. The resulting stress could create greater strain on my marriage than even he would have preferred. I would try to convince him that I should be allowed to make my own decisions and he would try to convince me that whenever I make a choice, I automatically choose the wrong one. Some of my decision - even the ones I don't know about - and that I was responsible for those consequences. I didn't like that part. Like many teenagers, I thought "freedom of choice" meant I should get to do whatever I wanted and not worry about the consequences. Like most teenagers, I lacked that ability to think

of long-term consequences. That is a skill that develops with maturity - wisdom that we gain through experience. And as youth we lack the experience to see beyond the "here and now." We see the world through simpler eyes. But my dad was right. The consequences come whether we know about them or not. It is ironic that the world to us forces more significant choices on our youth - and at a much younger age than we faced growing up - when they still lack the ability to see beyond the immediate consequences of their decisions. Add at the same time, our society seems to be forsaking the concept of individual responsibility. If I decide to buy coffee at a drive thru window and decide to place

the coffee between my legs instead of in the cup holder, and then spill the coffee because I decide to accelerate quickly, it's not my fault; it got burned, it's McDonald's fault for making the coffee too hot. And 16 schools try to teach youth...accountability by holding them responsible for their actions, parents come running to their child's defense, not concerned the other or their child's actions were right or wrong. This lack of individual responsibility is becoming an epidemic and something needs to be done to reverse this trend... just let me get a few more minutes of sleep first. And that's my two cents, Steve Scaif

# Council members meet

By Charles Mattox  
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Members of the Carlisle City Council met at city hall March 9 and addressed several city concerns.

City officials joined local artists in reminding community members of the grand opening of the Courthouse Square Arts Guild Studio.

The studio is located at 210 East Main Street and was the site of the grand opening March 21.

The Courthouse Square Arts Guild is a singular nonprofit organization totally dedicated to the advancement of the arts as an integral part of personal, community and economic growth.

Courthouse Square Arts Guild board of directors are: Larry Mitchell, Sue Lynch, Carol Powers, Jo Lynn Garrett, Juanita Hunt, Kathy Johnson and Louise Zachary.

Those with questions regarding the Guild or the grand opening are encouraged to contact Larry Mitchell at 289-2185.

Discussion and action by city officials was called concerning a pending ordinance, which governs the erection of fences around city dumpsters.

Attn: Attorney Stanley 'Skip' Watson, legal counsel for the city of Carlisle advised council members to postpone a decision after discussion regarding the specifics of the fencing requirements could be hammered out.

Council members discussed height, width and color issues as well as required materials to be used to construct the fence.

In other action council discussed natural gas purchasing price with Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark

advancing council members he continued to monitor the market closely.

Briefly discussed the Industrial Authority meeting, which Clark attended and briefly shared info with council members.

Discussed the city's E911 status with mayor Clark stating that the process was nearing completion.

Passed resolution Number 2, which appoints Sam Reynolds to the planning and zoning commission.

Passed resolution number 3, which supports the number employee retirement system.

Approved payroll transfers for March 2009.

Discussed concerns from Councilman Billy Mac Gaunce, who had allowed park visitors to use his field near his home for parking only to find an abundance of trash in the field the next day.

Gaunce said he hated to fence the field off. "But what can I do, if I go to move you hit bottles and cans and if you don't move it looks like a jungle. Other council members and Mayor Clark applauded Gaunce's act of kindness but expressed a belief that those who parked in the field would probably continue to litter if they had access.

Hard concerns from Council member Sandy Ritchie about dogs. Mayor Clark and Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton advised Ritchie and all city residents to 'log' the occurrence and file written complaints with city police officers. "We need three written complaints in accordance with our ordinance and then we can take action," he said. Fines of several hundred dollars can be imposed on those not complying with the ordinance.

# Hunting Heritage Banquet

The BlueLicks Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be holding having its annual banquet on Saturday April 11. The banquet will be at the Nicholas County Elementary/Middle School, doors will open at 6:00pm. Come join in the fun of a local NWTFF Hunting Heritage Super Fund banquet. The NWTFF banquets are where you enjoy a great meal and great time with friends. You will also be able to bid in silent and live auctions to win exclusive merchandise. There also be several games and events to give you a chance to win items. All the while, you will be helping to raise vital funds for wild turkey conservation and important programs that introduce the outdoors to women, children, and the disabled. For more information about the banquet you can contact: Kent Hopkins at 859-473-2588 or Patricia Booth at 859-473-2612

