Opinion

Gentlemen, take a bow

While rains dampened many activities during the Blackberry Festival, certain events were accorded special treatment by Mother Nature. We are referring especially to three outdoor happenings sponsored by the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, which has a long history of being "rained upon."

Patriotic display at Sims Jewelry. — Mercury Photo

The Blackberry 5000, or 5K Walk/Run (co-sponsored by the, Carlisle Community Woman's Club), the Solo II time trials and the fireworks display were all made possible thanks to the Chamber and its determination to involve the community in new and different attractions in connection with American Legion's annual festival. That they did. Young and old turned out in record numbers for the 5K, while the time trials featured 50 cars and drivers from Kentucky and Ohio, including five local entries. Both deserve a return engagement next year.

Two ideas are worth further consideration. One, to invite former festival queens to appear on a special float during the July 4 parade. Two, encourage decorating of store fronts with patriotic displays, such as Sims' Jewelry and Carlisle Drug windows. This can be done by the individual owner or by clubs and organizations.

Next year our country will be celebrating its 210th birthday anniversary. Along with the flags that annually line our streets, creative tributes would seem in order as we rededicate ourselves to encouraging the freedoms that are part of our American heritage each Independence Day.

July 4 is a very special holiday and thanks to a lot of special people the 1985 celebration was one of the very best ever staged in our community. It took planning and hard work. But, then, nothing comes easy. Anything worth its salt is the result of a dedicated effort. Many people deserve our gratitude, not the least of which are the members of the Chamber of Commerce. The sun finally shone for one of your finest hours.

Would you believe 10?

Here Abouts ...with Emily A. Wolf

Eight was not enough. Neither was nine. Ten members of the Ray Wagoner Sr. family graduated from Nicholas County High School...and all but one received their diploma from the same superintendent, the late **Raymond Wesley**.

Betty (Mrs. **Charles Guthrie**) was the first to graduate back in 1960. She's currently employed by the Nicholas County Board of Education. Then came the following:

Jewell (Mrs. **Willie Ray Humphries**) of Millersburg, works for Dr. **Kent Davis** in Paris; **Vernon**, a resident of New Richmond, Ohio and who works in Cincinnati; **Maurice**, a former employee of Stamlers in Millersburg; **Wanda** (Mrs. **Melvin McKee**) of Carlisle, who works for Dr. **W.R. Kingsolver**; **James**, who draws his paycheck from Stamler; **Jerry**, employed by Smith Trucking in Paris; **Mack**, a resident of Millersburg who works at Blue Grass Industries; **Brenda** (Mrs. **George Watkins**), a Nicholas County housewife, and Joy (Mrs. **Don Peterson**), a homemaker in Paris.

Joy, who was the last to graduate here in 1967, received her diploma from Supt. **D.P. Parsley**, who succeeded Wesley.

The proud mother now makes her home in Millersburg. Mr. Wagoner died several years ago.

Incidentally, and just for good measure, the Wagoners had still another child to graduate from high school: Ricky, now working for Piedmont Airlines in Charlotte, N.C. received his sheepskin from Bourbon County High School.

Last week, we prematurely gave the mythical crown to the **James T. Howards**, who had nine NCHS graduates. Even the eight **Dennis McDonald** and **James Judge** graduates seemed would be a record number from one family. Not so. Congratulations, Wagoner offsprings, surely you hold the local record. (Or do you?)

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A bunch of it — Top trivia this week comes from **Gene Kelley**, who heads up things at the city's waste water treatment plant. He passes along, for what it's worth, the fact that the **one billionth** gallon of sewage clicked through the meter on July 3, some 20½ years after it opened on Dec. 3, 1964.

One billion gallons.

That, my friend, is a lot of, uh, waste water over anybody's dam.

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Snapp honored — **C.V. Snapp**, a former teacher here, was recently awarded a plaque by the State Board of Education in recognition of 70-plus years of service to Kentucky schools.

His unique record includes five years of teaching in Nicholas County, director of pupil personnel, director of reading, director of follow-through, supervisor and high school principal in Pike County. 38 years as superintendent in the Van Lear, Jenkins and Pikeville Independent school districts, and 10 years on the Jenkins Independent Board of Education since 1969.

An article in the Kentucky School Board Association's newsletter put it this way: "Kentucky education truly benefits from the service of many who served." Mr. Snapp's record is the: The KSBA adds its congratulations and takes pride in the fact that he is an active and contributing member of the Jenkins Board of Education and the KSBA."

