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This was the scene at the Carlisle sewer plant Monday night at 9:00 p.m. as heavy rains caused flash flooding in most of south central and eastern Nicholas County.

## Rains cause sewer plant problems

**By Josh Shephard**  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The Carlisle Sewer System was under heavy strain when it was forced to process a deluge of rain water caused by heavy and continuous rainfall Monday.

The rains, which were responsible for a series of flash flood warnings across central and eastern Kentucky throughout Monday evening, overflowed creek banks in low lying areas throughout Nicholas County, making driving hazardous and at times impossible along sections of U.S. Highway 68, Lower Jacktowns road, East Union road and a host of smaller county roads.

Emergency Services coordinator and Carlisle Sewer Plant supervisor Gene Kelley said rainfall over three day period amounted to nearly 5.10 inches of water. Of that figure, about 3.85 inches of water fell within a 24 hour period from 9 a.m. Monday to the same time the next day.

This sudden increase in rainfall was potentially serious for many county residents, but according to Kelley, neither county nor city residents needed emergency assistance for evacuating their homes as water levels crested and fell back.

However, this same rainfall did cause considerable problems when water began to infiltrate sewer lines, forcing the plant to process "incoming water at a much faster rate."

"The amount of water dilution was so great that at times we were processing nothing but rainwater. We were taking in a lot more water in than we went at any one time, but we were able to maintain capacity until the water flow decreased to being much more easily manageable," Kelley said.

"Fortunately high water doesn't get the opportunity to stand around the county for any length of time. Once rains stop or slow, its not a long wait before water levels are back to a relatively normal level," Kelley said.

## Don't spread this, but... The flu is in town

**By Josh Shephard**  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — There is one December tradition making an unwelcome visit to the Nicholas County area this past week—the flu.

In recent weeks, several areas in the midwest and Kentucky, including neighboring Bourbon County have experienced an outbreak of flu. Schools in Paris closed four about four days due to the number of students absent because of illness.

And recently the flu seems to have finally settled in Nicholas County, although there has been no clear evidence the sickness will be nearly as severe as in other places.

According to Doctor Orlan Villafior there have been several patients check in exhibiting symptoms associated with influenza since Monday of last week. Although the time is right for cases of influenza to begin to crop up, there has been a much more than average outbreak of the illness.

"Roughly I estimate I see about 10 people a day who show flu symptoms," Villafior said.

In the schools, absenteeism has reached an average of between 60-70 students reporting in sick and is sending some about 8-10 more kids during the course of the school day. This is an increase of the average absentee numbers which is approximately 25-30 elementary children. Its not possible to estimate how much influenza has influenced the rate of absenteeism.

Gerald Hamons commented, but he feels the outbreak of flu cases has contributed to the number of children missing from school in the past week.

But there hasn't been enough drop in student numbers to justify a bonafide school closing.

"This is usually the time when kids come down with colds and headaches and other flu-like symptoms. But the absence I have now don't come close to fifteen percent of the general student population. That's how much should drop before we consider canceling classes," Hamons said.

Earlier last Spring, Nicholas County schools did close when just under 200 Nicholas County students came down with an illness.

"Everyone is within close proximity to each other and kids can get spread around. The smartest, and safest, thing to do is keep the child at home in bed as a measure of preventing an illness to spread."

"There have been several times we have sent a child home early one day with a fever only to have them return the next day still contagious," Hamons said.

But to talk simply of influenza is to oversimplify it: there are many strains of it around and is not to be taken lightly.

According to estimates given by Doctor Peter Egan some 30,000 deaths a year are caused by cases of severe influenza. The flu.

And there are a whole host of symptoms manifested by the illness ranging from headaches and fatigue to nausea and vomiting.

In a case Egan has seen since coming to Carlisle, most who have had strong re-

## Snow Queen candidates vie for crown during Christmas parade



**JANELLA KAY SIBERT**  
Janella Kay Sibert is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sibert of Carlisle. She is Senior Class Vice-President, Student Council Secretary-Treasurer, Academic Team Secretary, Treasurer, and First Vice-President of Future Homemakers of America. Janella is also a member of the Pep Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Invitational Academic Team, French Club, National Honor Society, and the Blue Licks Christian Church. She also serves as a statistician for the Lady Jackets' Basketball team. Janella plans to attend college after graduation.

**ANNA GERALDINE WHALEN**  
Anna Geraldine Whalen is the 18-year old daughter of William and Jane Whalen. Her activities are Boys Varsity Cheerleading, Pep Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and HOSA Treasurer at Harperriver County Vocational School. After school Anna plans to attend college.

**CRYSTAL DENISE HUNT**  
Crystal Denise Hunt is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunt. She is a member of the French Club and Pep Club. Her plans after high school are to attend Morehead State University.



The Snow Flakes for the 1991 Carlisle Lions Club Christmas Parade are, from left to right, Crystal Hill, eighth grade; Kayle Sexton, seventh grade; Sarah Cuy, sixth grade; and Katie Hopkins, fifth grade.

## Court passes 70 - 30 recycling resolution

**By Josh Shephard**  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court debated over whether to put up 100 percent or enter into an agreement with the Carlisle City Council to put up 70 percent of their half of a matching grant to install a recycling satellite station at the site of the Nicholas County Landfill.

In a special called meeting of the Fiscal Court Tuesday night, magistrates discussed their reaction to the City Council's resolution to split up matching funds of \$18,600 the local governments need to put up to be eligible for a \$50,000 recycling grant as part of the Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation introduced by former Frankfort mayor Michael Mims.

There was some suggestion raised by Magistrate Carl Cokers if the county needed to adopt a recycling plan. Citing some doubts as to the amount of use a recycling station at the county landfill will get from county citizens.

Cokers felt there was probably a more effective way the county could reduce its 25 percent of solid waste without establishing recycling.

However, older magistrates pointed out that even if the county were to have an agreement with an adjoining county about recyclable materials, Nicholas would still have to use compacting and packaging equipment to move it.

Magistrate Floyd Bassell expressed some disappointment in the decision by City Council. He said he expected a fifty-fifty arrangement.

Brownie Hollar, present at the meeting as a representative of his A-1 Sanitation company, suggested the county keep its arrangement to cover half the cost. He offered to cover the remaining 20 percent left over from the Council and also agree to run the operation.

However, the suggestion couldn't be realized because the court wouldn't be eligible for the grant if a private business got from county citizens.

**HOPE COKER**  
Hope Coker is the daughter of Charles and Sonja Coker. Hope is 17 years old. Hope is involved in Boys Varsity Cheerleading (captain), Pep Club, FFA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**TINA RING**  
Tina Ring is the 17 year old daughter of DuBert and Peggy Ring. She is a member of the Mock Trial team.

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