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Flood waters claim local man's life

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Flood water claimed one Nicholas County life as Bourbon County deputies discovered the body of Hanley Tucker, 66, of Nicholas County as he sat in his pickup truck off Old U. S. 68 in Millersburg 7 a.m. Tuesday. According to Bourbon County Sheriff Deputy Ronnie Amy, the 1987 Ford Ranger pickup truck was parked in the road in the water and was discovered as the flood water receded. Tucker was by himself in the truck and was estimated to have been at that location at around midnight Monday.



HANLEY TUCKER
A farmer nearby, Sam Roe, discovered the tragedy. He thought he saw a glove on the

truck's steering wheel. "Somebody's pulling a prank. Roe told deputies. As he got closer to the vehicle, he realized it wasn't a prank. Tucker's body was transported to Frankfort state medical examiner office for an autopsy upon the order of Bourbon County Deputy Coroner Rosemary Kirby. Bourbon County Sheriff Johnny Ransdell and the sheriff's department will continue the investigation. Amy Tucker was the husband of Lela Belle Tucker of Carlisle and the father of five children.

"He made you feel loved. He was a good man."
Shondy Willoughby, Jeff Tucker, and Danny Tucker, Sissy Campbell and Patricia Campbell. Laura Fryman, a niece of Tucker's, remembered her uncle. "He was wonderful time. He always treated me the same. He made you feel loved. He was a good man." Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Elizaville Funeral Home.

Saturday's heavy rain floods downtown Carlisle

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
March came to Carlisle like a lion, with a roar of rain and flood waters pummeling Brushy Fork Creek through downtown Carlisle that by afternoon, left Main Street underwater. Meanwhile, on the rest of Nicholas County, Blue Licks, Cassidy Creek, Myers Station, Pleasant Valley areas were especially hard hit, with an estimated 20 people out of their homes.

"We had 8.4 inches of rainfall that morning that led to these problems. We received 10.6 inches Monday morning," Kelley said. "I remember one time in the 60s the water got up about as high as it did this weekend. I was a city police officer and we got a lot of people out," recalled Disaster Emergency Services Coordinator Gene Kelley, who was appointed by Mayor Ronnie Clark and Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith to supervise the county's DDE activities. He began serving as coordinator 10 years ago. Mark Hughes (Nicholas County Fire Department Chief) led the dead, as also in charge of emergency rescue operations) did most of the rescue operations this weekend. Both Mayor Clark



Carlisle Mercury staffer Laura Fryman took this flood photo from her front porch as high water raged through Myers Station Road in Nicholas County Saturday. An estimated 20 local people were made homeless by the high water.

Missing car report could be a hoax

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
An helicopter ran through the Myers Station area gave no indication that a car had washed into flood water on the Fleming Creek/Linking River area during Saturday's flood. Mark Hughes, Nicholas County Fire Department Chief, said the department is also the county's designated emergency rescue team and helped people in Cassidy Creek, Myers Station, Pleasant Valley areas get out of their homes when the water began to rise. A disturbance report that came into the Kentucky State Police that ever happened Sunday, we flew a helicopter in the National Guard did a fly over with the Road Unit. Alan Bright of Frankfort Search and Rescue was the pilot. We searched Fleming Creek and the Linking River to make sure there was a car and at that time there was no evidence indicating there was. If it had been swept off a bridge, it could have been left in a tree, or given something was.



Nicholas County High School is set to begin a new reading incentive program. On hand to kick off Reading Awareness Week was Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, center, seated, and standing, from left, Michael Mathes, teacher Sandra Durham, counselor Betty Ballard, Principal Greg Reed, and Jennifer Caswell.



Shannon and Jeremy Shearer of Indiana cuddle daughter Kayla at JMHC after being rescued from flood waters off Headquarters Road.

Stranded Indiana couple finds JMHC a shelter from the flood

By Josh Shephard
Special To The Mercury
A young Indiana couple with their one-month-old infant daughter were given shelter at Johnson Mathers Health Care late Sunday night after being stranded by flood waters on Headquarters Road. Jeremy Shearer, 21, his wife Shannon Shearer, 19, and their infant daughter, Kayla Sierra Shearer, all of Shelbyville, Indiana, had been searching for a way to get to family members affected by the severe flooding in Palomoth, Kentucky on Sunday.

"We got a call from my family that they were being forced out of their home because of rising water. They would need a place to stay, but by the time we got to the area, all roads north of Palomoth were covered," Jeremy Shearer said. "Attempting to reach Palomoth from the south by going through Cynthiana, we found ourselves caught in the flood." Continued on Page 3

Flood Items Needed
Help flood victims by bringing any type of donation including clothing, furniture and non-perishable food items to the community-wide drop-off station at the regnumnasium of the Old Army, East Main Street, Carlisle.

Moorefield Shower
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