

FOCUS



When I mess up; it's really good

Some people make mistakes, and they're not all that big, but it seems when I make one it's always just about as bad as it could be.

Last week I wrote about a lack of appearance of those speeding and running red lights in the court news as indicating these people are not fitted for doing so; HOWEVER, this is not always the case.

In-conversation with Nicholas County Court Clerk Sally Watkins, she explained some tickets written by those police on the road, city or county or state are what's called pre-payable fines, and thus do not appear on the normal court dockets, like some of the other information found there each week.

So, let the point be made, these fines for these offenses (usually) will not appear on the court docket, and thus, will not appear in the regular court news.

It should never be assumed that writing a letter to the editor, especially if it is critical of this newspaper, all such information will be deleted.

This is simply not true. We do not reserve the right to reject any item or advertisement for publication; and likewise, as has happened before, we will edit a letter if it contains wording which may possibly be grounds for a lawsuit.

We do that to protect the writer and this newspaper; just as most newspapers do. It is indeed unfortunate to believe letters will be edited simply to make it appear different.

About Judge John Lair On this page is a letter to the editor about the passing of Judge Lair. His obituary also appears in this week's edition.

We in no way would wish to even give the appearance we would tarnish any memory of this man or his reputation by leaving his obituary out of this newspaper.

However, sometimes things like this happen. There was a miscommunication. Not a very good excuse I will agree, but sometimes that happens no matter how hard we try to not let it happen.

Accordingly, we will make mistakes. There's no doubt about that. It happens, and try as we might to avoid it, it will happen again.

Nothing good about that, there never will be, and we try to avoid factual errors, misquotes, and the like, but it will happen. We'll simply

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just do our best to prevent it from happening, and go on from there. The Mercury, The Associated Press and how they can work for you

Also in the letter concerning Judge Lair there is some reference to The Mercury's use of material available from The Associated Press.

We make every effort to use those stories which we feel has relevance to the general readership.

Stories in the areas of health, personal finance, business news, travel, food, opinion, etc., are what I'm talking about.

We do this to make our news report as complete as possible. We make every effort to gather as much information as possible in every edition. We do

Letters Offers commendation for ambulance service

Editor: I would like to take this opportunity to publicly commend our local ambulance service.

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in fact miss some things, however we hope the publication is moving in growth in such a way there is always more than one thing which will be informative, instructional, or entertaining to our readers.

The Associated Press offers a large selection of information available from stories, which directly affect everyone in the county, to those of a special nature like recipes, garden tips, career planning and the like.

Some news stories are of a general nature, such as the drought conditions and what alternatives will be considered by farmers in Nicholas County and Kentucky.

We hope to make this a complete news product for your use and we hope your support for The Carlisle Mercury will continue.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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GENERAL NEWS

Fire marshal's inspection uncovers deficiencies

By Heather Mathes Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff The Kentucky Fire Marshal inspected the Carlisle: Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center on Main Street in Carlisle and found deficiencies.

Shirley Vise reported to the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Advisory Council that a plan of correction report must be filed.

Vise said, "The improvements required include, going through the basement and inspecting the existing steps, adding a hand-rail to the side of the stairs at an appropriate level and a door knob to the door and fire extinguishers."

It was suggested that Vise speak to the owner concerning the improvements.

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those at the center are served a total of 75 meals.

Vise said, "That number will be cut to 66."

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Unhappy with The Mercury's coverage

Editor: He was quoted in the Nicholas County Star, June 2 edition, as saying he hoped to maintain with the cooperation of all the lawyers, the dignity and respect for the courts to which they are entitled.

It is sad to see that you have not done so.

Times are changing with a new generation of lawyers and with different priorities and tender attitudes.

I am sure, however, each lawyer could tell you something special he learned from this in words a minister said, "A mighty Oak has fallen."

As most papers reported his passing in this 2nd edition, it was somewhat in our local paper, it is beyond my understanding.

