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Looking to the future

By Stephen Snapp

The Carlisle Cemetery is the heart of downtown Carlisle, but for many Nicholas Countyans, their hearts are drawn to a few blocks farther west down Main Street, to the Carlisle Cemetery. Not only is it a place to remember loved ones gone before, many others are attracted to its beauty and its peace and quiet as a place for a morning jog or an afternoon stroll.

The Carlisle Cemetery is operated as a non-profit organization, and the seven members who sit on the board have been busy protecting the cemetery's future, ensuring that it remains a treasured part of the community for generations to come.

This past year, the Cemetery Board purchased an excavator, a front end loader for the John Deere tractor, a concrete mixer, and a lawnmower to replace one that broke down. According to the Cemetery's caretaker and board president Bobby Snapp, the excavator will allow the cemetery to open its own graves, work that was previously contracted out, generating additional revenues for the cemetery.

"Last year, we got a quote on what it would take to fix the road around the cemetery," Snapp said. "It was \$13,000, but we simply couldn't afford. The revenue generated by the excavator will allow us to fix that road in a year or two, and pay for itself within a few years, as well."

The front end loader has reduced manual labor and shortened the time it takes to get jobs done. The cement mixer allows the cemetery to prepare a better, stronger mix for monument foundations. "The new specifications," according to Snapp, "requires the foundations to be two feet thick to get below the frost line." This improvement will help preserve the stones for a longer period of time.

The cemetery has plans to open a new cremation section. "A standard grave site is 4x10 feet. The cremation sites will be 2x3 feet. Because of the smaller size and to allow for proper maintenance of the sites, the cremation memorials will be limited to 2x3 foot grave monuments. The complete burial will cost \$4000, which includes the operating and closing, the burial of the urn, the monument foundation and monument - and if paid in advance - the engraving of the death date.

In addition to road repairs, other future plans include a flower garden in the circle toward the front of the cemetery, and new signs for each of the sections. The cemetery is also in the planning stage for a long-term project for a memorial monument for the oldest sections of a grave was also increased to the cemetery. "There's a lot of trees going around there that we might have to remove. One of them is that some cattle got in and trampled some of the monuments over and moved them around. That's whoever happened, we know who is buried in that section, but the old records don't show accurate locations to clearly identify where each person was buried. The best we can do is to create a single, larger monument with names and dates for each person buried in that section," said Snapp.

And speaking of monuments, the cemetery began monument sales only a couple of years ago. Last year alone, there was \$23,000 in monument sales, and because it is a non-profit organization, the revenues from those sales go right back into the maintenance of the cemetery. When asked how much space is left in the cemetery, Bob Snapp explained that the cemetery covers a total of 24 acres with over 5,000 gravesites available. Changes have been made to open up some of the older areas for new sites, as well. "Originally, the sites were set with only two rows, and then a road for the horse and buggy, and then another two rows. Because techniques have changed, we have been able to get rid of the old road between the rows, opening up many new sites on top of the hill. Family plots are also available," Snapp explained. "A couple of years ago, we had to increase the price of a plot to \$700 and the price of opening a grave was also increased to \$700. We're doing our best to keep those prices the same."

As directed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 20 percent of every burial right sold goes into a "perpetual care" account. This money is never touched, but interest generated by those funds will go towards the future maintenance of the cemetery. Additionally, there is a "pre-need" account, which allows those who purchase burial rights in the cemetery to also pay for the opening or closing (burial) of the graves in advance, so even if the price goes up, it is already paid for. And if for any reason, someone changes their mind and decided to be buried somewhere else, the amount is fully refundable.

Both the perpetual care and the pre-need account deposits are reported to the Attorney General each year in the annual report. Maintenance of the cemetery is a never-ending endeavor. This past winter was extremely harsh with the ice storm destroying some of the older trees. This year, 22 trees were planted. Some were donations by families. Whenever a family donates a tree, the cemetery staff does its best to put the tree as close to the desired location as possible, but the trees obviously must go along the roads where they will not interfere with burial sites. Any families interested in donating trees should contact Bobby Snapp at the cemetery.

With the continuous love and support of my family and friends, I feel even stronger.



Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone in the community for all the prayers and get-well wishes I received throughout my surgery and recovery. Thank you so very much!

The outpouring of support has been overwhelming and has given me the strength for a speedy recovery. All the cards and flowers are beautiful. I am extremely grateful and blessed to have such wonderful friends and neighbors.

I would like to send an extra-special "thank you" to the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Nursing Home and the Nicholas County Hospital nursing staff - your flowers and cards are heartwarming, a welcome reminder of all of your smiling faces.

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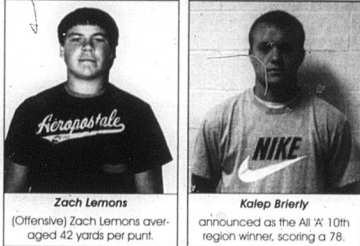
SCHOOL SPORTS

Jackets fall to West Carter



Class 'A' champions The NCHS Boys golf team won the All A Regional at Flat Springs Golf Course in Campbell Co. (L-R) Casey Fryman, Dalton Hampton, Zach Lemons, Kalep Briery, and Jake Bowles.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Zach Lemons (Offensive) Zach Lemons averaged 42 yards per punt. Kalep Briery announced as the All 'A' 10th region winner, scoring a 7.

OLIVE HILL - Nicholas County slipped to 1-2 on the gridiron Friday night following a loss to host West Carter in an Eastern Kentucky Conference (EKC) matchup. The Jackets enjoyed some success moving the football on the offensive side but finished short on the scoreboard. West Carter defeated the Jackets 26-6. Nicholas County opened the season with a hard-fought 22-17 win on the road over long-time rival Bath County. The Jackets fell 0-33 to visiting Fleming County in the second game of the week, exactly one week prior to the road game versus West Carter.

As a team, Nicholas County rushed 37 times for 176 yards in the game versus West Carter. Sophomore Caleb Pope led Nicholas County on the ground, rushing 15 times for 82 yards. Jesse Smith, another Nicholas County sophomore, followed with 54 yards on 11 carries. Nicholas County senior quarterback Zach Lemons completed two-of-seven passes for 22 yards and one touchdown. The veteran Nicholas County quarterback was intercepted one time. Nicholas County found plenty of resistance from the West Carter defensive unit. Pope scored Nicholas County's lone touchdown on a five-yard reception. Junior Matthew Kelly had a 17-yard reception for Nicholas County. 356 yards of total offense recorded a game-high 13 solo tackles for the Jackets. Hopkins had 15 total stops. Pope made nine total sacks, seven of which were solo efforts. Sebastian solo tackles for the Jackets. Coluberson followed with eight total tackles (six solo) for the Jackets. Senior Raymond Shroat intercepted a pass for the Jackets. Cody Barnett produced another defensive highlight game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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