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## Accident claims Carlisle man Saturday night, on Moorefield Road

Jackie Gene Wells, Jr., 28, of Mayville Road, Carlisle, died Saturday from injuries sustained when his truck hit a telephone pole on Moorefield Road. The driver's side of the 1987 Mazda truck took the majority of the impact. Wells was the only occupant of the vehicle, which apparently slid across Moorefield Road into a telephone pole. Wells was removed to Nicholas County Hospital by members of Nicholas County Ambulance Service. He was then transferred to University of Kentucky Hospital by helicopter, where he

later passed away. Members of the Nicholas County Fire Department Rescue Squad, also responded to the scene for assistance. Wells was a native of Nicholas County, a member of Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, a member of Kentucky National Guard, and an employee of Hi-Tech Tire in Paris. Survivors include: wife, Jane Ann Bradley Wells and daughter, Kara Brooke Wells, both of Nicholas County; parents Jackie and Marieje Hopkins Wells, Nicholas County; two brothers, Michael H. and Vincent Wells of Nicholas County; paternal

grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Wells of Nicholas County; and maternal grandparents, Clarence and Edna Hopkins of Carlisle. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Howard Wells. Services were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Reverends Mike Waglicki and Herman Kamlage. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery. Casketbearers include: Brent and Mark Wade, Kevin Wells, James and Derwin Howard, Greg Rawlings, Jeff Elder and Roger Pitts.



A 1987 Mazda pickup driven by Jackie Wells, of Carlisle, apparently slid across the road in a curve on Moorefield Road, slaming into a telephone pole. Wells was taken to Nicholas County Hospital and later taken by helicopter to University of Kentucky Medical Center. Wells passed away at UK Medical Center, Saturday night. - Photos by Hank Bond

## Hopkins plans visit

By Julie Pfeiffer of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
Congressman Larry Hopkins will visit Nicholas County to host a picnic with the Nicholas County Fire Department. At the picnic, October 23, he will officially present the keys to the fire truck he helped obtain for the department, said Mark Hughes, County Fire Chief. Everyone is invited, Hughes said. Since the

Congressman has been so kind as to get the truck for the community, he hopes that he can offer a crowd for Hopkins. "Everybody ought to show up for a free meal," he said. "He will also present a flag that has flown over the Capitol Building to the Fire Department, Hughes said. A fund-raiser is being held for the Fire Department thru October. A representative from Master Artist Studios is

selling \$10 certificates which allow the bearer to have a free \$10 portrait taken at the Fire Department October 29-30. Hughes said all of the proceeds go to the Fire Department. He also reported to the Committee that the first ham booth at Court Days broke even. The two Jeep fire trucks that will be advertised for bid, since the department no longer uses the vehicles.



Pictured is the Iron Dog, which was apparently stolen from Carlisle Cemetery. A wide spread effort is underway to recover the dog. - Photo Kentucky Heritage Council



## Water line plan explained

By Julie Pfeiffer of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
Citizens concerned about the Sharpsburg Water District line extension spilled out of a downstairs meeting room of the Moorefield Methodist Church last Thursday. The line extension which will serve about 200 customers in the Nicholas and Bath County area is only in the planning stage now. The

counties are jointly applying for a Housing and Urban Development Block Grant to finance part of the extension. The reason for the meeting, according to Todd Switzer, of the Bluegrass Area Development District, was to gauge the response to the proposed water line, whether it be favorable or unfavorable. A panel made up of Todd Switzer, Mike Pryor, of the

Sharpsburg Water District and Paul Amberg of Walspert Construction, a Sharpsburg engineering firm, listened to comments by those who could squeeze into the room. Probably the most controversial aspect of the water line extension would be the private right of way, required by Housing and Continued on Page 3

## Is local Health Care at risk? You may have to answer

By Hank Rhoad of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
Will the giant trend change in health care, make in-county care go out of business? Under most circumstances, newspaper stories are not supposed to begin with a question, however, in light of a Friday, October 7 deadline for signing up with a new plan, this question is at the forefront of many minds in this community, and communities across Kentucky. When considering a plan, state employees and school system employees must consider if the plan restricts using a certain hospital, convenience of the decision, and if in fact the local hospital plans

to participate, as well as doctors and pharmacies. Other considerations surround the restriction of physicians, does the present physician used belong to the plan, does the insurance company have a requirement for prior approval for urgent treatment, and does the cost outweigh restrictions the plan may impose. Nicholas County Hospital administration has had to sort through many choices, and as of now, the hospital has agreed to accept Kentucky Care, Kentucky Kare Select, Healthwise of Kentucky, and MetLife HMOs. Local doctors must also make these choices, since

each plan has the ability to dictate what hospitals and what doctors... along with which observatory... those belonging to the plan may utilize, if in fact the members of the HMO want the HMO to pay a benefit. Hopkins Drug and The Carlisle Drug have both opted to refuse, so far, the agreement offered by Healthwise of Kentucky. David Zachary of Hopkins Drug and Rusty Lawrence of The Carlisle Drug explained the pharmacy agreement presented to them simply did not allow the drug stores to make a sound business decision if they accepted the plan. "It simply goes against

sound business practices," Lawrence said. "There's no way we can belong to a program, which can dictate we lose money filling a prescription." The Healthwise agreement offered to both drug stores, stipulates Healthwise will reimburse them in the following manner: 90 percent of Average Wholesale Price (AWP) of drugs (10 percent less than what the drug actually costs the pharmacies) and \$3.25 per prescription filled. According to the plan in January 1989, the per prescription fee would be reduced to \$2.25, and reduced to 85 percent of the AWP. Accordingly, once the dif-

ference between the AWP and the 85 percent program in Kentucky. Thus, we're going to be sending business not only out of Carlisle, but out of Kentucky. No taxes, no benefits, nothing," Zachary said. "It would just be shame." Both drug stores have already signed up with some plans, however, it was not all ways exactly what they wanted to do. "I did sign up with some of the plans, but it was mostly in self-defense," Zachary said. "We have to keep as much business in town as possible." Lawrence is not only concerned, as is Zachary, with the

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