Mr. Snapp had already made a name for himself as a teacher here long before my time. I rather suspect there are those among us who still remember the venerable educator.

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Based on its appeal to all age groups and the manner in which it was staged, let's hope the July 4 Blackberry 5K Walk/Run is the first in a long-running series.

Not only did over 100 people — ages three to 70 — compete in the early morning "exercise," almost that many were involved in its preparation and execution. Co-director **Gayle Kelley** made the comment that any person he or his counterpart **Barbara Hopkins** contacted to lend a hand did so willingly, whether or not they were members of the co-sponsoring Chamber of Commerce or Community Woman's Club.

The large banner strung across Main Street was designed and lettered by **Louise Zachary**, **Gayla Kelley** and Barbara. It was sewn by **Jimmy Carter** and hung by **John Burke**.

The attractive trophies, donated by Blue Grass Industries and Knitting, were engraved by **Marion Sims Jr.**, Sims' Jewelry. **Dan Short** showed his patriotic and promotional colors by giving each of the first place finishers a pint of ice cream from his Dairy Queen operation. The Woman's Club enterprisingly opened its booth bright and early on the Fourth to supply hungry runners and spectators with "funnel cake" delicacies.

Speaking of Sims' Jewelry, a store window display recreating the American Flag in living color was most appropriate.

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In recent weeks, bumper crops of fruits and vegetables have been featured in The Mercury. All of which prompted a call from Mrs. **Gertrude Vice**, who raises quite a few varieties in a small plot in her backyard on East Main and Walnut streets.

Mrs. Vice is most pleased with a hedge of Red Lake currants which produced eight quarts of fruit during June. An old-timed gooseberry bush, the kind with thorns, yielded three quarts of marble-size berries which she boiled down to four pints of jam. It has grown from a sprout given her by Mrs. **Estill Walton** a number of years ago.

Other products of note are a Lodi apple tree, which has apples growing from spurs on the limb; a grapevine loaded with Concord grapes, two Granny Smith apple trees, which should provide plenty of late apples; rhubarb, already harvested; and, by, two pear trees and her late husband in 1932.

State Trooper Kenneth H. DeBoard arrived in Carlisle Thursday, July 8, having been assigned to Nicholas County. He is a native of David, near Prestonsburg and graduated from State Pulice School in 1960.

A wire last Thursday from Sixth District Congressman John C. Watts, is advises approval by Housing and Home Finance Agency of public works planning advance funds in the amount of $17,050 to the Nicholas County Board of Education. Funds are for the new elementary school at Carlisle.

The North Central District 4-H Camp is now open, with 4-H members using the camping facilities of this new camp near Carlisle in Nicholas County. Anderson, Henry and Trimble county 4-Hers were the first group attending, then Bourbon, Clark and Harrison, followed by Fayette, Bracken, Madison, Carroll, Galatin, Franklin, Scott, Pendleton, Mercer, Owen, Woodford, Nicholas, Jessamine, Garrard, Montgomery, Grant, Lincoln and Boyle counties.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, Ewing, a son, David Anthony, July 6 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gray, Ewing, a daughter, July 10 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Watkins, a daughter, July 12 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Castle, Lexington, a daughter, Malinda Kay, July 13.

MARRIED — Mrs. Grace Earlywine and Clarence Baugus, July 9 in Lexington at the home of the Rev. Norman L. Kiser.

DIED — Albert W. McFarland, 72, Lexington, July 11 at Harrison Nursing Home, Lexington. — Frank A. McQuitty, 68, services Sunday at Aaron Smith Funeral Home in Lexington.

Agree or not

Gov. Collins faces a struggle

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — Being at the proper place at an opportune time can lead to success and public acclaim or relegate one's efforts to mediocrity if either of the two conditions is missing.

With the above in mind it appears that Gov. Martha Layne Collins is going to have to struggle and become exceptionally lucky if she is going to leave distinctive marks of improvement during her administration.

She has had to fight a sagging economy while operating in an inflationary period. On top of that the state has been on what could be termed a progressive binge for 20 years prior to her coming into office.

Somewhere, there has to be a slow down, or a breath-catching period before the past pace is resumed.

It has taken her a year and a half of the precious short four years she has to serve to formulate a program and gain the support of the legislature to pass some of it.

