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Driver injured
 Michelle Morris, 25, of Ewing sustained head and neck injuries in a one vehicle accident, at 6:30 p.m., July 22, one-fourth mile north of Carlisle on KY 32. The 1989 Ford pickup Morris was operating apparently skidded off the road and collided with a parked wrecker owned by Jimmy Howard of Carlisle. Morris was transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance. The accident was investigated by KSP Trooper Clinton Graves.

**As Nicholas County Schools Superintendent
 Gilbert makes ready for first year**

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Cebert Gilbert, new superintendent of the Nicholas County School system, said every student has an ability, a talent, which will make them successful in life.
 It is the purpose of the school, he said, to provide the opportunity for students to develop their talents and give them the education to thrive and prosper.
 Gilbert's rise from Industrial Arts teacher to superintendent of a Kentucky school system has not been meteoric in any sense.
 But throughout the time he has demonstrated consistent academic preparing quality facilities in school systems with limited resources.
 Gilbert had little time to rest after graduating from Eastern Kentucky University with an education degree in industrial arts. The day after he graduated he immediately went to work to help establish an industrial arts program at Pikeville Independent school.
 Pikeville needed the program extensibly to accredit the school in joining the Southern Association of Schools, he said, but there was considerable interest from the school and community to create a solid, well rounded, industrial arts curriculum.
 With funding provided by the Powell County school board and the Pikeville Model Cities program, Gilbert began to assemble his design for the classroom and stock it with equipment.
 Lathes, table and radial arm saws, cutting tools and welding equipment and a wealth of other industrial supplies were all bid while Gilbert went about designing the classrooms.
 In his first school year, the industrial program was reviewed and observed by a number of career education officials including members

of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
 Pikeville Modern Cities representatives, in their own review, were so pleased with the program they pledged another \$5,000 for additional equipment, Gilbert said.
 While teaching at Pikeville, Gilbert also obtained his Master of Arts in Education and coached two years of baseball before an opportunity presented itself to return to his Powell County home as principal of the middle school.
 After a year working with the Powell County administration Gilbert was asked to step up to high school principal.
 During this period he arranged for equipment in the vocational and high school and helped build up the system as well as an open classroom system would allow.
 At the end of 1979 he became assistant superintendent of Powell County and for 10 years the duties remained to him continued to steadily grow.
 He worked to improve grounds and the vocational education program and assisted in the vocational education program and assisted in the gifted student curriculum.
 He arranged the construction of a new middle school, two gymnasiums, 13 additional classrooms, a new garage and helped start the Powell County football program, including construction of a football field and track.
 He arranged for Powell County to use school cooperatives for supply purchases, a cost saving alternative Gilbert will implement at the Nicholas County.
 For 13 years he served Powell County system always in search of new challenges and new opportunity.
 "Because a school system is small means nothing about its ability to deliver quality education."
 "Pikeville Independent is about the same size with the same potential for resources as Nicholas County. Besides having a top ranked football team, they have a strong, top

ten, academic team," Gilbert said.
 The youngest of five children, Gilbert had two teachers drop out of school and another who left school and returned. Only he and his sister made it through 12 straight years of schooling. He came to value education so highly, he became a teacher.
 The rewards of teaching come from the success students find later in life, Gilbert said.
 "If a student goes through Nicholas County schools and becomes successful, then the faculty and administration is successful. As an educator and administrator in school I cannot gauge success in monetary terms. Few who enter education can expect to be rich. The field does not offer that kind of opportunity. A teacher's rewards come from the accomplishments of their students," he said.
 Nicholas County is a good sized system for students to work because it is small. Teachers can afford to work with students on a personal level, he said.
 "I don't want Nicholas County to be a place where families just live and send their children to another school system. We should have a school where parents want to send their children. There is not a single reason why we cannot do this."
 But Gilbert does not rate a good school system by counting how many students continue their education in college.
 "There is a place, a need, for every person on this earth and it is the duty of this school to help point our students in the direction where they will make their best accomplishments," Gilbert said.
 The family is very important to educational success as well, he said.
 "One thing wrong in education is the dissolution of the family. If family has failed there is nothing to mouth in a child recognition of education in their lives."
 "Schools must provide students with the tools for success but it is the family influence that pushes students to use these tools in their adult life."
 "I try to give as much encouragement as possible because it means so much to student when they are struggling with a problem or pursuing a particular goal. I hope my association with Nicholas County will help students grow just as much as it will me," Gilbert said.

