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## Options on the table for courthouse cost overrun

Contractor, architect, judge, magistrates to meet

**By Leigh Stone**  
Managing Editor  
Restoration of Nicholas County Courthouse will take more money than originally thought.

think we could offset costs by not doing the two levels of the windows, including the ground floor where we really need them. We'll talk about that at the meeting tomorrow," said County Judge Executive Chuck Smith Tuesday afternoon.

Our architect feels that estimate is too high. He will be at the meeting, Smith added. The date of the courthouse

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### Area Poverty Estimates

County	# in Poverty 1993/Rank	# in Poverty 1989/Rank
Nicholas	17,902/11	15,691/12
Fleming	39,950/10	40,954/7
Boydton	105,154/5	93,950/6
Boyle	201,545	258,838
Fayette	37,962/13	30,108/14

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### Percentage in Poverty

County	1993	1989	Rank-1993	Rank-1989
Nicholas	22.2%	22.6	66	67
Fleming	24.1	25.4	77	75
Boydton	18.3	17.5	47	36
Boyle	27	27.3	96	87
Fayette	17.8	14.1	21	13

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## County's poverty on the rise Mayor disputes state's findings

**By Leigh Stone**  
Managing Editor  
State statistics for Nicholas County's poverty level vary, depending on which agency is doing the calculating.

By comparison, a 1993 release of state statistics from the Kentucky State Data Center were more dismal. In 1993, Nicholas County, as a whole, ranked 11th in the state. A rank of 1 reflects the lowest number of persons in poverty or the lowest poverty rate. A ranking of 120 presents the county with the greatest number of persons

in poverty or the highest poverty rate. The city, as a whole, is not considered at the poverty level. But if you break it down in sections, some of it can be eligible for those grants. Like our water program, we looked certain areas - the whole town wouldn't qualify. See page 3 for related stories.



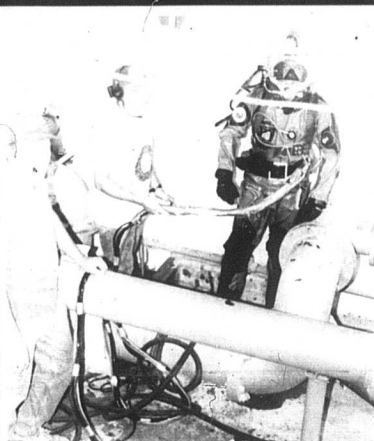
Jennifer Linville

## Student of the Week

Jennifer Linville is this week's Student of the Week. She is a senior at Nicholas County High School. She is the daughter of Ben and Frances Linville of Carlisle. Jennifer's main interest at NCHS is being a member of the Future Farmers of America. Advisor Doug Behanan commented on Jennifer's attitude, "Jennifer's achievements at FFA have been a tribute to her overachievement and high academic standards."

Last year she participated in the Institute for Future Agriculture Leaders, part of the UK/Farm Bureau program for students seeking AG careers. She was club secretary last year and this year as well."

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



Commercial Diver Howard Miller, right, cleared about a half a ton of sediment from Carlisle's clearwell at the water plant this week. Sediment was last removed 45 years ago, estimated Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark. Far left Helping Miller was Brian Cass, also of Commercial Divers Inc. Murray, Ky. Foreman Jason Kier, who manned the communication box, wasn't pictured. Mayor Clark said the new process kept customers from having any water service interruption.

## Diver cleans city's clearwell

**By Leigh Stone**  
Managing Editor  
Water customers felt no disruption in service as a diver vacuumed sediment from the clear well at the Carlisle Water Plant earlier this week.

"If we had done it the old way and shut down, we'd probably been down about a week. This new way, nobody wouldn't complain it was done if I didn't tell them. There's no way you can shut service that long. You can't shut off water to our major plant - Jockey, just like that, either," said Clark.

"The state would like it done every 10 years and we finally got it done. They weren't on my to do list. And, it cost about the same, the old way when you had

Commercial Divers of Murray, Ky., will be properly disposed of, assured Foreman Jason Kier Tuesday morning.

Kier stayed in the truck, manning the air box, the communication box where the diver can be heard breathing, with the air compressor providing air to the diver several feet away. With Kier were diver Howard Miller and tender, the man who holds the various hoses, Brian Cass.

Diver Miller was lowered into the 10-foot clearwell wearing a valenced rubber suit so water never touches his skin. The mayor said customers probably won't be able to tell any difference in water quality, but the cleaning procedure does help the water plant.