MERCURY MEMORIES

5 YEARS AGO
March 26, 1992

City worker and city fire chief Tommy Crawford uncovers a water line leak Wednesday afternoon that left several homes without water for most of the morning. The centrifugal break in the waterline, a result of setting underground movement was quickly fixed by the application of a line clamp.

The first round of the Girls a Sweet Sixteen would prove to be a Nicholas County milestone as the Lady Jackets claimed win number 30 over the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals, marking the first state tournament win for any Nicholas County basketball team.

Nicholas County Bicentennial Event and Tourism Council will host several events.

April 3, 11 a.m. - Terry Prather of the 4-H Council along with Tourism members will plant the State Coffee Tree in the Carlisle Cemetery.

DEATHS:

Nancy Bell Ingram, 63, died Tuesday, Mar. 17; Jeannetta Jenkins Ritchie, 57, died Sunday Mar. 22.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 26, 1987

Responsibility for maintaining the eight inch water line to Licking River when the proposed seven project is completed was the topic of a called meeting of Carlisle City Council, Monday night.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court heard a discouraging report from the state on the county's finances.

The court has been told following a budget analysis of several months, that the shortfall expected in the operating capital for the country will increase, and will present a major problem if the county does not have an additional revenue source.

Rose Brady, Property Valuation Administrator for Nicholas County, has completed two more IAAQ Real Estate Courses.

MARRIED: Miss Jo Ellen Howard and Dennis Jackson, Mar. 7; Darlene Thronsburg and Michael Power, Mar. 17.

BIRTHS: Cassandra LaFaye Wofe, Mar. 18; David Wayne Mayberier, Mar. 16.

DEATHS: Willis B. Liver, Mar. 17; Huron Bishop, Mar. 19; Jerry Eines Bailey, Mar. 10; Raymond Lee Hawkins, Mar. 21; Mrs. Mable C. Prather, Mar. 18.

20 YEARS AGO
March 26, 1977

To provide first aid for our school children each day is the purpose of the new program we are trying to get started," said Mrs. Ottis Tussey as she explained the program the PTA is preparing to set up in the Nicholas County Elementry School.

The Certificate of Need application submitted by the Nicholas County Hospital was approved Mar. 16 by the East Kentucky Health Systems Agency at its meeting in Lexington.

Wilbur Schu, Georgetown has announced his candidacy for the Kentucky Senate from the 30th District which includes seven precincts in Northern Fayette County as well as Woodford, Scott, Harrison, Bourbon, Nicholas, and Robertson Counties.

BIRTHS: Robert Earl Carson, Mar. 12.

DEATHS: Claude Marvin Stamper, 73, died Mar. 7; Mrs. Everett Potts, 86, died Mar. 15.

30 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1967

Murray Brown, administrator of the Nicholas County Hospital has announced that the visiting hours at the hospital shall be strictly observed.

The hours are from 2-4 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Miss Ruth Catherine Combs, daughter of Mr. Tom Combs, and the late Mrs. Mona Roe Combs, of Morehead, became the bride of Edward Campbell Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Taylor of Carlisle, in an open Ceremony Feb. 25. Rev. Larry Buskin officiated.

The Carlisle Baptist Church will have a World Missions Week Emphasis Apr. 2-7. Missionaries from foreign, home and state missions fields will speak on Sunday morning at 10:40 a.m. and Sunday evening at 8 p.m. and Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fryman's Commentary

The following letter was addressed to Laura Fryman, author of Laura's Life and advertising director for *The Carlisle Mercury*:

Dear Ms. Fryman:

I could not help but notice your recent commentary under 'Laura's life' in *The Mercury*.

Your article was timely and relevant and you have raised a number of points that are highly significant in today's society concerning treatment of criminals.

Certainly those convicted of criminal offenses should be fairly and appropriately treated, but you will also find that those instate penal institutions have better law libraries available to them than most lawyers, all provided at no cost to the criminal. The prisoner with a headache, who doesn't feel he was adequately treated and given the best of treatment will file a law suit against the county, the jailer and any one else he wishes to hold accountable.

"The tragedy of all this is that too often the victim...has been forgotten."

The tragedy of all this is that too often the victims of crimes are the individuals who have been forgotten.

These are the folks who had to pay the price for the criminal activity, through pain and suffering the loss of a loved one, having to take time off work in order to testify in court, or a child having to go through the embarrassment of having to testify to intimate sexual matters before strangers concerning what the defendant has done to them. Certainly none of us would trade the freedom that we have for those of any other country. These freedoms are adequately provided by free legal counsel and other provisions of our Constitution renders protection to criminal defendants.

