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## Nicholas student is struck by auto

**By Josh Shephard**  
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A 13-year-old Nicholas County Elementary School student was apparently side-swiped by an oncoming car when she stepped out into the street on east Main last Wednesday.

The student was walking toward downtown after school. Donna Clark, daughter of Dennis Clark, of 5512 Milltown Road and a seventh grade student from Nicholas County Elementary School, was walking along the right side of Main Street toward downtown, Carlisle City Police Chief Allen Earlowine said, when she inadvertently stepped in the street close to an oncoming car, driven by

Alma A. July, 35, Flemingsburg. Clark was disoriented and thrown back to the side walk.

When police arrived, Earlowine said, Clark was seated on the curb.

An ambulance arrived and reported possible fractures to both legs before she was taken to Nicholas County Hospital for treatment.

On examination, it was reported Clark suffered bruising but no fractures or permanent damage were apparent.

Rob Hester, Johnson Mathers Health Care administrator, said according to a doctor's reports, Clark was apparently in good condition but a precaution was held at the hospital until the following morning when she was released to her parents.

## Three arrested after thefts during Project Graduation

CARLISLE — Kentucky State Police have made three arrests following vandalism to three cars, plus theft of several items from four other vehicles.

The incidents occurred about 1:30 a.m. Monday morning, according to Kentucky State Police Trooper Tim Layne.

The damage to three car windows, and theft of items from an additional four vehicles, occurred while graduated seniors were participating in Project Graduation.

Students were on an outing to Mayville as part of the Project Graduation celebration, when the incidents occurred, Layne said.

According to Layne three arrests have been made following the incidents. John Crawford, 19, Carlisle, and Michael Bowles, 22, Carlisle were charged following the incidents. One juvenile was also arrested.

Bowles was charged with criminal mischief in the first degree, Crawford and the juvenile were charged with theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief.

## Memorial Day Vets service to be held Sunday, May 27 by Nicholas Legion, VFW

CARLISLE — Nicholas County American Legion Post No. 17 and Nicholas County VFW Post No. 4666 will conduct joint Memorial Services at the Carlisle Cemetery, Sunday, May 27, beginning 1:30 p.m.

A memorial wreath will be laid for the soldiers killed in action and a 21 gun salute will be performed.

Pastor Darrell Sexton of the Assembly of God Church will be speaking at the service.

On Friday before Memorial Day members of both posts will place an American Flag at each veterans' grave in honor of the service they gave to their country.

The community is urged to attend this Memorial Day Service to pay respect to veterans who fought and died to preserve freedom and rights enjoyed by all today.

## Ford addresses NCHS graduates

**By Josh Shephard**  
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Senior U.S. Kentucky Senator Wendell Ford, former governor of Kentucky, said a major problem the state faces is education in his address to the Nicholas County High School graduating class of 1990.

Ford said there was a time when he was considering running for the post of Kentucky Governor in order to help the state continue to improve its educational system.

Ford said when he investigated the parades in estimates that graduating high school classes in Kentucky are diminishing and yet the enrollment in regional state universities are rising, he found a very telling statistic behind the rise in college and university enrollment.

"The majority of age groups that have increased in college enrollment are 23, 24, and 25," Ford said.

"When I interviewed some of these incoming students they said when they graduated high school they felt they had the education in high school to enter the real world, make money, and raise families. After four years they realized if they wanted more from their lives materially and economically, they needed to enter institutions of higher learning," Ford continued.

Ford said through his political career, he has made several high school graduate speeches and he often found them the most difficult to prepare. The one thing he has learned, he said, is that the speaker is perhaps the last stumbling block between seniors and their receipt of their diplomas. Thus, he has



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**Trailer destroyed, two injured**  
A trailer occupied by Darvin and Melissa Mitchell on Moorefield Road was completely destroyed when high winds swept through the county, last week. Both Mitchells were admitted to Nicholas County Hospital with injuries from the storms. See weather related stories, pictures on pages one and two.

## High winds sweep through county

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MOOREFIELD — A Moorefield couple was injured when possible squall winds or a tornado carried and flipped their trailer about 20 feet from its foundation off State Highway 26 just outside Moorefield early Thursday morning.

The Nicholas County Fire Department and Ambulance squad responded to the call at approximately 1:15 Thursday morning after reports of trailer damage due to high winds were dispatched.

Darvin and Melissa Mitchell were inside their home when winds took their trailer up, a portion of the home catching and knocking their four wheel drive vehicle on its side, and landing the home on its back smashing the front end.

"We were watching the latest storm come through. We had had some bad storms all day, but the clouds I could see rolling in told me we were in for the worst one yet," McDonald said.

"I saw the trailer in one big flash of lightning, but as I went back inside, I heard the entire house vibrating. Suddenly there was a big boom and I heard my wife say that the trailer was gone."

Neighbors helped the Mitchells escape their home through a rent in the trailer wall, McDonald said.

"I couldn't see much that night until the fire trucks and ambulance got here, but from the looks of things I've got to believe it had to be a tornado," McDonald said.

However, no official verification of a tornado was confirmed according to deputy sheriff Charles Smith.

According to Disaster and Emergency Services administrator Gene Kelley, a report from Jim Sperry from the National Weather Service radar, which covers the Nicholas County area, said all indications from weather reports point to the greater possibility that strong winds coming from the outflow of a powerful squall line were responsible for the damages incurred during the storm.

According to the National Weather Service report to the Nicholas County DEE the squall line was registered as passing through Nicholas County at the time the trailer damage was reported.

"Winds are a tricky thing. They don't require a tornado to produce the same kind of damage we normally at-

tribute to a tornado," Kelley said.

"It is still possible a small tornado did touch down, though the weather service radar didn't pick up the activity. But a squall wind has just as much destructive power as a tornado," Kelley continued.

The Mitchells were reported in good condition at Nicholas County Hospital Thursday but would remain at the hospital for further observation, Johnson Mathers Health Care administrator Rob Hester reported. All early indications from reports suggest Melissa Mitchell's baby is in good condition, Hester said.

## Fund established

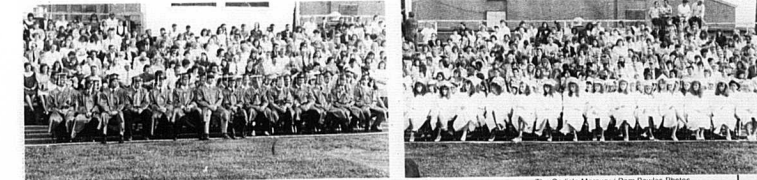
A fund has been established at First National Bank for Darvin and Melissa Mitchell.

A tornado destroyed their home and truck last week. All donations will be appreciated.

**Annual meeting set for May 30**  
The annual meeting of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will be held May 30, beginning at 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the 19th Hole of Carriette.

Door prizes will be given. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, May 29.



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The Class of 1990 enjoyed graduation ceremonies outside. Senator Wendell Ford was the commencement speaker.