

**Happy Mother's Day**

With Mother's Day close at hand, everyone takes time out to remember all that our mothers mean to us. Happy Mother's Day!

**Death from farming accidents down, according to report**

According to a report from Kentucky Farm Bureau, farm fatalities are at their lowest level in a decade, with 29 farm-related deaths last year, reflecting a 17 percent drop from 1992 total of 35. Tractor accidents accounted for 20 of the 29 deaths, and farm machinery was involved in all but four of the fatalities.

**Baesler's mobile office to visit Nicholas Co.**

Congressman Scotty Baesler's Mobile Office will be making a stop in Nicholas County at the Courthouse on Monday, May 9. Baesler's staff will be on hand to talk with residents about concerns, opinions, or help they may need from their congressional office. For more information, call (606) 253-1124.

**Area Weather Forecast**

Thursday & Friday: Scattered showers, cooler, with lows near forty.

Saturday & Sunday: Partly cloudy, highs near sixty, lows near forty.

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**Citizens question management practices at Clay Wildlife Area**

By Leigh Stone  
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CARLISLE - Confusion about management practices at Clay Wildlife Management prompted a meeting of community members and state fish and game officials.

"We don't agree with the way things are being done," said Deana Fawcett of Nicholas County. Fawcett represented the Central Kentucky Fox Hunters Association, an organization that has used Clay Farm for 50 years to hold the annual field trial.

Approximately 40 fox hunters, horseback riders, hikers, fishermen and other outdoorsmen attended the three hour meeting held beginning 6 p.m. Friday, April 29 at The Depot.

Among the concerns citizens

named were:

- gates locked so hunters can't retrieve their dogs; dogs wearing tracking collars (costing \$200 to \$300) swim the river into Fleming County and were found shot dead on a Fleming County farm.
- gates could have been left open for the field trial, that could have possibly been protected.
- cemetery entrances.
- numbers of trees cut as if in a clear-cutting operation.
- several barns in need of raising.
- an alleged dump that has since been removed.
- paths and other areas in need of mowing. The areas in question were mowed the day of the meeting.
- electrical hookups placed in a barn where people are prohibited.

Representing the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources were Arthur Boehinger, acting director, wildlife, assistant director Don Walker, district biologist Steve Blumenshine, and Rick Mauro, a local game warden Herbert Booth.

Boehinger had magic marker on hand taking notes after citizens asked questions. Boehinger said he'd take his notes back to Transfert for further study. Some issues were unique to Clay Wildlife Management while others were applicable to other wildlife management properties throughout the state. The Department is in the process of writing policy for all wildlife management areas in the state.

Clay Wildlife Management.

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**Clark defends his tenure at Clay Farm**

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE - Clay Wildlife Management Game Management Foreman Buford Clark said Tuesday he knew about the meeting held at The Depot Friday, April 29, with community members and Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officials.

"He was the one who set it up. I figured if I went there I'd see some disagreement. I stayed clear," Clark said.

Some at the meeting discussed management practices at Clay Wildlife Management on Cassidy Creek Road.

A videotape taken by Bill "Woody" Allison, who requested the meeting, was also shown. "I haven't seen the video," Clark said.

Clark, a Fish and Wildlife employee for 18 years, said officials said they'd show him the videotape.

Clark commented, "I run this (Clay Wildlife Management) and some people don't agree with how things are done but I've got plenty of people who are tickled to death. Anybody who has anything to do with the public will find you do not please everybody."

When someone has a question about a policy, Clark said, "I take it as far as I can. Then I call the department. They're great out there."

Clark said he reports to his superiors. "I've got plenty of bosses. They're workin' people now. We've also got a five year plan."

Those interested in talking

**911 system within sight**

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE - Calling 911 is convenient, easy to remember, and in Nicholas County soon.

"One one one - we need it. When you need help you think of it for free years. This is a place to start. We're making out our budget, like you are," stated Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark during his visit to the April 28

Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting.

Clark announced that he'd checked with South Central Bell for 911 system. Two lines would cost \$92.22 a month with \$18.50 for the initial installation. The fiscal court, and city council agreed to split those costs down the middle.

"The city will be able to pay its part of the bill each month by getting rid of telephone lines no longer needed. We'll eliminate some telephone lines. We won't need a fire department line. We'll phase these out as people get used to it," Clark said.

Clark asked the fiscal court to come up with \$12,000 to pay for the emergency dispatch system that's already in place. The 911 system would merely change the number and lessen the number of telephone lines.