Somehow she managed to win the governorship without offering a solid program of progress or improvement over the old system. She also chose an inexperienced staff to start her term and failed to take the members of the legislature into her confidence about the program she wanted to pass or take the time to explain it to them before she introduced it as legislation. Her tax package, submitted late in the regular session, just wasn't acceptable on such short notice.

ONE ADVANTAGE she might have had was following an administration that was marked by controversy and a program of hyped up salesmanship that maintained a status quo in economic growth and progress, but leaned heavily on showmanship and imaginative publicity.

The Brown administration did cut the cost of government to meet a recessive economy, but reduced services to the public while rewarding friends by adding to the payroll, while letting highway maintenance go unattended and not replacing machinery.

The governor has called a special session to institute a program that she believes is an improvement over the present and keep the state apace with its neighbors.

She is asking a tax package that falls more directly on corporations and other businesses that have enjoyed a more favorable climate than all others for years.

She also may ask for a gasoline tax increase of five cents per gallon to save and improve a deteriorating road system. Last week there was more doubt about the gasoline tax than the other part of her special session.

Construction of the AA Highway (Ashland to Alexander) in northern Kentucky, started by Gov. John Y. Brown Jr., is being carried out by the present administration, but more money is needed for maintenance of the entire system.

GOV. COLLINS has a short six months before the regular 90-day session begins in January. After this session she becomes a lame duck governor.

Kentucky's most effective governors of the past have had a planned package to submit to their first legislative session. This package has been sold to the legislators before the session officially begins. The package has been passed.

With this done, the successful governor has four years almost to put the program into operation and get it established.

The slow-down in the economy has hurt.

Down Memory Lane

'Miss Edna' calls it quits

Thursday, July 15, 1965

Mrs. S.W. (Miss Edna) Keller officially retired in Monday as Carlisle-Nicholas County's news correspondent for the Lexington Herald, after more than 40 years service. At the same time "Miss Edna" resigned as society editor for The Carlisle Mercury, after being a "family member of the staff" since the Mercury was purchased from her late husband in 1932.

A prize possession is a mulberry tree, originally from Mrs. Foster Coe's garden, which she's taken with her from place to place, and has been in her yard on Main Street since 1946. "The squirrels, birds and I just love it," Mrs. Vice said.

She bemoans the fact that blackberries are fast becoming a thing of the past, now that briars are being cleared from farmland. Her son **Gerald**, an engineer with a gas company in the state of New York, writes that he can get the cultured berries but "they're nothing like the kind I got back home in Carlisle."

Mrs. Vice would like to add one more tree to her yard...a wild red plum. She'd welcome a call from anyone who might know where one is available for transplanting later this fall.

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Sheriff Charles Ring is taking a lot of good natured kidding this week, thanks to his wife **Anna Lou**.

The Rings, you see, took a well-deserved vacation trip to the Smoky Mountains just prior to the Blackberry Festival. But instead of sleeping in, Charles would wake up each morning at 5 o'clock, insisting that Anna Lou come join him watch the sun come up.

"You'd think, being a farmer, he'd seen plenty of sun rises," Anna Lou told her friend **Eileen Bowles**.

Just goes to show it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks, wouldn't you say?

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Hole in one! — **Andy Anderson**, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Lyle Anderson**, shot a hole-in-one on No. 4 green at Carnico Country Club golf course Saturday, July 6, while playing with his mother. Andy has the distinction of being the youngest member holding this honor.

Thursday, July 19, 1945

The Slar Scouts, presented by Everett Smith, Scoutmaster, gave a program at the Rotary Club last Thursday night. Those participating were Bobby Palmer, Kenneth Campbell, Charles Dixon, Gaylord Caswell, William Newell and Bobby McCann. As a boy becomes a Star Scout he is invited to attend the Rotary Club.

The Nicholas County softball league continues with many attending the games every Tuesday and Friday night. Tuesday night the Stockyards won over Carlisle 10 to 4 and the Legion beat the Militia 13 to 12. Friday night Carlisle won over the Legion 5 to 4 and Bartonville beat Headquarters 14 to 7.

J.C. Smart, son of Mrs. Philip Sugg, sustained painful injuries to his hands and arms when a motorcycle he was riding skidded near Elmaville late Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wallace Ledford was seriously injured here late last Thursday afternoon when she was struck by a car driven by Bobby Whaley, 17, at the corner of Main and Elm Streets. She suffered a severe fracture to the left leg and severe bruises.