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 1 April**  
Central Kentucky Horse Club  
Central Kentucky Horse Club will meet April 1, 2009, at 7 pm at the Family Farm Barn and to play at the St. Cythiana. If you own or love horses, enjoy donkeys and mules, we invite you to attend. Good weather or not we're ready to ride! For more information, go to www.kyhc.com or contact Paulette Klein 859-235-8950. Call: 859-588-3394 or e-mail: pmklein@earthlink.net.
- 1 April**  
Footsteps of Jesus Easter Play  
Rayne's Chapel Methodist Church will again have their annual Easter Play April 3, 4, and 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. We will retrace the footsteps of Jesus from his birth to the crucifixion and resurrection... just let me get a few more minutes of sleep first. And that's my two cents, Steve Scaif
- 1 April**  
Family Redlines Group  
The Family Redlines Group for the Carlisle National Guard Unit will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, at 11 am. There will be 4 age groups: 0-2, 3-6, 6-9, and 10+. Following the egg hunt, the Easter Bunny will visit, there will be a magic show and refreshments will be served!
- 1 April**  
Day Time Red Hatners  
Due to our April outing being during Holy Week, the Day Time Red Hatners will meet Wednesday, April 15, at Capronis in Mayville at 12 o'clock. We will leave Becky's by 11 o'clock.
- 1 April**  
Blood Drive Coming Soon  
Johns Mathers Health Care Tuesday April 7 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the KRC bloodmobile at South Walnut in Carlisle.
- 1 April**  
Stop Smoking Info Class  
The Weldon Health Department will be sponsoring a Stop Smoking Information Class Thursday, April 9th at the Nicholas Co. Health Department Robert Sparks Community Room. All matters name are welcomed to attend.
- 1 April**  
Community Easter Egg Hunt  
Robertson County Health Care Facility will be having a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Deana Hall or
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Steady Calves 906-724-5020.
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Project Graduation to meet on Mondays  
Project Graduation will be having a meeting every Monday at the High School Library at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Paula Hunter at 859-288-3702.
- 1 April**  
Dogs available for adoption  
Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption. 473-2714 or www.pcawso.org.
- 1 April**  
Dougherty Lodge #65 P.A.M.  
Dougherty Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Gaunce Funeral Home. All matters name are welcomed to attend.
- 1 April**  
Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.E.M.A. holds F&M meeting  
The Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.E.M.A. meets the last Saturday of each month at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons are welcomed to attend.
- 1 April**  
Orient Lodge #500 hold meeting  
The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are welcomed.
- 1 April**  
N.C. Adult Learning Center News  
The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instruction
- 1 April**  
Johns Mathers Health Care, INC. d/b/a Nicholas County Hospital and Johns Mathers Nursing Home  
SWITCHBOARD/REGISTRATION CLERKS  
1/Part-Time Position  
1/Baylor Weekend Position  
(Position would work 3 weeks off, 4th weekend, 12hour shifts)  
JMHC's Registration Department is seeking applicants for the above positions. Applicants must be 18 years or older; have high school diploma or GED; ability to work a Flexible schedule; computer experience, medical office experience preferred; highly dependable, self-motivated, possess strong organizational skills, and have the ability to communicate with the public.  
Interested and qualified candidates may apply within the Human Resource Department or mail/fax resume to Johns Mathers Health Care, Inc., 2323 Concrete Road, Carlisle, KY 40311 (FAX 859-289-4323). NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. Equal Opportunity Employer
- 1 April**  
Johns Mathers Health Care, INC. d/b/a Nicholas County Hospital and Johns Mathers Nursing Home  
DIETARY DEPARTMENT PART TIME DIETARY COOK/AIDE  
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to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and on their own schedule. Interested persons may stop by anytime, between the hours 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Johns Mathers Health Care Auxiliary meets**  
The Johns Mathers Health Care Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the hospital dining room. Anyone interested in joining the auxiliary is welcome.

**Diabetes selfmanagement classes**  
The WEDCO District Health Department will be hosting Diabetes Self-Management education classes, each month. They will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center, Dr. Robert Sparks Community Room. For more information and to register contact Ozzie Culbertson, 866-75WEDCO, or 859-289-4699.

Kiwanis Club will meet the third Thursday of every month at the Carriano County Club. For more information call Mike Warner at 859-749-4690.

**AA meetings held**  
AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., except the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Sparks Room of the Nicholas County Health Department.

**If you have a community announcement, please bring it to The Carlisle Mercury at 218 North Locust. You can mail it to POB 272, Carlisle, KY 40311. You can email it to editor@thecarlislemercury.com. You can fax it to 859-289-4008.**

# Pioneer Museum Open House

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park is hosting an Open House on Friday, April 3, 2009 from 9am-5pm at the Pioneer Museum. The Open House marks the beginning of the season for the recently renovated Pioneer Museum. Visitors to the museum will be allowed FREE access from 9am - 5pm to enjoy recently updated exhibits and learn more about this season's programs and events throughout the 2009 season from 18th Century Soap Making Sessions to traditional programs called "Back Talk". Complimentary refreshments will be served for this event. We are also pleased to announce that Charles Mattox will be signing copies of his book, "The Land of Whoppers Square". A limited number of copies will be available for purchase in the museum store.

Local author, Charles Mattox, is one of the most popular writers on the park and his ongoing weekly newspaper article "Haven't you read the Kentucky" always receives rave reviews from locals and tourists alike. Resort Park Manager, Stefano Gauthier says, "It's truly an honor to have him scheduled for this event. He's very passionate about the park and the history of Kentucky. This will be a real treat for all park visitors."

The Pioneer Museum at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park is open daily from 9am-5pm beginning April 1 through December 15, 2009. The museum boasts fossils, prehistoric animal bones, Native American artifacts, Pioneer Tools, Revolutionary War memorabilia, and more. In addition to the museum, the park also features a restaurant, gift shop, lodge, camps, campgrounds, mini golf, community swimming pool, hiking trails, and more. For additional information about the Pioneer Museum Grand Opening or Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, please call 800-443-7008.

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Girls' Basketball - 6:00 p.m.  
Boys' Basketball - 8:00 p.m.

Fish Fry prior to the game at 5:00 p.m. in the NCHS Cafeteria  
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