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The Carlisle Mercury/Leigh Stone Photo  
Youngsters at the Community Action Council rode their bikes to benefit St. Jude Hospital during a Bike-A-Thon held recently. The children enjoyed the sunshine and a bike cruise on "Tubby Dear Lane."

**In Brief**

**Burn victim fund set up**

A fund has been established for the Depost Bank of Carlisle for a Clarksville, Tennessee teenager who succumbed to injuries he sustained in a gas explosion on Monday, April 18.

Eric Riley O'Brien, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, passed away on Tuesday, May 2.

O'Brien suffered second and third degree burns over 50 percent of his body in the explosion at his home.

The cause of the explosion, which started in the garage area of the residence, is still undetermined.

Eric was the nephew of Phillip and Debbie Bowles (formerly of the Jewelry Patch), who reside on Suggs Road in Carlisle.

Donations may be mailed to the Eric Riley O'Brien Fund, Depost Bank, Main Street, Carlisle, Kentucky 40311.

**Lions Club to hold annual horse show**

The Nicholas County Lions Club will host the annual Spring Horse Show Saturday, May 7 at West End Park, Carlisle. The event begins at 9 a.m. For more information call (606) 259-5844.

**Fiscal court lays off workers; quarry to shut down July 1**

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE - Three county workers at the Nicholas County Rock Quarry will lose their job when the quarry closes July 1.

The layoffs were discussed when the Nicholas County Fiscal Court met April 28 to go over the budget and noted only \$20,000 for blacktopping in the county road fund.

Members agreed it costs about \$10,000 a mile for blacktop. Magistrate Darby Stacy was the first to speak up about the blacktopping dilemma. Tax payers want their roads paved and repaired and \$20,000 is not enough he said.

"I don't want a man to feel hard at me but when we close the quarry July 1, are we gonna need all the people out there? Aren't there at least four we could do without? Then we need to use those salaries to free up some money for the road fund. Salaries might come to \$60,000. I hate to see anybody lose their job but there's four people gonna be sitting there and we've only got \$20,000 in the road fund for blacktopping."

Magistrate Melvin Fryman added, "I've got people on my end saying their gonna quit paying taxes because of the road conditions."

Stacy continued, "They do a good job. I'm not knocking them. I think we got a real good road crew, but I don't think we need that many."

Before speculating on laying off county workers, Stacy asked if anyone knew how Fleming County afforded to get its roads paved. He said, "I'll probably make somebody smarter than myself to figure this out, but Fleming County gets its roads paved. I don't know where they get the money for blacktop. Do they get a loan to blacktop?"

Canby nodded "ya."

On Tuesday, Canby told The Carlisle Mercury that the county cannot borrow money beyond the fiscal year which ends June 30, so any loan contemplated would

**Homemakers to attend luncheon**

Homemakers and non-members of the Nicholas County Homemakers are invited to a one-day luncheon at the Brown Hotel in Louisville with dinner at Derby Dinner Club. A luncheon by George M. Cohan will be shown. Other points of interest include Culbertson Historic Mansion, the Printing House for the Blind, and J. B. Speed Museum and Greenview Mall. Please contact one of the following before May 15 to make reservations: Frances Taylor 259-2831; Betsy Cleaver 259-2036. Payment is due May 15.

**Auxiliary meeting for May 10**

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10 at the Nicholas County Library.

**May water bills will be delayed**

Boogie Hall, secretary of the Nicholas County Water District, said county water bills will be late due to the installation of a new computer system. No penalties will be assessed for late payments in May. Bills are usually in customer's mailboxes by the 10th of the month but will be delayed a week this month.

**Repairs will cause water service to be interrupted May 11**

The City of Carlisle notified the Nicholas County Water District that water will be cut off beginning 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 on East Union Road, Concord Road and Myers Station due to the replacement of a fire hydrant in the main and Broadway.

City water customers who live on Main Street from the Post Office to Archdeacon, South Broadway, Market Street, Upper Jackson Road, Bayne Street, and Dersyville will also be affected by the cutoff.



The Carlisle Mercury/Kenneth Capra Photo  
Mr. and Mrs. Woody Allison stand near a gate blocking vehicles at Clay Wildlife Management on Cassidy Creek Road near Carlisle. Citizens asked Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officials from Frankfort questions about policies at Clay during a meeting held Friday, April 29 at The Depot. Citizens wanted to know why gates were closed on the property as well as rules about wood cutting.