

Steve's Report

I am an optimist. When there are clouds, I look for silver linings. This attitude usually reflects in my columns - I like to focus on things that give us hope, that build our faith, and remind us of our blessings.



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the media's focus on the economy has found some other things to sneeze without attention to it. How much have you heard about the "American Clean Energy and Security Act"? The Waxman-Markley Bill being considered by Congress right now will seek to reduce the levels of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere. That's a good thing, right?

Well, let's look at it. The way this bill wants to reduce carbon is to establish a standard, or "cap," and then charge industry a fee, or "Trade" for all carbon emissions above this cap. President Obama told us that he would not sign the cap. President Obama told us that his "Cap and Trade" major amendment would combine, so far, according to Bloomberg.com, the bill has cost an approximately \$8.5 - \$8.7 trillion, or roughly \$30,000 for every man, woman, and child in America.

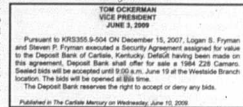
As alarming as this is, the nation's energy is produced by burning coal, and that coal releases more greenhouse gases than any other fossil fuel, such as natural gas or oil. He also understands inertia - that people tend to resist change - that they will keep doing things the same way unless change is forced upon them. This "force of change" comes in the form of the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES) Act. Companies will have to pay fines for producing greenhouse gases, and the fines will be used to fund research and development for new technologies, such as ways to capture and store carbon, rather than releasing it into the atmosphere.

electricity could be a thing only the very affluent people have. During the cold months this past winter, I spent nearly \$300 on natural gas and \$150 on electricity. According to The Heritage Foundation's Center for Data Analysis, the ACES Act will increase natural gas prices to homes by 60% and electricity rates by 90%. Based on my report, I could expect my bills to climb to \$465 a month for natural gas and \$285 for electricity. I'm sure there are plenty of families in this area who - like me - simply cannot afford to pay that much for utilities.

Another thing that bothers me about the ACES Act is that it attacks coal and petroleum used to generate electricity while ignoring gas, or "Trade" for all carbon emissions above this cap. According to the Stockholm Environment Institute and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the "carbon cost" of a single 747 flying from New York to Los Angeles is equivalent to the output of coal-generated electricity for 150 households for an entire year. With the FAA

reporting an average of 156,000 flights per day in 2008, the environmental impact of air travel is enormous. So whose money are they going after to clean up the environment? Let me ask: of those with less money what would hit your wallet the hardest - doubling airfares or doubling your utility bills? If you're like me, I don't suppose I'll see the inside of an airplane this year, but I'm pretty sure I'll see a utility bill or two. To everyone who voted for Obama because of those with less money WATCH OUT!

A backyard carnival is being held at the Woodmen of the World field from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. for all Woodmen of the World (WOW) members and any interested community members who would like to attend. The carnival will be held at the Eastern Kentucky WOW Youth Camp in Lexington Ky. All are invited to come and enjoy free games and food, and tour the camp prior to the Summer Camp Program starting June 22nd.

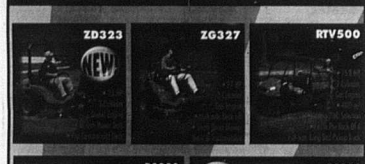


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 14 Reunion Jeff and Allie Hughes re-unite at Blue Licks State Park on Sunday, June 14. Potluck begins at noon at the upper Shelter House.

June 16 Woodmen of the World A backyard carnival is being held at the Woodmen of the World field from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. for all Woodmen of the World (WOW) members and any interested community members who would like to attend.

June 16 Veterans Bridge Meeting KPR, June Meeting Kentucky "Public Retirement" local chapter, Covered Bridge, will join the FIVCO Chapter from Ashland for a combined meeting at Carter Gage State Park on Wednesday, June 17 at 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy the fellowship, lunch and hear a special speaker. Also take a tour of the caves if you so desire. A short business meeting will be conducted after lunch.

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June 22 Locust Grove Baptist Church will have Bible School June 22nd through June 26th from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Classes for Babies through Youth. Contact Bonnie at 289-2655

Church JMHC Auxiliary Johnson Mothers Health Care Auxiliary that meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Nicholas Co. Health Dept. at 10:00 a.m.

July 4 Woodmen of the World July 4th at Woodmen Day at the Appleton Park. We will be carrying a giant American Flag on the field during the National Anthem. All WOW and Carlisle community members are invited to come and help with the flag presentation.

July 13 The Nicholas County Public Library Launches Summer Reading Program "Be Creative at Your Library" this summer at the Nicholas County Public Library and explore the worlds of music, dance, art, books, and more. The 2009 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, ages 3 through 16th grade, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, activities and crafts. The program will be offered the week of July 13 from 1:00 to noon for all age groups. Please register before June 26, 2009 for registration or more information call the library at 289-5595.

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Old Jailers Home Luncheons Held the Second Thursday of each Month. Reservations necessary. Call Gladys Shrover 289-5174 or 749-7986 or Martha Taylor 289-5592 or 749-1948. Sponsored by Tourism Inc.

Dogs available for adoption. Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption. 473-2714 or www.ncawv.org.

Dougherty Lodge #65 F.A.M. Dougherty Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Gaius Funeral Home. All masters mason are welcome to attend.

Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.A.M. to hold meeting. The Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.A.M. meets the Last Saturday of each month at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

Orient Lodge #606 to hold meeting. The Orient Lodge #606 meets the second Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are welcomed.

N.C. Adult Learning Center News. The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instruction to help students 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.

Diabetes self-management 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 Chris Culbertson, 866-75WEDCO, or 859-298-4899.

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AA meetings held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., except the third Tuesday of the month is 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 859-289-4000.

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