Nicholas County women are needed to take to their homes materials for the completion of 35 pairs of pajamas now needed in combat hospitals for the use of wounded veterans. These remain from a quota of 200 cut-outs filled by Nicholas County.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jackson, a daughter, Wednesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walker, a son, July 15 at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. James Ellington, Lexington, a son, James Julian, July 9 at Good Samaritan Hospital. — To Lt. and Mrs. Wallace Berry Ratliff, Washington, D.C., a son, Wallace Berry III, July 8.

MARRIED — Alice B. Overt and Edward Fisher, last Tuesday at the Carlisle Presbyterian parsonage. — Miss Georgia Waits and Robert T. Mayberier, in Maysville. — Miss Mildred Berry and Duward Curtis, July 12 in the Methodist parsonage at Moorefield.

DIED — Mrs. Franklin H. Webster in San Diego, CA. — Thomas Roberts, 46, Tuesday in a hospital in Louisville. — John Ewing, Whitmack, 73, Sunday at home in Lexington. — Cpl. Edgar Hamm, July 1 in Italy. — Claud E. Hufus Snapp, 36, Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital.

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Op-Ed page

An hour's exercise

...a devil of a way to live an hour longer

One of my buddies is into exercising. He bought a set of those rubber stretchers that you hook onto doorknobs and gyrate against. He does it in his bedroom.

But the other day he was doing his behind-the-back full-bend-and-press routine when his wife forgot and opened the door right in the middle of his fullest move. He dislocated his left shoulder, or something that hurt like the dickens.

But he is undaunted. "I can always do one-arm exercises," he said, adjusting his sling. "Sit-ups are no problem and I can still run through the whole schedule of leg lifts. So I manage to get the essential one hour in every day. What about you?"

"No," I explained. "I'm into yoga on an easy chair in front of the boob tube. But whatever turns you on."

He gave me a look. "Let me tell you something," he said. "I read just the other day that for every hour of exercise, you'll live an hour longer."

How about that? Did that fact come with the stretchers you bought?"

He puffed out his chest. "Think about it," he said. "An hour a day is 365 hours a year. That's more than 15 days. That means if I exercise an hour a day for 10 years, I'll live 150 days longer. Did you know that?"

"Sure," I said. "That's why I don't do it."

Old buddy carefully adjusted his sling. "You don't want to live longer?" he asked suspiciously.

"Not if I'm going to heaven," I said. "I see no reason to hang around this flawed flyspeck in space if an eternal paradise of chilled Kosher and warm blondes awaits me just beyond the Great Divide."

"You're going to hell. That's for sure," old buddy said sadly.

"You sound like my friend Metaphor," I said. "He, too, was convinced he was going to hell. And he had good reason, for the devil appeared to him in a dream and tried him with a fiery eyeball. Metaphor,' said the devil, rubbing his hands, 'your soul belongs to me.'

'Poor Metaphor was bathed in cold sweat. 'Oh, Great Beelzebub,' he cried, falling on his knees, 'is there no way I can escape such a terrible fate?'

'So pitiful was Metaphor that the devil told him he'd won his sympathy. 'I will make you a bargain,' said the King of Hades. 'For every hour you do jumping jacks, I will allow you to spend another hour here on earth.'

'Metaphor's joy knew no bounds. The next morning he leaped out of bed and began doing his jumping jacks: one, two, three, four, one, two, three, four. At first, he could only manage 30 minutes at a time. But, sure enough, his muscles gradually grew stronger. Soon he was able to jump non-stop for a full hour. Then two hours, four, seven.

'After a year, he was finally able to execute jumping jacks for 12 straight hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. One, two, three, four, one, two. The years passed. On his 83rd birthday, the devil came to Metaphor. 'Well, at least I lasted all these extra years,' said Met philosophically as the devil led him down to the Fiery Inferno. 'What is my punishment to be?'

'The devil smiled. 'Hands at sides, place!' snapped the devil. 'All right, start jumping. One, two, three, four. One, two.' And after the first six billion, we'll start on pushups.'

My buddy looked at me and said, 'You made up that story because you're too lazy to exercise.'

'Not so,' I said. 'It is just that I figure hell can wait.'

—RM—

Public speaker David Okerlund, when asked to provide a few tips for those who are interested in public speaking or who might be preparing a speech, reeled off a list that included:

Don't try to be anyone but yourself. The best material always comes from your own experiences.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Even great speakers make mistakes, and they try to profit by them.

Never completely memorize your speech. It is difficult to get started again if you get fouled up in a memorized speech.

