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Eric Hunt uses his day off from school to play in the snow in front of the courthouse.

Construction to start on.....

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Bethel, and on the other fork down East Fork Road to Stevens Road. It is hoped this later line can be extended on to Public Road and up that road a distance.
Nicholas County lines include the Cassidy Creek Road, Locust Grove Road and Zane Run Road as well as a section on KY 36. A new tower will be erected in Nicholas County.
D. A. Construction Inc., Morehead, will install a section of the water lines, while Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors of Indianapolis, Ind., will build the water tower.
The Nicholas-based Carlisle property station will be built by Tolliver Brothers Construction of Greensburg. The Shaysburg Water District officers and employees are Mike Tryon, chairman; Jim Bleser, secretary-treasurer; Charles Little, Herb Bowling, Judy Harman, commissioners; Gayle Hasey, manager; George Purvis, maintenance; Debbie Purvis, clerk; and Billy Hopkins, Carlisle, District attorney.
"Everything is ready for construction to start within 10 days after today's final signing," Paul V. Anshury, project engineer with Woodgett-Crossgrove of Ashland, said.

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GENERAL NEWS

Mild winters offer farmers a mixed blessing

By Sandy Gilhe
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - The recent string of mild winters has been a mixed blessing to Nicholas County farmers.



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Mike Phillips - Co. Ext. Agent

Mike Phillips, Nicholas County extension agent, says that the temperature has not affected the tobacco harvest as much as in past winters. "The only way the temperature has affected tobacco at all is that we may not have had enough cold weather to continuously cold weather to control insects. In order to kill the larvae that are beneath the soil we have to have a hard frost of some duration."

Phillips adds that the unusual amount of rainfall the Nicholas County area has received recently has been a blessing for some farmers while making things more difficult for others. "It (rainfall) has been heavy but what has happened is that ground water which has been depleted in recent years is now getting back up to the level it was before the droughts we've had in recent summers. Ponds are full

again which is good news for livestock farmers even though the rain does make feeding livestock more difficult. Livestock are the most likely to be adversely affected should an extended stint of cold weather set in. There are several things farmers need to be aware of in the case of an extended freeze. "Farmers need to be mindful of supplying additional feed. If ice are discovered Phillips recommends using a spray on product and get the animal wringing wet in this type of weather."

There are also problems with freezing water. Phillips points out that underspraying of water might be potentially hazardous to livestock in ways the farmer might not anticipate. "You need to have an adequate amount of water supply. Cattle need five to 10 gallons of water per day. Every year we have cases where cattle will become used to water freezing and walk out on a pond to get a drink. Sooner or later the water starts to thaw and the cattle break through. Then the farmer comes out and finds one set of tracks leading to a hole in the pond." Winter is also the best time for preparation, especially with the calving season due in

spring. Phillips has several recommendations. "Cows that are going to calve in the spring need some additional vitamin A, phosphorus and protein. Supplement with a good mineral mix that includes seven percent phosphorus and 150,000 to 200,000 units vitamin A per pound." There is also a need for magnesium supplement, beginning 60 days before calving and additional protein starting 30 days before calving, Phillips says. Part of the preparation process should include an inventory by the farmer. Phillips recommends checking the

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