Every defendant enters the courtroom with the presumption of innocence and their guilt must be proven in any case beyond a reasonable doubt. The victim of this criminal offense, however, has only had memories, a loss of time and work and often financial hardship as a result of the defendant's action.

Communities concerns need to be directed to the victims of these crimes. The criminals had their opportunities. Let us not forget the victims of crime.

Yours Very Truly,
Jack Keith
(John M. Keith Jr.)
Commonwealth Attorney

Don't forget Gatewood's effort

Dear Editor:

How easy it is to forget years of effort Gatewood Galbraith has given to help legalize cannabis industrially and medicinally, but when a movie star flies to Kentucky and plants four industrial hemp seeds and is hailed as the Savior of our State, we need to readjust our values.

Ideas are hard to come by, but they don't cost as much to sell. In 1991 Gatewood Galbraith ran for Governor of Kentucky for $100,000. He traveled the state on money made form T-shirts sales and passes of a hat and managed to get his own unique vision of the world heard.

He took a stand to legalize hemp as a cash crop and intertwined it with his view on poverty, tourism, and government intrusion into the lives of individuals. And emerged with the most clear cut ideas of the campaign.

Willie Nelson showed his support by performing in 1991, and 1995 for Gatewood, but again Kentucky wasn't ready for Gatewood's comprehension of the need to change the medicinal laws against cannabis. Those in need of it fully understand its efficiency, and can't understand why they must go to the streets for this medicine. When will we give credit where credit is due?

Sacrifices made by Gatewood's shoestring budget deserve recognition. His efforts, to show the medicinal values of Cannabis for cancer, glaucoma, and AIDS patients have gone unnoticed. How can we allow this? If he were a movie star, would Kentucky accept his concept of compassion?

Sincerely
Danny Pigman
222 Waller Dr.
Lexington, Ky. 40503

"If he were a movie star would Kentucky accept his concept of compassion?"

Democratic Women met recently at The Old Jail. From left are Sally Davis, Betty Faye, Carol Devine, Joan Morris, and Sue Kirby.

Democrat women meet

The March meeting of the Democratic Women's Club was held at the Old Jail. There were several of the Democratic Executive Board, Tourism, and The Historical Society, guest Lorena Rodgers and Diana Faulore from Bath County, "Doc" Moore and Sally Daire from Frankfort. A buffet was served. Sally Davis, who is a liason to Governor Paul Patton, read the Democratic Creed and installed the officers, telling each one the duties of their office. The officers are President: Betty Faye, Vice President: Carol Devine, Secretary: Joan Morris, Treasurer: Sue Kirby. Sally Davis led us in a recitation of the Kentucky Creed. The meeting was adjourned.

JMHS Blood Drive set March 31

Johnson Mathers Healthcare and Central Kentucky Blood Center encourage Nicholas County residents to support local hospital patients by donating blood on Monday, Mar. 31, 2-7 p.m. at the hospital blood-mobile. The goal for the drive is 40 pints.

"Blood transfusions in central and eastern Kentucky hospitals increased by a near-record 14 % in the past year," said Sally Baker, CBBC spokeswoman. "Nicholas County donors help ensure every patient who needs a transfusion receives treatment."

Donors must be 17 years of age or older, weigh a minimum

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Laura's Life

OPINION BY LAURA FRYMAN

Parents should know where their children are

I was told just a few days ago that parents don't always know where their children are, and that if I thought that was the way it was going to be with mine, I would be sadly mistaken.

Well I don't feel I will be, because if my kids are out past the curfew I set for them, then any one that knows me knows I will be on the hunt and will not care to embarrass the heck out of the kids for defying me.

It is very sad to see kids standing on the street, looking like they don't care about anything or anyone not even themselves.

What is also very disturbing, is to drive through town and have a child stand up and call you obscenities. If the parents are not teaching this behavior and they are picking it up from their friends, then I think it is time for the parents to step in and try to teach them right from wrong.

Not every body will shrug it off their shoulders when they are being cursed and treated badly by someone that looks old enough to know better.

I know it is hard to keep up with children now days, especially with both parents working and not being at home as much as needed, but get a grip on these children before it is too late.

If you start out with a stern hand at home I think that not only will you get respect, but you might see a great big change in the attitudes of children.

