

The Carlisle Mercury

Weather related events

A Kentucky Utilities transformer blew up around 11 p.m. Monday night disrupting electrical service to many Carlisle residents for one hour and 30 minutes.

The transformer is located on the Taylor Mathers Farm, according to KU Service Manager Paul Stone.

Many area residents saw electrical arcs resembling lightning coming from the transformer before it was repaired.

Gas consumption okay
City Gas Superintendent Gayle Vanlandingham reported that Council meeting Monday night that the city has saved 8,000,000 cu. ft. of gas so far this year.

Schools closed again
After freezing rain all day Monday, and two additional inches of snow Monday night, schools were again closed Tuesday after reopening last Thursday.

Temperatures compared
The following weather comparisons between last year and this year were completed by Ernest Soble.

The coldest day during the 1977 winter was on Jan. 17 with a 48 degree.

The coldest day so far this year was Feb. 7, with thermostat registering 49.

The first snow of the 1978 winter was on Nov. 26, 1977.

The following temperatures were recorded by Mr. Soble at 5 a.m. daily.

The weekend readings vary as to time.

Jan. 1978	1977	1978	1977
1. Zero	15	23	23
2. 7	18	24	23
3. 9	12	25	23
4. 29	16	26	23
5. 20	17	27	23
6. 23	27	28	23
7. 25	47	29	23
8. -2	47	30	23
9. 8	Zero	31	23
10. 12	4	32	23
11. -8	4	33	23
12. 7	8	34	23
13. 22	11	35	23
14. 22	20	36	23
15. 25	20	37	23
16. 27	20	38	23
17. -18	23	39	23
18. -18	23	40	23
19. 11	23	41	23
20. 15	20	42	23
21. 11	18	43	23
22. 8	18	44	23
23. 6	18	45	23
24. 27	18	46	23
25. 20	18	47	23
26. 22	18	48	23
27. 19	18	49	23
28. 20	18	50	23
29. -10	Zero	51	23
30. 20	18	52	23
31. -1	14	53	23
Feb. 1977	Feb. 1978	54	23
1. 2	18	55	23
2. -2	18	56	23
3. 23	19	57	23
4. 23	9	58	23
5. 16	22	59	23
6. -2	19	60	23
7. -8	19	61	23
8. -2	19	62	23
9. 21	19	63	23
10. 21	19	64	23
11. 33	19	65	23
12. 33	19	66	23
13. 33	19	67	23
14. 24	19	68	23

Vice attends weatherization project class

Fredia H. Vice, Weatherization Aide for Nicholas County Weatherization Project, attended a training workshop at Housing Aid Corp. in Lexington on Feb. 3. The training was for Crisis/Intervention and Weatherization.

Ockerman returns to Pittsburg, Pa.

Paul H. Ockerman, recently transferred to Iowa City by Westinghouse, was called back to Pittsburg, Pa. last week by his company.

Mr. Ockerman told his mother, Mrs. Jessa Ockerman of North Street in Pittsburg, that he would be doing essentially the same thing that he was doing before in Pittsburg.

Mr. Ockerman had not yet moved to Iowa City, and luckily was able to renege his lease for his apartment in Pittsburg.



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No-till corn, a relatively new way to grow the crop, is becoming more popular among Kentucky farmers because it saves fuel and other machine operating costs.

Mr. Frye reports these results from the experiments. Corn yields were increased 26% in 1976 and 24% in 1978 by spraying N-Serve on ammonium nitrate fertilizer before it was applied on the no-till corn fields.

"The lack of response last year probably was due to less than normal loss of nitrate nitrogen from the soil because of dry weather during the early growing season," says Mr. Frye.

Soil analysis for nitrogen showed a 20% loss in losses from the top six inches of soil when N-Serve was used.

The chemical apparently slowed the nitrification process and reduced nitrogen losses last year even though it did not increase corn yields significantly.

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KU coal supply at critical stage

The coal supply of the Kentucky Utilities Company has reached the critical stage. The inventory at midnight Friday, Feb. 10 was estimated to be 30 days at the anticipated rate of burn.

Must immediately conserve electricity to the maximum extent possible," Duncan declared. "The results achieved by voluntary conservation will help postpone mandatory closings in factories and businesses and perhaps minimize individual discomforts.

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Blue Grass Industries opens second international plant

Blue Grass Industries, Inc. officially began operations in their second international plant site in Carleton Place, Canada on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Wayne Shumate, chairman of the Board, Donald Haney, president; and several other Kentucky Blue Grass personnel were on hand for the opening of Blue Grass in Canada.

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County to aid indigents

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court agreed at their regular meeting Feb. 3 to furnish fuel, utilities and medicine to older and disabled Nicholas County individuals who have no other way of providing these necessities for themselves.

Other motions passed are: — Granted Robert Drumo permission to use the Nicholas County landfill to dump trash from the city of Millersburg.

— Granted the American Legion permission to use the Courthouse and yard for the Blackberry Festival July 3 through July 8.

— Gave James T. Vaughn the approval to investigate, at no charge, the cost of renovating the present hospital for use as an apartment house.

— Authorized Joe Smart, Nicholas County Road Supervisor, to clean the site where the new hospital will be located.

— Authorized the road department to use the basement of the old armory for storage of equipment and for work on machinery.

— Temporarily insured the old armory building in the amount of \$50,000 on the building only with the Hartford Insurance Company.

— Employed J. W. Eason Jr. as Dog Warden of Nicholas County at a salary of \$200 per month and granted him permission to appoint Fabio Brooks Deputy Dog Warden.

— Endorsed the borrowing of \$25,000 by Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc. from the Deposit Bank for a period of one year.

— Administrator Ken Urlage said Monday to meet payroll and insurance payments because due to the bad weather, Blue Cross, Medicare, and Medicaid payments did not arrive on time.

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Written comments deadline near in U.S. Stockyards Act

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is reminding interested Kentuckians that Feb. 21 is the deadline for submitting written comments to the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on proposed changes in the federal law regulating rates at stockyards in the nation.

The proposals involve the U. S. Packers and Stockyards Act which outlines the procedures stockyards must follow in seeking USDA approval of changes in rates and taxes they charge for services and facilities. Revisions are being suggested because of changes in the livestock marketing industry.

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City Council passes two motions 5-0

Numerous subjects were covered at the regular meeting of City Council Monday night, but only two motions were made. They were passed 5-0, with Julian Green absent. They are:

— Provide a free parking space in front of Kentucky Utilities on Main Street for KU use.

— Give Roger Terrell a week's vacation and all other benefits due a full-time policeman. Mr. Terrell works half-time on City payroll and half-time on county payroll.

Mayor Bill Power announced that the Henryville Advisory Committee has been appointed by County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot and himself.

Magistrate Bus Atkinson and Councilman Clarence Cord are co-chairmen of the committee made up of magistrate and councilmen.

A public hearing to discuss revenue sharing money expenditures will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 13, before the council meeting.

Tobacco news from ASC office

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New officers

The newly elected officers of the Kentucky Association of County Agricultural Agents are: J. L. Carroll Bailey, second vice-president; Howard Baker, president-elect; Levi Oliver, president; Joe Ball, past president;

Kelsey Driskill, third vice-president; Tom Cartwright, secretary-treasurer; Roy Galtieri, public relations director; and Ezell Noffinger, associate agents director.