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## Water leak repaired; advisory still in effect

**By Josh Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — Workers for the Nicholas County water district located and repaired the source of the water line leak that has deprived the Northwestern section of Nicholas County of water in the last week.

However, as of press time, the Kentucky Environmental Protection Agency has not yet lifted its water advisory.

According to Nicholas County Water District chairman Garvey Curtisinger, though the pipeline has been repaired, the possibility remains that contaminated water could have got into the system. "The EPA took a sample of the water and are running tests on it now. Hopefully by the end of the week, the system will be back in normal working order," Curtisinger said.

Approximately two weeks ago on a Sunday morning, Bartonsville area lodged complaints with several members of the Nicholas County water

district concerning a severe decrease in water pressure. In many outlying county areas, homes were receiving no water at all. Garvey Curtisinger, chairman of the Nicholas County Water District, said. Investigations into the problem led workers and board members to conclude the problem was a leak in the main pipeline serving that area of Carlisle.

However, pinpointing the location of the leak has been a needling problem for workers.

To find the leak, they have had to test individual sections of the water line until they could record a significant drop in pressure, Curtisinger said.

On Friday evening at approximately 7:30 p.m., they succeeded in locating the leak along Bartonsville Road next to Forest Retreat.

Apparently, an 11-year-old coupling between lines had been torn loose, possibly by ground shifting that finally broke the coupling, he said.

Workers replaced the coupling and re-charged the water with chlorine and ran tests to assure themselves the new coupling was secure and no further leaks existed.

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## Water board petitioned for new lines by 27 residents

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CARLISLE — A petition of 27 names was presented to the Nicholas County Water District Board Thursday night on behalf of residents from the Bald Hill Road area requesting water line extensions from the Mt. Mariah line.

Several residents from Northwestern part of the county arrived with various water line requests during the board's regular meeting.

One resident on Calcutta Road had also requested to be allowed to tap into the Calcutta line. However, due to the fact the water line is only a three inch line, water pressure is already very low for customers already receiving water services. Another tap to the line, residents feared, would deplete the pressure further.

However, board members said they would consult an engineering firm about the

feasibility of connecting other residents to the line.



The Carlisle Mercury Staff Staff Photo  
City worker and city fire chief Tommy Crawford uncovers a water line leak Wednesday afternoon that left several homes without water for most of the morning. The centrifugal break in the water line, a result of settling and ground movement, was quickly fixed by the application of pipe clamp.



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Seniors Kristie Barton and Tracy Earlywine in their traditional positions on the floor. Earlywine going for the shot and Barton blocking out and prepared for the rebound. Their seven years as Nicholas County Lady Jackets finally led them to the point only a few hops to reach, the state Sweet Sixteen.

## Lady Jackets fall in quarter finals to state champ Mercy

**By Josh Shephard**  
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RICHMOND — With Nicholas County in the final eight, the Lady Jackets weren't going to fall quickly.

Christie Hatton rebounded her own missed jumper to tie the score. On the next trip down, Hatton found Earlywine on the key to tie the game again, 4-4.

Then Mercy rolled. Jansen bombed a three pointer, #6 followed by two from Katie Rouds and another two from Stuckenberg. With an additional four, the Jaguars had mounted an 11-0 run going into the final minutes of the first.

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Nikki Smoot delivered. From 43 feet out, several feet beyond even the pro three point line, Smoot let go with a last second three pointer that caught all net. Nicholas fans went wild. The score going into the second quarter was 15-9.

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9-0 run with two from the charity stripe for an 18-10 Lady Jackets lead.

Even though Clay County kept it close in the final championship game, even higher than any other Nicholas County team had ever done in a state tournament game.

Karmin Kupper and Angie Strickman reclaimed Mercy's lead in the waning minutes of the half. By the end, the Jackets trailed by seven, 25-18.

But the Jackets were not yet out of it. Fifteen seconds into the third quarter, Denkins turned around and buried three pointers from the side for a 25-21 game.

Unfortunately, the three failed to knock Mercy off balance.

Matching Denkins three shot was Jansen. The next 9-0 run belonged to the Jaguars and the Lady Jackets catch up game stalled.

Linville, however, continued to shine through the course of the third, hitting for four points before logging her first foul in the final six seconds of the quarter.

Hatton hit Earlywine for an early fourth quarter score, but Mercy's offense continued to gain ground. By the 3:27 mark, the Jaguars led 50-52.

The pace had slowed to a deliberate game, with Nicholas defense forcing the Jaguars to pick and choose tough shots. But they still made them when they found them.

The final goal on the Mercy side finished the game.

The Lady Jackets hit ended with a stand in the final eight, even higher than any other Nicholas County team had ever done before. Though disappointed, they took the loss with a resolve to change their goals for 1993. As several Lady Jackets said, "I got a taste of this, and I liked it."

"I'm so proud of this group of kids. They went into this game un intimidated by the Mercy Academy team and they handled themselves well."

"But experience was in Mercy's favor. Mercy has a tough team, the toughest I've ever seen and that we've ever played."

"Our girls were excited and wanted to play."

"Penny Breit and I have coached these girls through Junior High and High School. For seven years they have been with us and our relationship is much more than coach/player. We're friends, every one of us. And it's that personal feeling between us that I will cherish long after the 1992 state championship is just a sweet memory."

"This is the end of the greatest season for the Lady Jackets so far, but I hope to be back. Next time, I hope we can make it all the way," Kenney said.