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Boating Safety Tips

With boating season in full swing, these safety tips cannot be repeated too often. Always wear the proper equipment, as required by law. Operators should know and obey the "rules of the road". Remember: Alcohol and water don't mix. For more boating safety information, call the Division of Water Patrol at 1-800-826-7263.

Kid's College to start July 26

This unique program will begin July 26, giving students the opportunity to use some of their summer vacation for learning such subjects as computers, German, and Spanish.

Blue mold, black shank continue to plague tobacco crops

Both diseases have struck tobacco plants in the area. Black shank thrives in hot, dry weather, and blue mold grows in moist, hot weather. Having alternated between the two, Nicholas County farmers need to be on guard.

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday & Friday - Hot and humid, with highs in the upper eighties, lows in the sixties.

Saturday & Sunday - Less humid, highs in the nineties, lows in the seventies, 50 percent chance of rain.

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Crash claims life of Moorefield man, injures three others

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CARLISLE - An accident involving two vehicles on West Main Street took the life of a Moorefield man Thursday, July 14.

Three others were injured as a result of the crash. Grimes Russell, 71, of Moorefield, was pronounced dead at Nicholas County Hospital. Naomi Russell, passenger in the vehicle, was injured, as were Marcia Plank, 35, and Tonya Plank, driver and passenger respectively in the other vehicle.

According to police reports, the 1992 Oldsmobile operated by Russell went left of center, into the path of the vehicle operated by Plank. Plank swerved to avoid Russell's vehicle, left the road, and came to rest on a embankment. Russell's car then left the road and struck Plank's car in the right front.

SBDM Council meets

**By Heather Mathes Harris
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County High School Site-based Council met Tuesday, July 13, and made a motion to approach the board of education on the track issue.

The Nicholas County High School track was removed from the perimeter of the football field two years ago. Council members are not aware of any plans concerning replacement, materials or construction of a new track being discussed by the Nicholas County Board of Education to date.

"It's amazing what these kids have done without a track, just think what they could have done if they had one to practice on," Janet Smoot, council member said.



The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hart Photo
Emergency personnel work to free occupants of vehicles at the scene of a fatal crash that claimed the life of a Moorefield man Wednesday. Three others were injured in the crash that occurred when one vehicle crossed the center line, according to police reports.

Water district issues water advisory

**By Heather Mathes Harris
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Water District met Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. and issued a Boil Water Advisory for several areas in Nicholas County which are serviced by a pumping station on Myers Road.

Hal Williams of AQUA explained low water pressure was due to increased water usage because of higher temperatures and increased humidity.

He also said that since 411 Camp was in session and their water use was markedly increasing they should be contacted and given a Water Shortage Response Plan.

The following areas of the county should boil water before use: Myers Road, Hickory Ridge, Stony Creek Road, Perammon Ridge, Lake Carver, Moyeville Road north of Headquarters, Mt. Mariah Road and Hartsville area, Battersville Road, Calcutta Road, Headquarters and Auther Pike.

Board members discussed options concerning repairing one of the pumps to help alleviate the water shortage problem, but decisions had to be tabled pending a letter from Vern Evans of Farmer's Home Administration.



The Carlisle Mercury/Heather Mathes Harris Photo
Paula Hunter and Dawn Letcher are hard at work researching deed claims in the county clerk's office of the courthouse.

Easements holding up water project, official says

**By Heather Mathes Harris
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CARLISLE - According to Dawn Letcher, Nicholas County Water District Attorney, only one fourth of all the easements needed in order for the district to proceed with laying water lines have been signed.

"We have got to have all these signed before we can get the loan from Farmer's Home Administration and then contract to have the lines installed," said Letcher.

"The plans are already drawn up, landowners can see exactly where the line is going to go when they come to sign the easement, and if they have a problem with the location of the line our engineers will be more than happy to work with them."

Much paperwork must be completed before contractors can take up their shovels.

"It would be great if each landowner knew which deed book and page number their land is in. But if they do not have that specific information it would be most helpful if they knew who they purchased the property from and the date the land is acquired," Letcher said.

"You see, we have got to go back through the chain of title for 35 years, and then go forward to check outstulls and make sure the person who signs the easements do indeed own the property."

"It is not that we disbelieve anyone, this is just the procedure FHA demands that we follow in order for us to get the loan," Letcher said.

The easements must be signed in front of a notary public.

Letcher, Paula Hunter and Kelly Rice, all located at Letcher's office on Richardson Smith and Hughes law offices on West Main in Carlisle are notary public and are readily available if anyone would like to sign their easement.

"If they already have that signed they can just drop it off or give it to any one of the water commissioners," Letcher said.



The Carlisle Mercury/Heather Mathes Harris Photo
Trinity Anglin keeps watch over her peaches and takes a hardening salesman's lean, telling you how his peaches are the best in Nicholas County.

Ball Engineering Firm said water lines would be constructed according to government regulations which prevented the lines from crossing phone lines.

Steven Dale of the Board of Home Administration.

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