Try to work in personal experiences on your speech. Giving personal examples lends more credibility.

Keep it simple.

Aim your remarks to the back row, then you will get everyone in between.

Your story must have a sense of organization. Then you will have a road map to follow while speaking and there will be a road map for the audience to follow.

Have fun. The size of your audience is not important and don't let it intimidate you, whether there are just a handful or several hundred.

Always check the equipment before your speech. Never trust anyone who says the equipment has been checked and everything is OK.

If possible, don't use a podium. Move around. A podium can become a crutch, and tension is created when you hold onto it.

The most important words you will speak are the first two or three sentences. You should memorize these.

If you must use note cards, write big enough so that you can see your landmark points at a glance.

Believe in your material and yourself.

—RM—

This being the season when graduates are getting chewed up pin hunting because their schools left them greener than a gourd about interviewing gamesmanship.

The interviewers are looking at the real you, which isn't going to hurt you as long as you don't show up looking like Boy George or want to do bird imitations while you have a bad cold.

Employment expert Robert Half hired Burke Marketing Research of Cincinnati to survey personnel directors and top execs from 100 of America's largest corporations on the most unusual thing a job candidate ever did in an interview. Here are some responses:

"While I was on a long phone call, candidate casually put a box of Kentucky Fried Chicken on my desk and started eating.

"Brought his mother into the room for the interview.

"Had a little pinball game. He challenged me to a game.

"He wouldn't get out of the chair until I would hire him. I had to call the police."

When I asked about his hobbies, he stood up and started tap dancing around my office.

"Pulled out a Polaroid camera and snapped a flash picture of me. Said he collected photos of everyone who interviewed him."

Told me if I didn't hire her, she'd have her grandmother put a curse on me."

When I refused to make a job offer, he tried to hit me.

—RM—

How do you finally know when a relationship is dead? Here's how.

It is not when they start taking the dog for long walks at night — after showering.

When you have to sit alone in the back seat of his car on the way to your wedding. He and his dad are riding up front.

When you win a free trip to Hawaii for two and he says, 'Why don't you take your mother?' And you reply, 'That's a great idea.'

When she drops my laundry off at the cleaners across the state line.

When your key won't fit in the lock.

When you tell him, 'I've heard that joke.'

When she asks you how you felt about people with herpes.

When you look at him and think, 'God are you fat.'

When you stopped faking it and he didn't notice.

When she beats you at arm wrestling.

When she starts wearing flannel pajamas to bed.

When you hear a message on his answering machine from a woman asking, 'Have you told her yet?'

Onward, upward.

RUSS METZ

'Evening at Pops' enters new season

The Boston Pops Orchestra marks its 100th anniversary with a gala celebration as it travels from the banks of the Charles River to the shores of the Potomac to celebrate a century of Pops music-making.

The festivities, broadcast from Washington, D.C., herald the season premiere of "Evening at Pops," airing Sunday, July 14, at 8 p.m. on KET.

From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, conductor John Williams, the 105-piece Boston Pops Orchestra, special guest John Denver, and the 300-member Pops Centennial Chorus will be joined by some 200,000 partygoers on the Mall to help celebrate the centennial of the Boston Pops. Featured in the program will be Williams' own compositions "America, the Dream Goes On," sung by John Denver, and "Olympic Fanfare and Theme."

Believe in your material and yourself.

—RM—

Special session covered by KET

Extended same-day coverage of The Kentucky General Assembly in Special Session" is airing each evening on KET at 10 p.m.

The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, normally seen on KET at this time, will be pre-empted for the duration of the special session.

The choice is electric in four out of five new homes.

More than 80 percent of the new homes built during the 12 months ended March 31, 1985, in Ky.'s service area have electric heat. Even in areas where natural gas is available, electric heat is chosen for three out of four new homes.

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Fleming-Mason RECC elects directors

The annual meeting of Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative was held July 3 in Flemingsburg.

Cooperative manager Huston Delaney estimated that 3,000 members and friends were on hand for the afternoon meeting. The cooperative's annual business session included the election of three members to the board of directors. Elected for a term of three years were: James E. Smith Jr., Route 1, Flemingsburg; Elmer Foxworthy, Route 1,, Wallingford and James Wells, Route 1, Morehead.

NOTICE
To Nicholas County Residents

Imogene Green will be taking applications for the Mathers Educational Fund at the Courthouse on July 23, 25, 30, & August 1.