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Todd Gardner waits patiently for his turn on the recently constructed skateboard ramp at East End Park while Dwayne Sharp strikes a pose on the ledge. The ramp is built over the old volleyball court at the park. Josh Shephard Photo.

Bells take 5000 mile cross-country trip

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On August 13 Sarah Jane Bell, head teller at First National Bank and avid Honda motorcycle enthusiast, returned from a two week, 5000 mile motorcycle tour of the northwestern United States. "My husband (Russell) and I are members of the Lexington chapter of Goldwing Road Riders of America and we were headed for a Honda motorcycle rally, the Wing

Ding, in Madison, Wisconsin. Before getting there, though we stopped along the way to see the drum and bugle show at Indiana University in Bloomington and the Indiana Dunes along Lake Michigan. The dunes were beautiful and the homes around the area, simply spectacular. The dunes move look like they're a land extension of the lake," Bell said.

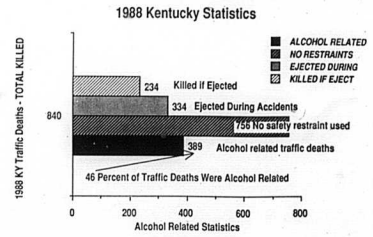
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Alcohol is a major factor in Kentucky traffic deaths

Forty six percent of those people who died on Kentucky's highways last year were involved in crashes involving a drunk driver. According to 1988 Kentucky Traffic Accident Facts, published by the Kentucky State Police Records Section, 849 people were killed on state roads and 399 of the deaths were alcohol related. Sixty seven percent of the drinking drivers in fatal accidents were found to have been legally intoxicated (0.10% or above) at the time of the accident. Ninety percent of the vehicle occupants killed in 1988 were not wearing any kind of safety restraint such as a safety belt. Of the 15 children, four and under, killed in vehicle accidents last year, 12 were not in child safety seats.

- ◆ Kentucky law states a child 40 inches tall and under (from about four years of age down) should be restrained in a federally approved child safety seat.
- ◆ A total of 334 people were totally or partially ejected from their vehicles during an accident.
- ◆ More fatal accidents occurred in the 15-24 age group than any other.
- ◆ Of the 849 killed, 511 were male and 338 female.
- ◆ Most fatal accidents were head-on collisions on dry pavement during the day.
- ◆ Most non-fatal accidents were rear-end collisions on dry pavement during the day.
- ◆ One of every 4,240 Kentucky citizens died as a result of a fatal crash (nearly half alcohol related).
- ◆ One of every 10 Kentucky citizens was involved in a traffic accident.
- ◆ One of every 69 Kentucky citizens was injured in a traffic crash.
- ◆ A total of 52,158 people were injured on Kentucky's roads last year.
- ◆ 1988 Kentucky traffic accidents cost the state (wages, loss, medical expenses and property damages) between 717 and 864 million dollars.
- ◆ Seventy percent, or 234, of those vehicle occupants who were ejected were killed.
- ◆ This information also reaffirms the lifesaving advantage of using occupant restraint devices.



Sewer plant decision delayed for Lake Carnico Corporation

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Residents and lot owners of the Lake Carnico Corporation decided not to make a final decision on the construction of a sewer plant to serve the residents of the area.

The decision was delayed until a more detailed study of the project is presented. Members of the corporation filed into the Nicholas County courtroom Thursday night to discuss whether or not residents and lot owners wanted a sewer system installed.

Home owners around Lake Carnico have been concerned about the pollution of the lake when, several years ago, it was discovered untreated sewage tanks were depositing some pollutants into the lake. To combat the situation, increased inspection and care for the sewage tanks have improved the lake's pollution content, but there has been some interest that a sewer plant would improve the overall pollution situation and prevent unnecessary pollution of the lake for a long time.

John Hall, elected director for the corporation, said he received a notice from Frankfurt that their application for a low-interest loan would be considered but that residents must begin moving on the loan application soon. Hall said the corporation has the resources to have the plant installed and the purpose of the meeting was to determine if the sewer plant is wanted.

He then turned the meeting over to Harold Snodgrass, an engineering consultant from Kenivron, Inc., to answer questions about the sewer plant, its feasibility and cost. The corporation had discussed the feasibility of having a sewer plant installed about four to five years ago, Snodgrass said, and cost estimates were between \$400,000-\$600,000 for a sewer plant to be built.

