

GENERAL NEWS

# Caswell named new WEDCO home health nurse

By Nancy Finn  
of The Mercury Staff

Janna Caswell, a familiar face to the community in this area, has taken a position with WEDCO Home Health Department as home health nurse for Nicholas County. The vacancy occurred when home health nurse Ellen Hemstead, retired in December 1980, along with assistant nurse Mary Ann.

According to Janna Matamura, WEDCO Home Health Director, Caswell came highly recommended and was the former manager for Tim Smith, home health nurse in Nicholas County Health Department as home health nurse.

Ms. Caswell has excellent technical skills, was well supervised but not employed for the health care industry.

A 1972 graduate of Evansville, Ind. school of Nursing, Caswell is a nurse. Caswell has also worked at St.

Joseph Hospital in Evansville, where she spent the last 15 years, where she spent all but a few months, where she had her children, working in Nicholas County health care facilities.

"I'm serving a lot of the same people who took care of at the nursing home and hospital," said Caswell. "It really helps, when you're on a new job to have something that's familiar. The patients appreciate seeing someone they know, too."

WEDCO derived its name from the W. E. Davis Company which used to operate a private home nursing service. The WEDCO Health Director, Janna Matamura, serving Nicholas, Harrison and Scott Counties.

In order to receive home nursing service, the care must be ordered by the patient's physician, who works closely with the home health nurse. We try to keep the patients at home, Caswell has also worked at St.

WEDCO is the only non-profit agency of its kind serving Nicholas County. It receives funding from Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and from direct patient payments. However, according to Matamura, a patient's eligibility does not depend on ability to pay.

The main goal of the home nursing staff is to get a patient to a point where he or she can resume a level of activity that is normal for them.

"We always try to support the patients in what they think is right for them," Matamura pointed out.

"Even if it means arranging for them to do at home, we support it as long as it's safe," she explained.

As with most agency-related jobs, a large amount of paper work is part of the work.

"That's probably the hardest part of the job," Matamura noted.

"It's a time-consuming and takes a long time to learn. When Mrs. Hemstead was showing us the ropes, she emphasized that we do it check blood pressures and take temperatures," Matamura said. "Although we do it every day, there's a lot more to it than that."

Caswell, 36, is from Tell City, Ind., where she attended high school. After completing the three-year nursing course in Evansville, she moved to Carlinville.

In 1973 she married Nicholas County native John A. Caswell, beginning her nursing career at Carlinville in 1974. Work in a doctor's office was for a week, we try to do it on Tuesday and Thursday.

"When people don't get out," observed Caswell, they want to be the best ones. That's the goal of the work.



Janna Caswell

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# An old-fashioned funeral: his last request

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For the first time since 1911, this horse-drawn hearse was used for the funeral procession of Floyd Kirk, a Martin County native. The hearse, carried by Sayers and Sobel Huggy of Cincinnati in 1906, is currently owned by William Clark of Clark Funeral Home in Morehead, Kentucky. Transported to Martin County by finished truck, the antique hearse was used to follow Kirk's last wishes — that he be buried the "old-fashioned" way. The 230 pound Belgian horses, owned by Frank Orms, were brought to from Onagawita to pull the carriage. —Nancy Finn.

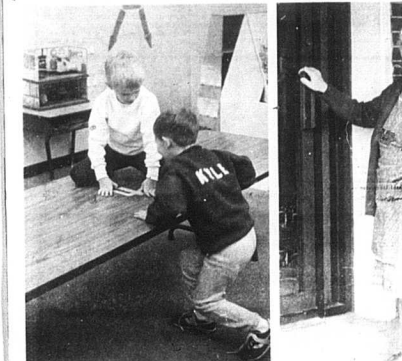
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Owners of the antique hearse, William Clark of Clark Funeral Home in Morehead, commented: "Not many things are around for 71 years that are brought out and used again for their original purpose."

The carriage, built in 1906 by Sayers and Sobel Huggy, Cincinnati, OH, originally cost \$1,000. Horses of this type were replaced by motorized ones in 1911.

The buggy-type hearse becoming obsolete, Sayers and Sobel began to make conventional vehicles and the company is still in business in Cincinnati, under the name of S & S Carriage Company.