Nicholas Superintendent Cebert Gilbert

Fall into Licking claims man's life

By Josh Shepherd
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MYERS STATION—A Lexington man apparently drowned in the Licking River along Mexico Road, Saturday.
 Witnesses said he stumbled over tree roots and fell into approximately 15 feet of water, according to a report filed by Kentucky State Police Trooper Kenneth Jones.
 The body of 26-year-old Dennis Watkins was recovered by the Nicholas County Fire and Rescue squad after a search that lasted approximately two and a half hours after the incident was reported. Members of the National Guard also assisted in the recovery effort.
 Witnesses told police and Kentucky Water Patrol Authorities that Watkins was down by the river fishing when his foot apparently was caught by tree roots and he fell into the water at about 5 p.m.
 Companions Phillip Sidles and Tim Sams worked to locate Watkins in the water while another witness attempted to quickly back out of Mexico Road to reach a home and telephone the rescue squad. The car swerved off the road and the caller had to run the rest of the way off to a phone.
 Momentarily blocked by the car, the Nicholas County Fire and Rescue squad reached the scene minutes later and began efforts to recover the body with two boats circling the area Watkins apparently entered the water.

A report from the Kentucky Water Patrol said witnesses told them Watkins had been drinking at the time of his accident.
 As rescue efforts continued at the river, Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith came out to control incoming traffic as spectators and automobiles clogged the Mexico Road entrance.

The Harrison County Rescue squad and a diver from Fleming County arrived to assist just as Watkins' body was recovered by Nicholas Fire and Rescue member Matt Hughes.
 Watkins was pronounced dead at the scene by Nicholas County Coroner Taylor Mathers, but under direction of Dr. Allen J. Hamons, the man was rushed to Nicholas County Hospital. Numerous attempts to revive Watkins were unsuccessful, Ronald McDonald, ambulance driver, said.
 Watkins was removed to the University of Kentucky Medical Center for an autopsy. Results of the autopsy were unavailable at press time.

Reserve still popular

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MYERS STATION—When Clay Farm was privately owned it was the single largest piece of one tract land in Kentucky. Though the change to Clay Wildlife Management Area has changed the farm's once prestigious status, it is still one of Nicholas County's most popular attractions.
 Clay Wildlife covers approximately 4,901 acres of land, easily the largest wildlife area in the district.
 Buford Clark, wildlife manager said.
 "Open year round it provides a natural playground for small game hunters, fishermen, hikers, sightseers and campers."
 Horse trails run throughout the area and in the years it has been a wildlife area, more and more people have been coming to visit, Clark said.
 "Many people from around the central Kentucky area come here and those close by come on a fairly regular basis."
 "But the wildlife area is here primarily for the sportsmen. No state taxes are used to run the area except the revenue obtained from hunting and fishing licenses," Clark said.
 "People who are tired of the same state parks and crowded recreational spots come to Clay Wildlife because it is a different way to spend a weekend or even an entire vacation, he said.
 "Here you can really get away from it all," Clark said.
 Clay Wildlife is also home for many special events. Last year Clay Wildlife served as host of the annual fox hunt for the Nicholas County Fox Hunters Association.
 Though unofficial until July 13, tentative dates for opening hunting seasons are as follows:
 Squirrel, September 1; Grouse, October 1 and Rabbit and Quail seasons begin November 1, 1990. All hunting seasons close after December 31.
 In addition camp applications for the Deer Quota Hunt, scheduled for the weekend of December 1, are available from July 1 until the deadline on August 31.
 Deer bow season at Clay Wildlife runs from October 15 to November 9.
 Because we are a state regulated area, many of our hunting seasons run longer than regular hunting seasons outside of the area," Clark said.
 Hikers and campers are welcome. All that is required is as primitive as you can get," Clark said.
 Clay Wildlife encompasses a full nine miles of bank along the Licking River for fishermen and is equipped with an improved 125 foot boat ramp. There are also three places along the river to camp overnight, he said.
 "For Nicholas County, it's a heck of a resort area. Tourists from all over come here on a regular basis and have for quite awhile. It's just another thing Nicholas County can be proud they have," Clark said.