However, the corporation was unable to move on the project because state government funds were not available to help finance the project. "With improved technology and the general rate of inflation, I have upgraded my estimates. The cost of the project should be about \$600,000-\$700,000," Snodgrass said. He said the estimated rate to pay off the loan should be about \$10-\$140 with an additional cost of \$10 to pay for the general care and maintenance of the sewer plant. Hall said, according to the terms of the loan, they are expected to be able to pay back the money in 20 years. The ceiling limit Hall and the Carnico Corporation board of directors have set for the project is \$700,000. "That is as high as we can go if we are going to be able to afford the monthly payments to the plant," Hall said.

Most of Snodgrass' estimates were based on the installation of grinder pumps for the sewer plant. Snodgrass said a gravity sewer system to transport waste would not be feasible for the area without pumps because most property in the Carnico area live below the level of Lake Road.

There would need to be some kind of system to force the waste out, Snodgrass said. However, during the discussion, one resident, Dick Ebert, asked if a complete study had been done to determine what sewer system would be best according to both efficiency and durability and what the exact cost of installing and maintaining the sewer system would be.

Candidates sign up for city elections

As of August 28, 1989 the following had filed for office in the Carlisle Mayor general election: Curtiss Lester, Jeff Fryer, and Leo Bentz (Incumbent). Carlisle City Council: Tommy Vaughn (Incumbent), Betty Barton (Incumbent), Bobby Barnett, Charles Par (Incumbent), Ronnie Clark, Leslie R. Gates, Doug Garrett (Incumbent), James Fuller, Shoul Marshall, and Sharon Paulson.

Deadline for filing for either race is 4 p.m., August 31.

There are too many things we do not know yet for us to make an informed decision on the sewer plant. In business, a decision is never reached in this way. The figures should be obtained and laid out in front of us so we know the cost and we know the alternatives. I would like to see this done before we make any final decision.

Bridge repair forces closing of 1928, Sept. 5

The Kentucky Transportation Department will be replacing a bridge, located on KY 1928 in Nicholas County. According to John Keith, chief district engineer, the bridge is located approximately 50 feet west of KY 3315 over Cassidy Creek. Work will be done by state forces.

According to Keith it will be necessary to close KY 1928 at this location September 5 for approximately six weeks.

A detour will be provided via KY 36, via KY 57 and via KY 3315 to the job site. According to Keith the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regrets the inconvenience to the traveling public, however, the replacement of this bridge will provide many years of service to the traveling public in this area.

Phone service changes planned to begin in '90

South Central Bell will be spending approximately \$500,000 to provide customers with the most modern telephone service available. The project will be complete by March 3, 1990, according to South Central Bell Manager Tom Tucker.

"Four customers, this major investment means new services and a modern telephone network that paves the way for continued growth," said Tucker. "It will provide a state of the art telecommunications network in Carlisle that will help attract high tech business and industry to the area. The new digital system will put us in an enviable position when more information age services will be introduced—services such as shopping and banking by phone, as well as retrieving information from electronic libraries and data banks," Tucker said. "We'll have the kind of telecommunications network that high technology businesses are looking for when they're considering where to locate."

Changes

- ◆ Seven Digit Dialing: Customers will need to dial seven digits to complete calls within the 39 area.
- ◆ Dial-Tone: Customers may notice a different, softer and more electronic sounding, dial tone.
- ◆ Custom Calling Services: The new digital switching system will make Custom Calling services available for an additional monthly charge. Those services include, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling and Speed-Calling.
- ◆ Equal Access: Customers will also have the opportunity to choose a preferred long-distance company to carry most of their 1+ long distance calls. Customers will receive a ballot listing the long distance companies that plan to serve the area and instructions on how to sign up. Equal Access will begin March 5, 1989.
- ◆ Coin Telephones: One of the South Central Bell coin telephones are converted to "dial tone first," customers will hear a dial tone before they put in a coin.
- ◆ Customers can call the operator, the South Central Bell business office or repair service, plus make long distance credit calls without depositing a coin," Tucker said. He advises customers to take a moment to read the new instructions posted on South Central Bell coin phones before placing their calls.



Tom Tucker