

Flooding continues in Western United States
Several Western states continue to fight the raging waters of the Mississippi River, which is over seven miles out of its banks. A number of Western Kentucky counties are bracing for the arrival of flood waters.

Justice Cabinet releases Crime in Kentucky 1992, annual crime report
Nicholas County, in comparison with our neighboring counties, is a relatively crime-free community, according to the report. See Commentary, Page Two, for figures and percentages.

Bluejackets Football starts August 27
The Bating Bluejackets will open their season with a home game against Fleming County at 8:00 p.m. Good luck, Bluejackets!

Area Weather Forecast Thursday & Friday - Dry and hot, with highs in the upper eighties, lows in the sixties.
Saturday & Sunday - Chance of thunderstorms, high in the nineties, lows in the mid seventies.

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The Nicholas County Fiscal Court looks over the specifics of the treasurer's report and debates other county issues on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Magistrates pay jailer's expenses, discuss paving projects

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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met July 13 at 9 a.m. and passed a measure which paid travel expenses incurred by George Garrett during a Kentucky Jailer's Association Convention held June 20-24 in Owensboro.

Wanda Dutton, court treasurer, reported the total cost of the trip was \$402.51. The cost included hotel room, gas, meals for two and pay movie charges.

"The court does not pay for anybody else to take a guest with them, right is right and I don't think this is. I know some of it should be paid for, but not all these extras," Dutton said.

"I don't think it is right either, but we will just be creating more problems," Earl Planch, magistrate, said.

"The working relationship between the jailer and the court can be great or not. We can make things run smooth for the next six months," Earl

Shay, magistrate, said. Court members also voted to contrast with the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center, Montgomery County Jail and Rowan County Jail.

No transfers were reported and permission was given to Donna Hunter to take a water line underneath a roadway.

Several magistrates also requested blacktopping be done on the following areas: parts of Sages Road, Concord Road, Mt. Zion and from Hunts to the Fish and Game Club.

Dutton said there was a \$10,000 carryover from the road fund and that each magistrate could have \$2,000 more for their areas to make road improvements.

Reese Broust, Judge Executive, said that an amendment to the budget could be made next meeting in order to provide for the aforementioned measure.

The next regular meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court will be held August 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Water district issues water shortage notice for parts of county

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CARLISLE - In compliance with the Water Shortage Response Plan the Nicholas County Water District issued a Water Shortage Notice for areas served by the pumping station located on Myers Station on July 12.

These areas include: Myers Road, Hickory Ridge Road, Stony Creek Road, Perriman Ridge Road, Lake Carnice, Mayville Road north of Headquarters, Mt. Marsh Road and Barterville, Headquarters and Arthur Pike, Barterville and Calovata Road.

"The pumping station on Myers Road was built in 1966, at that time we served 400 customers, now we serve 536 and the demand simply cannot meet what water we have in supply," John Blivins of the water district's maintenance department said.

He also said construction on a new pumping station would not be complete in time to avert a water shortage and recommended measures to conserve water usage.

"According to Class III nonseasonal water usage includes many areas involving service, ornamental and outdoor use," Blivins said.

"The testing of fire apparatus such as fire hydrants and

sprinklers, and flushing sewers cannot be done at this time.

"Water should not be served in restaurants, clubs or large gatherings except upon customer request.

"Water levels in scenic or recreational ponds or lakes should be kept at a minimum.

City clerk Mary Tapp informed council members that no bids were received on construction of a free-standing building at the city sewer plant.

Mayor Frankie Hughes said he would talk to a contractor about the project. "If it's under \$10,000, we'll award it without bidding," said Hughes. "If it's going to go over \$10,000, we'll have to take bids on it."

Council discussed using city prisoners to perform maintenance tasks for the

city, including picking up trash along the section of road "adopted" by the city under Adopt-A-Highway program.

City attorney Skip Watson stated the city was, in his opinion, under no obligation to provide insurance for prisoners working for the city.

"According to statutes, you do not have to provide insurance for these prisoners," Watson said. "You can, of course, but you don't have to."

Hughes said he had no exact figures as to the cost of insuring the prisoners, but it would not be very expensive.

"I've talked to some officials from other places in Kentucky," Hughes said. "From what I can find out, insurance would cost us about

Board to auction property

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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County School Board met July 12 at 8 p.m. and passed a motion to hold a public auction of surplus properties on August 7 at 10 a.m.

These properties include several tables, dividers, three buses and a tractor.

"We will reserve the right to reject any and all bids," Superintendent Gilbert Gilbert, Jr. said.

The board tabled a motion to contract with Cluddehler and Samkar, a firm which would provide architectural services for repairs to the Elementary and high school roofs at a cost of 6 percent of the project cost.

"They verbally committed to 5 percent and I think you need to check on that before we pass this," Sammy Vice, board member said.

"On building projects the standard fee is 5 percent, but on reconstruction the fee is higher. But I will check on that again and bring it up at the next board meeting,"



Look what I did Mom!
Clara Burrell, age 20 months, gets a helping hand into the water by Mom and then turns around just to see if everybody caught the act during an afternoon swim on Monday at Blue Licks State Park.



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