I have heard that they learn this kind of trash from school. Well wake up and smell the roses. Teachers can't work miracles and if some discipline is not administered at home then what do you think the teachers can do they are "not" miracle workers."

Most kids are taught if the teacher says or does something they don't like then they don't have to listen and all they have to do is call the parent and they will be at the school ready to flog the teacher.

Well I feel like if I trust the school system enough to teach my children what they can, then I trust them enough to punish them in the best way the "Great Principals" we have in the school system know how.

Not everything that is done I agree with in this school system. But just like every system, improvements can be made. But all in all I feel we have a good little system and we should be proud of what we do have.

It could be worse.

To look at the courthouse news and to see so many juveniles in front of the judge for DUI or vandalism then I think things are getting worse.

I say it can get worse and if we don't take charge of these kids that are standing on the streets saying things to people, then things are getting worse as I write this article.

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COMBINED FINAL NOTIFICATION AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD), has received an application for federal assistance from the Nicholas County Water District, SA# KY 960910-1036. The specific elements of this proposed action consist of installing 3,500 feet of 10", 12,750 feet of 8" and 1,280 feet of 3" sewerline and two pump stations to the existing system in order to serve 100 additional customers and the industrial park located in Nicholas County.

USDA/RD has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and determined that the location of the proposed sewer system construction would impact the 100-year Floodplain. It has been determined that there is no practical alternative to avoid this impact. The basis of this determination is as follows:

•The Floodplain could be impacted by the construction of the proposed water system due to stream crossings.

•The proposed water system must be located within the Floodplain in order to serve the proposed customers.

•The application will be required in the RD Letter of Conditions to amend its bylaws whereby it will deny service to any new customers planning to build in a Floodplain.

•The proposed action conforms to applicable state and local Floodplain protection standards.

•The sewerlines will be laid on public right-of-ways, where necessary, to avoid impacts on any prime farmland and/or wetlands that may be in the vicinity.

•There are no cooperating agencies on this project.

It was also determined that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment nor will an environmental impact statement be required.

Any written comments regarding these determinations should be provided within 15 days of this publication to Mr. Thomas G. Fern, State Director, Rural Development, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503. USDA/RD will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this fifteen day period. Requests to review the USDA/RD environmental assessment upon which this determination is based or to receive a copy of it, should be directed to the USDA/RD District Office, 220 West First Street, Morehead, KY 40351.

Federal Law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap, and sex in this program.

American Red Cross worker David Dennis, far left, accepted $200 from leaders of the Nicholas County High School flood disaster relief group last Thursday. From left are Dennis, County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, Shivon Workman, Angela Michelle Hays, Christy Flora, Lisa Herrington and Assistnat Principal Ron Baker.

4-H Talk Meet honors winners

The Nicholas County 4-H Talk Meet was held on Mar. 18 at Nicholas County Elementary School, with 13 students presenting speeches. Speakers ranged from 9-13 years, and made presentations on a variety of topics. The champions and runners-up in each age category advance to the Bluegrass Area 4-H Talk Meet to be held on March 25 at the Eastside Elementary School in Cynthiana.

In the nine-year old division, Ashton Markland was named champion for her speech "Helen Keller." Jared Selvage was named runner-up for his for his speech titled "Racism." Other nine year old speakers were Jessica Hamilton, who spoke on "Horseback Riding," and Jessica Morris with a speech titled "Slaves."

In the ten-year old division, Whitney Gray was named champion for her speech titled "Amazing Trunks," and the runner-up was Jenny Rice for her speech "Getting a Cat."

Other ten-year old speakers were Jamey Guy who spoke on "Endangered Species," and Ashley McFarland, with a speech titled "Asteroids and Meteors."

In the eleven-year old division, Tamare Ishmal was named champion for her speech on the death penalty, and Hope Burton was Runner-up with a speech called "My Favorite Things and People." Josh Wade won the twelve-year old division with a speech entitled "Cats." In the thirteen-year old division, Alex Wilson was named champion for his speech entitled "Media Distortions," and Joni Waugh was named runner-up for a speech entitled "Kids Out of Control."

All of the speakers are to be congratulated for the hard work they invested in their speeches and for their courage to participate in this important event. The Nicholas County 4-H Council extends its gratitude to our six judges for their volunteer service. Paula Hunter, Michelle Knapke, Becky Reid, Cis Schelling, Kevin Thomas, and Pati Wente made excellent judges and helped to make this year's Talk Meet a great success.

For more information about the 4-H Talk Meet or any other 4-H program, then call the Nicholas County Extension Service office at (606) 289-2312.