Clark purchased the carriage in 1974 from Wm. Kurtz and Hooper Funeral Home, Nicholasville, KY. Except for its entry in the Carlinville 1978 Bicentennial Parade, the antique hearse was kept only for its antique value until it was shipped via flatbed truck to Martin County for the Kirk funeral.



The trail (Kyle Galbraith) encounters one of the Billy Goats Gruff (Landon Hutchison) on the bridge in Anne Baird's kindergarten class at Nicholas County Elementary School. The students were role playing their favorite stories. —Bill Graham Photo.

### ON THE RECORD

NICHOLAS DISTRICT COURT

Honorable Robert McGinnis, Judge Monday, January 21, 1982, 10 a.m.

Charles E. Hill, 171, charged with weapon in possession. KRS 26.20. Not guilty plea by att. Bernice KRS 214.00. Trial set 2:47, 11 p.m.

Tarlena A. Canon, 206, charged with weapon in possession. KRS 26.20. Not guilty plea by att. Bernice KRS 214.00. Trial set 2:47, 11 p.m.

Barbara Jean Hall, criminal possession of forged instrument in 2nd degree. KRS 318.00. Pub. def. appt. Trial hearing 2:47, 11 p.m. 20 day rule waived.

Billy J. Gray, 183, KRS 18A.01. Waived rt. to att. Guilty plea. \$200 plus costs. \$500 surety for absent license. Times set. 1:47 to 1:47.

Harold Alan Sells, bench warrant for taking over \$100. KRS 314.00. Pub. Def. appt. Trial hearing 2:47, 11 p.m. 30 day rule waived.

Jackie Ferra, alcohol intox. KRS 344.00. Not guilty plea. Bench trial 1:47, 11 p.m. Pub. Def. appt. Arnold D. Payne, DCL, KRS 18A.01. On motion of Comm. ordered to recheck driving. KRS 180.20. Guilty plea. \$100 plus costs. Operating on suspended/restricted license. KRS 186.620 (1). Cont. to 2:47, 11 a.m. Expired registration plates. KRS 186.170. Cont. to 2:47, 11 a.m. No insurance. KRS 306.30-30.00 (1). Cont. to 2:47, 11 a.m. Robert Robinson, rape 1st deg. 13-1:47 to 2:47, 11 p.m. Not guilty plea.

Preliminary hearing 1:47, 11 p.m. Sexual abuse 1st degree 13-1:47 to 2:47, 11 p.m. Not guilty plea. Preliminary hearing 1:47, 11 p.m.

Rose Leonard, theft by deception. KRS 114.00. Rest. paid. Guilty plea. \$10 plus costs.

Laura Farah vs. Steve Jolly and Amy Jolly, eviction hearing. Forcible detainer granted.

In re the Estate of Shirley A. Hudson, motion. Motion sustained. Order entered.

Janice D. Moore, trial; casting rays of spotlight with Precious in possession. KRS 180.20. By agreement, cont. to 2:47, 11 p.m.

Janice D. Moore, trial; building without license. KRS 136.170. By agreement, cont. to 1:47, 11 p.m.

Bethesda E. Harding, trial; assault on child. KRS 180.20. Not guilty plea. Bench trial held. Found guilty. Cont. 30 days in jail. Trial 1 p.m. No like or similar of. Not to go on account. Terrific. Deaneville. KRS 508.00. Found guilty. 15 days incarceration. Prejud. 2:47 to 3 p.m.

Janine Joe Mitchell, trial; evictory conduct. KRS 126.00. By agreement, cont. to 1:47, 11 a.m. Del. to corrective \$200 bond. Not to go about affiant Jodie Swartz or family.

Beverly Lynn Kessler, trial; EXH. KRS 180A.01. Waived rt. to att. Guilty plea. \$200 plus costs. \$100 surety. Probable license suspended. 1:47 to 2:47, 11 p.m.

Mrs. Nancy Shaw, Walnut Street, is about to enter Carlinville City Hall to pay her city utility bill. "The winter months are hell, in regard to the amount of the County Elementary School. The students were role playing their favorite stories of old weather and snow." —Nancy Finn.

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