

Commentary

My Heather Mattie Harris

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I was at the tragic accident last week where three people were injured and Mr. Grimes Russell was fatally injured. This is, without a doubt, the worst aspect of my job going to some of death and destruction.

Emergency services personnel are trained to respond to these terrible scenes, and Nicholas County Ambulance Service, Fire Department, and officers from the Carleville Police Department do so with speed and efficiency.

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It's the best way to spend quality time with your children through reading their favorite book.

Dr. Sears ranks number one on children's choice, please, please read it again!

I think I have now committed Green Eggs and Ham to memory, and could even sing it in my sleep given the opportunity.

The problem comes when it's bedtime and the lights have to go out. My son, the superior one, then he likes to take for me more story at this time.

That's where creativity must enter the picture. I like to start a story and let children use their imagination and create an ending.

Last night, I tried to draw in a class in Medieval Literature and while in college and tell a story about Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.

But when I got finished with the story ended up being about a knight who wore a plumed helmet instead of armor and Sir Gawain, who had become the G-man, rode his trusty horse, who also talked and told knock-knock jokes, into battle against a purple dragon who breathed Bone Cups instead of fire.

The G-man was a skinny "fuddy" with big feet and a big nose. (Did I really mean that popular here?)

No, the villagers didn't have a problem with the dragon—it's his appetite that makes the peasants want to pull out their hair.

The dragon demands the village people make 1000 tons of chocolate daily and breathes fire on their houses if the sweets are not produced.

So the G-man ends up rapping to the dragon and has him dance out of town as the peasants cheer and work hard to put their Bone Cups up for water storage.

The G-man settles into village life for awhile in order to polish his act and then goes on the road to several comedy clubs, putting his humor on stage.

Not exactly Medieval Literature, but more of a modern tale where someone different gets to save the day.

So try this recipe for a good time with your child, you get to find out a lot about your child's imagination, teach him or her a lesson or two and even get to enjoy a good tale along the way.

What really amazed me about the scene was the loftiness of the bystander. A CATS driver, Ronica Richard, injured, confined the injured until the ambulances arrived, and several bystanders helped with tasks such as filling the injured into the ambulance.

I've seen bystanders gawking, getting in the way, causing all kinds of problems. Not this time. The bystanders here observed the cardinal rule of accident scenes. Stay out of the way! Nobody needed to tell anyone to move back even close.

Greg Reid was there, and you can read his thoughts in the letter in this page. In talking to a friend of mine, a volunteer fire fighter in Rowan County, I told him about some of the experiences of the Nicholas County Fire Department and Ambulance Service, and he was amazed. Rowan County has a highly trained, highly motivated fire department, and according to this fireman,

Nicholas County probably ranks highly in response time and motivation for all other emergency services: ambulance, police, sheriff, city fire. These are people you can count on in times of crisis.

The ambulance on July 25-31 is Health Department Recognition week in Kentucky. The stated purpose of local health departments is to provide public health services to everyone, regardless of how much or how little money you make or any other circumstances.

Everyone is familiar with "primary care" provided by doctors; treatment for cuts, bruises, sore throats, etc. The mission of your local health department is to prevent health problems by preventing them. The Nicholas County Health Department provides a variety of services, from vaccinations to blood pressure checks. Call them today at 289-2188 or just to thank them for their service to the community.



Nicholas County fire fighters work to remove an accident victim from his vehicle last week. Fire fighters used the "Saws of Life" to cut away the door of the car to allow his removal and treatment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: On July 14, 1993 an unfortunate near pedestrian accident occurred near Jackie International, involving four individuals. Arriving on the scene immediately after the impact, I was overwhelmed with the compassion of the individuals assisting with help.

A CATS van driver only administered first aid to a young victim offering soothing words to comfort her shock. Others talked calmly to the rest, trying to offer kind words until emergency people arrived.

The Nicholas County High School Class of 1988 will be holding a five year class reunion on August 14th at Blue Licks State Park's Worthington Center.

If any members of the Class of 1988 would like to attend, please send \$10 per couple to Sherry Higgins, 193 Long Avenue, Carleville, KY 40311 by August 6th.

We will be having a potluck dinner with music and drinks provided. Please indicate what dish you would like to bring: casserole, dessert, etc.

For more information please call Shana Higgins at 289-2470 during the day or 289-5581 after 5 p.m. and Donna at 987-4756 after 6 p.m.

We look forward to seeing all our class members at the reunion. If this is a good response from this letter, music will be provided by Sounds Unlimited.

Shanna Higgins Carleville KY

Letters To The Editor

Please submit your letters to: The Carleville Mercury, P.O. Box 272, Carleville, KY 40311

Letters may also be faxed to 289-7900. All letters must include name and complete address.

Editor: I just want to say that I am in total agreement with Sherry Howard's previous letter and also with Heather Harris' editorial.

Thank you, E.D. Weaver Carleville KY

MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago

Thursday, July 21, 1988 Brian Dunn of Carleville reported the future of open travel and experienced advancement training activities at the same time.

The rain that fell on Nicholas County last week was a lot to get on the streets of Carleville, but according to others, the rain was helpful, but did not soil the seed of the drought.

County Fire Chief Woody Wilson reports on Tuesday, July 8, 11:45 a.m. a fire was made to the home of Andrew Hopkins, five miles north of Carleville on Persimmon Ridge Road, where an electric wire had shorted out on a tree top.

20 Years Ago Thursday, July 18, 1973 Miss Matie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Matie of Barterville, was presented trophy at the Paris Babe Ruth Memorial.

10 Years Ago Thursday, July 21, 1983 Mrs. Adelaide Ashbury Shepherd was honored Sunday afternoon on the grounds of the Nicholas County Community Center for her 40 years of teaching in Rowan and Nicholas counties.

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price it boasts: "Easily cheaper than diamonds of equal weight."

FOUR HUNDRED YEARS before Christ, Socrates gave this good advice: "Writing your time in improving yourself by your own's employment."

Pass Examinations For War Service Local mail heard No. 182 of Nicholas county, has reported that the following officers have passed pre-induction examinations held July 4 at Lexington, W. Va.

One Roy Hunt Robert Auer Kenneth Ray Stapp Charles Shanks Gale Service James Henry Gray Brunson McClarty Donald Stone

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DIED: Roy Davis Liven good, July 15; Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett, July 15; Henry Hasling Lawson, July 14; Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pumphrey, July 13; Mrs. Dorothy Scott Mason, July 15.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, July 25, 1953 The spruce of Carleville and vicinity to eliminate flies, mosquitoes, and other insects has been set for Thursday evening.

Bobby Gene Wagner, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wagner of Route 2, escaped serious injury when struck by an auto in Paris on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Juanita Caswell, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith, has accepted a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

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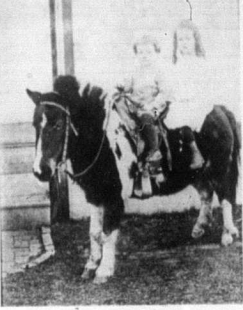
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The Carleville Mercury Photo submitted by Conyers family members enjoy a joy ride during a warm summer day.

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