Traffic patterns will be around next week. The Commonwealth's loss in Judge Lair's passing is regrettable.

As editor, it is my opinion that your lack of reporting or paying tribute was unacceptable.

Someone said to me, "Don't forget to say, 'What a shame and how sad!'"

Mrs. Pamela F. Albee Carlisle, Kentucky

MADD mother writes to bring cause home

Editor: As a public service, would you please publish the enclosed editorial in the next issue of your paper?

Up until August of last year, Radcliff, Kentucky, has been my home for several years. The tragic bus crash on Interstate 75 on May 14th has hit me hard for several reasons.

A young kid not too much older than my children, I know exactly how these families and this town are feeling.

Related crash in Taylor County, Kentucky.

The night was June 16, 1978, just shortly after midnight, the week hours of Father's Day. The movie "Smoky" had just been shown at the drive-in here.

My little sister, Martina, her boyfriend, Mike, and his little brother, Keith were with their way home.

Keith had spent a wonderful fun-filled day on a Vacation Bible School retreat at Lake Cumberland State Park near Nashville, Kentucky.

It seems so ironic that, what I have labeled the worst alcohol-related crash in the history of our country, took twenty-seven innocent lives.

During the community-wide memorial service in Radcliff, which I attended with 6,000 others, one question kept going up: WHEN IS IT GOING TO STOP?

As each victim's name was slowly read out loud, the silence between each name became deafening.

Cause of death: injuries sustained in an automobile crash-multiple brain hemorrhage, broken neck, crushed chest.

Mike spent two months in a Louisville hospital and several more in a body cast. Keith was only bruised and shaken up, but on my imagination what goes through the mind of a 10-year-old who is widowed a friend?

The other victim involved a father who was under the influence of alcohol.

He was a beautiful man for those of us who knew and loved him. Dad, a caring, loving, and kind man.

And then we remembered the other child who died in hospital care units praying for their recovery.

It was the day of a sudden, I heard another name, I heard Martina.

My home for several years. While there I became aware of both the local and state levels.

I felt this would be a positive way to deal with my grief and my brother and two remaining sisters and the rest of our family.

I scanned the sea of people just minutes late, the fun ended-violently in a tangled mass of steel and broken glass.

Why IS THE BEST MOVIE ALWAYS SHOWN LAST? The coroner said Martina was killed almost instantly and never knew what hit her.

ON THE RECORD NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT

Honorable Jack Arnold, Judge

Frances G. Baxter vs. James Baxter, Jr. vs. Jeanette Bowles vs. Fred Wayne Bowles.

Evie Lee Bowe vs. Charles Leonard Bowe.

NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT Honorable Jack Arnold, Judge

Thursday, June 7, 1988 8:30 First National Bank, Carlisle vs. Robert K. Whalen, et al. Motion Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered.

General Motor Acceptance Corporation vs. William A. McRobb. Motion Summary Judgment entered.

R. B. Mitchell, et al. vs. Lucian Workman, et al. Motion. Order entered.

Rebecca F. Lyman vs. William Jeffrey Lyman. Motion. Order entered.

General Motor Acceptance Corporation vs. Michael Bowles. Motion. Order entered.

NICHOLAS DISTRICT COURT Honorable Wayne Fitzgerald, Judge

Friday, June 10, 1988 10:00 a.m. Calvin Workman, do. 7/16/84. 1) Thiff by w/ taking \$100.00. KRS 214.030. Preliminary held. Bind up to Grand Jury. Cont. KRS 506.010. Insufficiency evidence. DM.

Darrell Finch, do. 7/16/84. 1) Thiff by w/ taking \$100.00. KRS 214.030. Preliminary held. Bound over to Grand Jury. Ewanston Engagement, 1st degree. KRS 508.060. Preliminary held. Bound over to Grand Jury.

Cont. Bonds Contempt of Court. Right pocket \$100.00 cash today for appearance 6/28/88 1:00 p.m.

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