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Nicholas News Briefs

KY 1244 closed April 3-5 detour to be put in place

John Keith, chief district engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Flemingsburg said the department plans to remove the existing non-functional culvert on KY 1244, 200 feet east of Kentucky 2314.

The entire project will be done by state forces, according to a release from Keith's office.

Keith goes on to explain it will be necessary to close KY 1244 at this location April 3-5, for approximately three days.

A detour will be provided via KY 2314 and KY 1244 to the job site.

Science Fair set at NCES

Nicholas County Elementary will hold its annual Science Fair, March 21. Awards will be presented, March 22. The fair is open to the public, Wednesday.

The top exhibits in grades 4-8 will be eligible to enter the regional science fair in Morehead State, March 31.

Easter Seal drive planned April 14 local guard unit plans to participate

By SSG Ronald R. Hower
Special to The Mercury

CARLISLE — Members of Company D 201st Engineer Battalion will again volunteer their help in the annual Kentucky Easter Seal Drive, April 14.

The volunteers will be collecting in the communities of Carlisle, Mt. Sterling, Owensville, and Sharpburg.

Last year the Kentucky Army National Guard collected \$62,000 which was used to help some 23,000 children and adults around the state. Over the 19 years Company D has helped collect an average of \$2,200 from the participating communities.

Captain Edward L. Taylor, commander of the Carlisle unit said he hopes, "That all of the communities involved will again rise to the challenge and help the Kentucky Easter Seal Society help our fellow Kentuckians." In case of inclement weather, the drive will be held Saturday, April 21.

Tollesboro man injured in wreck is cited following Monday accident

CARLISLE, March 19. — Charles Berry, 28, of Tollesboro was injured in an early morning accident on US 69, Monday.

According to Kentucky State Police Trooper Berry was heading east on US 69 his 1983 Ford van crossed to the other side of the roadway and struck a parked 1979 Plymouth truck owned by Carl Letcher.

The van overturned after impact with the Letcher vehicle, continued on taking out about 15 feet of chain length fence, striking a 1989 Buick owned by Frazer Bean before coming to rest on its top against a 1984 Chevy truck also owned by Bean, Layne said.

Berry was taken to Nicholas County Hospital by NC Ambulance personnel, where he was admitted for head injuries.

Layne said he cited Berry to court for driving under the influence.



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Kristen Henry, Nicholas County Kindergarten student, took four medals in the third annual West-Olympics, sponsored by the Ministry of Children with Special Needs, Inc., at Henry Clay High School gym March 4. Henry took a gold and silver medal in the Walker Slalom Race and the Walker Race, respectively. Henry also took two bronze medals in the Bean Bag and Tennis Ball Throw.



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A complete loss

Fire had destroyed the residence of Robert Herrington, Old US 68 at Blue Licks, when fire fighters had arrived. According to NCFD Chief Mark Hughes the department received the call at about 3:30 a.m., Friday, March 9. The chief explained the caller who reported the fire said the building was already consumed with fire. The owner was not at home at the time of the fire. The department was able to save the out buildings at the residence. Hughes said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Magistrates face questions on rock, culverts

By Josh Shepherd
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE, March 13 — A debate on rock hauling finalized in a 6 p.m. meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court Tuesday, allegations were made regarding free installation of culverts on private property.

As the fiscal court finished with regular business, Nicholas County Judge, Executive Reese Smoot opened the floor for public discussion of county rock hauling.

After a period of silence Magistrate Floyd Russell said he had no problem with the county hauling rock as long as people buying the rock pay their bills to the county within a reasonable amount of time.

"There are several thousand dollars in outstanding bills for rock and we are not collecting on them," Russell said.

Bussell suggested the county bill people for rock every 30 days. Continuing to have rock deliveries would be contingent on having the bills paid, Bussell said.

Bills are normally sent out every three months, Smoot replied, and people often are expected to have their bills paid by the end of the month.

Allen Clay Stone said he usually keeps a bit behind on his rock bill, continuing to pay in installments throughout the year, but Bussell said it is not those who do pay that are the problem but the big bills that nothing has been paid on, some extending over years.

"I think rock delivery is one of the greatest services we provide," Magistrate Earl Lee Plank said.

Little was said afterward and no action was taken after discussion ended. However

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Arnold fears session not long enough

By Hank Bond
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

FRANKFORT, March 22 — State Representative Adrian Arnold (D - Mt. Sterling) is very concerned about the limited amount of time left in this session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

"I do not feel comfortable with the amount of legislation we are passing and the importance of that legislation ... and the very limited time we will have to deal with it," Arnold said from Frankfort, Monday afternoon.

"We're facing the need to increase revenue for the state, but with some of the legislation we are facing it may very well be an all or nothing."

"I have some reservations about not allowing the federal tax deduction on state tax returns. I have a real problem with that."

"I also have a great problem which may be levied on local property taxes."

"But, in the overall, my biggest concern is how fast we may be faced with passing the package of legislation."

"I am afraid," Arnold said, "that if we try to handle all of this too fast, we may make mistakes. We don't want to have to back up and do things over because we made mistakes by being in too much of a hurry."

"I believe the education package should be handled in a special session, to avoid this all or nothing, do it in a hurry, approach."

"Most agree with the concept we are trying to work with as far as education is concerned."

"My main reason for wanting to handle this in a special session is to allow people to have input. . . I'm just worried about that."

Six listed for superintendent's job special meeting called for Friday

CARLISLE, March 22 — Nicholas County Board of Education has trimmed the list of potential candidates for Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools to six.

The board will meet in special session, Friday, March 23 (9:00 a.m.), to formulate questions for the candidates and discuss the procedure planned for the interviews.

The candidates the board will interview to replace Donald Elder are:

- Cebere Gilbert, Jr., Powell Co.
- Kay Smith, Harrison Co.
- Betty Lynn Conrad, Nicholas Co.
- Charles W. Parrett, Fulton Co.
- Marshall Norton, Garret Co.
- Robert Waggoner, Shepherdsville

The interviews are scheduled to be held over three weeks.

The first interview will be held Monday, March 26, with interviews on the following Wednesday and Friday.

The board will then skip a week.

The same schedule of three days of interviews spread over the next week, has been planned beginning April 9.

According to Nicholas County Board of Education Chairman James D. Ander-

son, the interviewing process should be completed by April 12, barring any complications.

A final date for the official hiring of a new superintendent has not been set.

Members of the Nicholas County Board of Education include: Anderson, Herbert Duncan, Louise Zachary, David Smoot and John Cleaver.



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Traffic blocked as fallen tree is removed

City employees and the Carlisle Fire Department were called out last week, when, for no apparent reason, one of East Main's oldest residents, a very old, large tree, suddenly fell into the street blocking traffic. The fallen tree blocked traffic for a while, but workmen opened the thoroughfare within two hours. No one was hurt by the fallen tree.