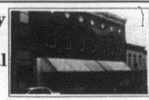


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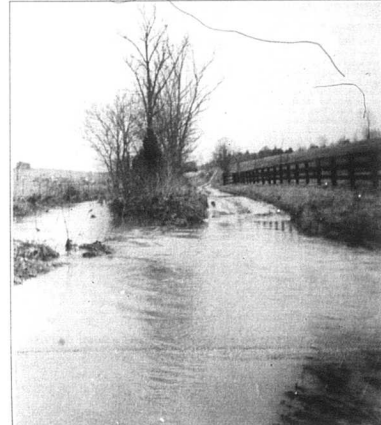


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Vehicles can't enter or exit from the Cathy Calhoun residence located just off Headquarters Road due to heavy flooding during hard rains. Calhoun believes the lane is county maintained, while County Judge Executive Judge Chuck Smith and State Commissioner Billy Johnson aren't sure. If county owned, the Calhouns can't have culverts dug to help and the county can't afford to make any repairs.

## Flooding problem worsens Nicholas resident requests county help with road

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor

For the best advice anyone can give her is: move.

But Cathy Calhoun, who turned 43 Monday, wants something done about her flooded lane off Headquarters Road so her children, Lisa Herrington, a Nicholas County High School senior, and Ashley Herrington, 12, at Nicholas County Junior High, can go to school and she and husband Kenney can go to work. Both work at Georgetown Cable Assembly.

"Everytime it rains it gets worse. I get up at 2:30 am everyday to go to work, but Monday, the road was already flooded. I'd say we've missed at least four days of work in a year," Calhoun said Tuesday morning.

Now she has both county and state officials trying to determine who is eligible to fix the lane.

The creek goes over the road in low places Tuesday morning. Kenney's 10 pickup truck headlights were just enough to get washed in rainy creek water. He came back to the house, a family-style dwelling the family lived in for a little over a year.

Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith said if the lane is a county road, Calhoun can't pay out of her own pocket to fix it. Her magistrate, Melvin Fryman, a man with years of construction experience, said if it's a county road, it could be

conflict of interest for him to dig the estimated two culverts needed to alleviate the flooding.

between telephone calls from residents throughout the county Tuesday, all informing him of overflowing culverts, roads and stopped up ditches.

"I can't go out and look at it now, but I will," Smith said. "I've got to answer these phone calls."

Within a few moments, the judge called *The Mercury* stating Watkins said the lane had been raked. "I guess it being county maintained and if it is, she can't fix it. But just because it's a county road doesn't mean we can put in a culvert for her. We've got the same problem all over the county and we don't have the money," Judge Smith lamented.

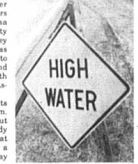
In the meantime, Calhoun called Frankfort.

"I don't know if anything's gonna happen but Nicholas County's gonna know about it. It's not fair. I pay taxes on car and truck but they're not gonna fix the road, then they say I can't. It's about time somebody stirred something up."

Bill Johnson, Commissioner of Rural and Municipal Aid, Frankfort, said he'd contact Smith about the problem. By mid-Tuesday afternoon, Johnson said it looked like a resident could pay out of their own pocket to dig a culvert perhaps the judge could give the okay. Furthermore, he couldn't find in his records that her lane was a county road.

"What's the name of her road?"

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State road workers put the sign on U.S. 60 Tuesday morning at Caswell's Corner to warn of flooding across the highway.

Fryman estimated it's take at least a \$7,000 job to do the dig.

"I've been out there and looked at it. Last summer, when it flooded before, I brought it up at Fiscal Court to put some rock in it, but they refused," Fryman recalled.

"I don't think it's a county road, but I'll check with the road foreman, Billy Wayne Watkins. He's been at the job 28 or 29 years and he can tell if it's been county maintained," Smith said.

## Abandoned baby heads KSP activities for 1996

An infant found in a gym bag at the local hospital and a huge pre-dawn fire roundup in Nicholas County have contributed to 1996 having the highest total of activities ever experienced by Kentucky State Police troopers at Post 6 at Dry Ridge.

Post 6 comprises the counties of Nicholas, Robertson, Harrison, Bourbon, Bracken, Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant and Pendleton.

According to figures released Monday by Dry Ridge Post Public Affairs Officer Dan Wuchner, increases were noted in all categories except for the number of fatalities, which remained the same at 59.

The activity totals for the last two years are as follows:

Citations increased (by 2,678) from 1,784 in 1995 to 27,462 in 1996.	Courtesy notices went increased (by 607) from 14,472 to 15,079.	Complaints increased (by 1,287), 16,299 to 17,586.	Criminal investigations increased (by 64) from 3,147 to 3,211.	Criminal arrests rose (by 299) from 1,368 to 1,667.	Accidents investigated rose (by 32) from 1,466 to 1,498.	Bill arrests increased (by 88) from 611 to 699.	Fatalities remained steady at 59.	Safety Education Programs increased (by 29), from 590 to 619.						
As an agency, the following KSP totals were announced:	Citations: 264,054 in 1995 increased (by 116,033) to 360,087 in 1996.	Complaints increased (by 24,680) from 215,357 in 1995 to 240,037 in 1996.	Criminal investigations increased (by 734) from 42,937 to 43,671.	Criminal arrests increased (by 3,087) from 29,352 to 32,439.	Bill arrests increased (by 233) from 11,869 to 12,102.	CITATIONS 27,462	COURTESY NOT. 14,472	COMPLAINTS 16,299	CRIMINAL INVEST. 3,149	CRIMINAL ARREST 1,368	ACCIDENTS 1,466	DUI ARRESTS 611	FATALITIES 59	SAFETY EDUC. 590

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## In Brief

### School calendar changes made

A couple calendar changes have been made to the Nicholas County School Calendar will be in session, weather permitting, on Feb. 17. The day was originally scheduled as a holiday.

School will also be in regular session March 28. The day was originally scheduled to be an in-service day.

At this point, spring break remains unchanged, March 31-April 4.

These changes will allow students last day to remain May 21. Of course, the possibility of inclement weather is never, so further changes to the calendar may be necessary. Every student.

### Homecoming

Chanzia Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Des Evans of Carlisle, is the NCHS basketball Homecoming Queen. See her court on Page 5.



Shane Busell

## Student of the Week

Shane Busell, 16, is this week's Student of the Week.

Busell, a junior at Nicholas County High School, is the son of Gary and Linda Busell.

He is proud to be an officer in the Future Farmers of America where he holds the position of reporter.

His main extracurricular interest outside of school is farming.

Upon high school graduation, he plans to attend vocational training but is undecided on a major.

FFA Advisor Doug Buchanan and Athletic Director-Assistant Principal Ron Baker both nominated Busell for this honor.

"The leadership qualities he's shown by the roles he's taken at work and in the Nicholas County FFA make him exceptionally worthy of attaining Student of the Week," Buchanan stated.

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