

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Mercury offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1. Advertising deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is Noon on Monday, Dec. 30.

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Business fire leads top 10 stories for 1996

The top 10 events in Nicholas County during 1996 ranged from a landmark business burning to the ground, the discovery of a newborn found in the men's restroom at the nursing home to the high school band earning the highest honor in the state.

The following compilation of Top 10 Stories of 1996 were depicted from issues of the Carlisle Mercury. The stories were selected by the staff.

1. Guance's Furniture Barn burns, Carlisle landmark destroyed (Oct. 24, 1996). One of Carlisle's landmark family businesses perished in a fire Monday night (Oct. 21, 1996). Guance's furniture barn, on East Union Road, burned to the ground from a fire of unknown origin that started around 8 p.m. Also heavily damaged was the neighboring ACL Laundry. Its owners say it won't be operable for three to four months.

Both the Nicholas County Fire Department and Carlisle City Fire Department responded to the blaze. As the furniture barn burned, its owner, Billy Mae Guance, watched helplessly from the side with tears in his eyes. He declined to comment.

By morning, all that remained of the business was a pile of smoldering rubble on the foundation.

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark said he had to see the loss of the business. ACL Laundry had been preparing for a first year anniversary Nov. 1.

County fire department's Toys for Tots made Christmas merry



Charlene Gilvin from Frontier Vision Cable donated new toys for the Toys for Tots program along with other local folks. The annual program is sponsored by the Nicholas County Fire Department. With Gilvin is Fire Chief Mark Hughes on Dec. 23, a day before the department travelled throughout the county delivering gifts to youngsters Christmas Eve.

2. Infant found near death at local health care facility (Jan. 6, 1996). State police are investigating the apparent abandonment of a newborn found slipped in a gym bag in a men's bathroom at Johnson Mathers Nursing Home early Wednesday evening at approximately 5:25 p.m.

The baby was treated and stabilized by the Emergency Department physician. The state police, Carlisle City Police and Department of Social Services was notified.

After three hours of careful observation, the infant was determined to be in stable condition and transferred by helicopter to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Persons relaying information to the state police were allowed to remain anonymous.

Looking Back at 1996

A weekly report compiled by Roxann Jolly

JANUARY
 Jan. 4, 1996
 The water emergency for the city of Carlisle that went into effect last Friday has been discontinued. A \$13,000 cast iron pump was replaced at the Locking River mid morning Tuesday. Carlisle Mayor, Ronnie Clark said at the scene, near Immanuel Chapel Bridge, the pump stopped working last Tuesday.

DEATHS-William Howard Sidle, "Mr. Teaman", 87, Carlisle, died Friday, Dec. 29, 1995.

DEATHS-Marvin Hill McCarty, 64, Paris, died Friday, Jan. 12, 1996; James Edwin Conaway, 80, Carlisle, died Monday, Jan. 8, 1996; Randall

KSP report shows traffic deaths increase

FRANKFORT-One of 866 of Kentucky's traffic fatalities in 1995 occurred in Nicholas County. According to the 1995 Report of Kentucky Traffic Accident Facts received this week, the fatality accident involved alcohol. A total of five people were injured in alcohol related crashes in Nicholas County for the year.

Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton stated, "I am saddened to report to you that the total number of traffic accidents in 1995 increased by three percent and environment troubled to report that the number of fatalities increased by eight percent and the number of injuries increased for four percent.

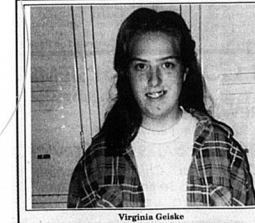
The 55,465 people who suffered some type of injury and the 856 people who lost their lives on Kentucky highways represent far too great a portion of our most valuable asset - our citizens."

The reported stated state-wide:

- Approximately one of every 4,800 Kentucky residents died as a result of a fatal traffic accident during 1995 in Kentucky.
- About one in 76 Kentucky residents were injured in a traffic accident in the state. One of every 13 drivers licensed in Kentucky was involved in a traffic accident in Kentucky.
- One of 2,400 Kentucky drivers was involved in a fatal accident.
- Of the 856 killed in 1995, 554 were male and 300 were female.

Collisions with moving vehicles totaled 69 percent for all accidents.

- Collision with a moving vehicle occurred in 45 percent of the fatal accidents.
- Sixty pedestrians were killed in 1,197 were injured in 1995 traffic accidents. Thirty-nine percent of the pedestrians killed or injured were 14 years of age or younger, while eight percent were 65 or older.



Virginia Geiske

Student of the Week

Nicholas County High School Student of the Week is Virginia Geiske, 16, who is a sophomore. Geiske was chosen because she "cares about the quality of her class work, has a good attitude, and completes assignments on time." Geiske's interests include caring for her many pets, which include a cat, Two-tone; a guinea pig, Nicole; and two dogs, Midnight

and Misty. She plans to attend Morehead State University after graduation, and become a teacher.

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.