Deficit

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9-10 district-wide certified members and 10-12 classified may be needed to keep a deficit from coming next year. With contracts in force the rest of this year, no cutbacks will be made prior to June 30 to balance the budget.

"Those cuts will have to be made in order to get us out of the red. The problem is, no one has given the process time to work. We may have some retirements and if that position is not required, it wouldn't be filled," Everly said adding "We've got eight to 10 people eligible for retirement.

School Board member Ricky Hicks initially estimated at the regular meeting March 17 the deficit could be from $190,000 to $300,000.

"The big bucks are in staffing, both classified and certified, but we've already cut maintenance people to the bone and I'd say we're gonna live to regret that," Everly remarked later explaining that as superintendent, his role is to make recommendations to the board. He has no power to make policy. "Basically, it is my responsibility to make sure we are in compliance with deficit reduction. I've tried to make it (staffing cuts) work with (site based) councils since I've been here, but it looks like there is no choice now."

Due to state mandates, three staff members have been hired in Everly's time as superintendent. Two special education teachers were hired because there were children who needed them, and a district wide position was filled for the alternative school. Two teachers split the day, one holding class in the morning, the other in the afternoon.

Besides staffing, declining student enrollment in the district is a budget culprit.

DECLINING ENROLLMENT

"This budget, prior to me being here, was based on 1,200 students. Next year's budget is based on 1,115. That's 85 kids at $3,600 per kid, and some say I'm not good at math, but that's a quarter of a million dollars."

Currently, there are 96 staff members on payroll with 1,134 students according to the ADA (Average daily attendance). Include the classified staff (80 people) and there are a total of 175 people on payroll in the Nicholas County School system, Everly said.

THE BLAME

Everly is dismayed that some would like to "kill the messenger."

"The problem is now, people want a scapegoat. It was running close in '95 - we even had a consultant tell the board then.....the frustration is people have a preconceived notion and they find out their notions aren't true. I guess everyone wants to believe what they want."

Supt. Randy Everly

NEW SCHOOL

Almost surprisingly, despite the district headed toward a deficit, the school district could have construction of a new facility. Everly said capital money is in a different category than the general fund and if the local planning committee had an approved facilities plan, a construction project could go forward.

"But right now, people have their minds on other things," he remarked.

A total of $280,000, ($140,000 at a time) remains in the district's escrow fund. Everly said he budgeted another $140,000 this year.

The first $140,000 was put into the separate, escrow fund beginning back in 1995 in hopes of giving the district bonding potential to construct a new school facility. The high school has long been overcrowded. It has also been discussed that keep the buses running and housed at the elementary school, need their own facility.

"It's in the bank, but it might disappear to get the district in the black," Everly noted adding even that money may not be enough to pull the district's budget into the black.

Governor

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four sites could be determined. Upon that initial selection, a team from the state's economic development cabinet will come to Nicholas County to recommend one of those sites - or one of their choosing.

Sparks believes help will arrive shortly. "I think we'll have a site in another six weeks. We can't wait a year. That's too long. We gotta get with it - we've got people who want in this new site."

Watkins, a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, said the Heritage Council may come up with a grant for the courthouse. But he was also certain that authorities should ask the AOC (Administrative Office of Courts) to come up with 52 percent of payment of repairs. The AOC has already paid 52 percent of the cost of the new roof installed at the courthouse.

In the meantime, Mayor Clark said the 20 some acre industrial authority would "just have to sit there. We can't sell it."

Clark, who'd met the governor during Patton's campaign for governor, did come away from the 30-minute meeting with something, although not at that time. "I inquired about our city records being on microfilm. I got a phone call to say it was 100 percent funded - that's about $10,077."

Special Meeting

The Nicholas Count Board of Education will meet t special session 5:30 p.m Wednesday, March 26 at th Central Office to approve re vised school council allocation

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and is said there was more money in it than you really had?"

A bank statement may read there's a million dollars in the account, but if there is an $800,000 payroll being mailed, then there's obviously not $1 million in the account - there's $200,000 - it's not showed up yet, he explained.

Currently, Dr. Fred Williams, a retired superintendent from Ft. Thomas, is being sent by the state at a cost of $300 per day to help the Nicholas County Schools curb costs. "That $300 a day sounds like a lot, and it's more than what he made as superintendent, but we have nine retired superintendents who work on contract for us," Willis said. "He can stay for as long as his contract says - 100 days. But he's not there to be there everyday. He has other districts he's helping. