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## One injured Thursday

According to the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department, Chad Jolly, 21, of Carlisle was injured Thursday night when the truck he was driving left the road, hit a utility pole, and overturned. Jolly was treated for minor injuries at Nicholas County Hospital and released.

## RECD identifies water needs in state

Lexington, KY, January 23, 1996—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through its Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) office in Kentucky, has completed a six-month assessment of state's most pressing safe drinking water investment needs.

The assessment is part of the Clinton Administration's high priority Water 2000 initiative which, according to RECD State Director Thomas G. Fern, aims to deliver safe drinking water to the estimated one million rural Americans currently living without water pipes directly into their homes.

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In a related development, in late October the U.S. Congress approved a 1996 appropriations bill that produces a 11 percent funding cut below 1995 levels for rural safe drinking water and sanitary sewer project construction.

Kentucky's Water 2000 assessment results show that the state's rural towns have come a long way in solving their safe drinking water problems over the past quarter century, but still have a lot of gaps to fill. Additionally, some \$74.6 million will be required to meet the remaining most critical drinking water supply situation of some 165,000 Kentuckians in 625 communities.

The Water 2000 assessment was conducted by USDA's Kentucky based personnel, together with state and local government agencies and representatives of two non-profit organizations—the Kentucky Rural Water Association and the Kentucky Area Development Districts. Historically, USDA loans and grants have been the

primary source for rural communities seeking to improve their public health, job development and fire protection situations by constructing and improving water and sewer systems. The USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS), as part of Water 2000, has begun to target more of its loans and grants to lower income rural communities with the nation's most pressing drinking water quality and quantity problems.

The USDA's water and sewer loan program, in its 55 year history, has loaned out \$14 billion, and lost \$14 million—a loss rate of one-tenth of one percent.

Wally Beyer, Washington-based administrator for RUS, said that Kentucky rural water and sewer projects received \$28.6 million in loans and \$17.4 million in grants in fiscal year (FY) 1995 from this federal source. Approximately 60 percent of those funds were invested in safe drinking water projects. According to Beyer, based on funding cuts recently approved by the Congress and signed into law, Kentucky will lose approximately \$5.2 million in loans and \$3.1 million in grants for water projects in FY 1996, which began on October 1.

These cuts will hurt rural Kentucky towns that need to invest in very basic community drinking water improvements for their residents, Beyer said. "At the level of funding the Congress has provided for 1996, it will take at least 11 years to solve Kentucky's most critical rural drinking water problems, and at least 41 additional years to make all of them improvements. Identified is the just-completed Water 2000 assessment.

According to 1990 Census data and reports from state and local agencies involved in building, operating and monitoring drinking water systems, at least 400,000 households nationally have no

According to the NCSB, seashells were in use in the truck.

## Carlisle man injured in truck crash

By Dan Bishop  
OF THE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE — A Carlisle man was injured Thursday in a single-vehicle accident on Moserfield Road, according to the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department.

Chad Jolly, 21, was traveling east on Moserfield Road when his 1992 Chevy S-10 pickup truck hit a slick spot, causing the vehicle to go out of control, on Moserfield Road, according to the NCSB, Jolly's truck left the road just outside the Carlisle city limits, struck a utility pole,

and overturned. Jolly was transported to Nicholas County Hospital by a passerby. He was treated for minor injuries and released.



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Residents address the NCWD  
Mark Mattox and George Brannock addressed the Nicholas County Water District Thursday night on the possibility of splitting tap fees imposed by the NCWD. Their request was refused.

## NWD chairman Reynolds resigns; replaced by member Jim Simons

By Dan Bishop  
OF THE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Water District lost another chairman Thursday night when Sam Reynolds proffered his resignation.

Reynolds said he had agreed to Mattox. "We just want to be fair to each and every person." NCWD office manager Boogie Hall pointed out that Jockey International received 56,243,500 gallons of water during 1995 at a rate \$29,243.50, equalling \$1.05 per gallon.

"The blame is not on the water district. It's on you as the customer, for letting this happen."  
-Boogie Hall

to take the position for one year, Jim Simons was voted in as the new chairman, with Reynolds staying on as co-chairman.

The board discussed several problems facing them, and said they are sorry that they cannot address every customer's need.

Those seeking action from the NCWD were George Brannock, David and Kathy Darnell, David Darwell, and Mark Mattox. Mattox asked the board about property that is to be subdivided.

The board voted to refuse the request. Board member Sue Kirby told

"The district also purchased 45,971,000 gallons during the same time, at a total cost of \$65,014.28, equalling out at an average of \$1.42 cents per gallon," said Hall.

Documents show during 1995, 4,686,508 gallons of water was used by Jockey and 1,338,917 gallons was used by the NCWD.

"Jockey seems to be getting it water? 37 cents cheaper than the regular customers," said Hall. "Let me ask is this fair? Seems to me that there is subsidizing here in Nicholas County. The blame is not on the NCWD, the blame is on you as the customer for allowing this to happen."

## NC beef producers fund food safety study

Food safety may begin in the farm, but it ultimately ends in people's homes and kitchens.

One new check-off-funded program specifically targets beef purchasers—elementary school children—with a poster kit that teaches food safety basics. Another recent effort is the underwriting of a food safety segment on a nationally televised show called "Today's Health," which details the beef industry's efforts in controlling E. coli O157:H7.

Indeed, it is never too early to instill good food safety habits. The Safe Food Journey, partially funded by Nicholas County beef producers and developed by the National Live Stock and Meat Board, is a full-color poster with the message that while everyone in the food chain strives to keep

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## Area families to benefit from PAT program

CARLISLE — Parents and children in Nicholas County now have the opportunity to participate in one of the nation's most successful early childhood programs, Parents As Teachers, or PAT.

This free voluntary program is open to parents who have children ages newborn to three years of age. It provides information needed to give children the best possible start in life.

PAT is based on the philosophy that parents are their child's first and best teachers. All PAT activities are free to families wishing to take part. For details, call the Nicholas County Family Resource/Youth Service Center at (606) 289-3792.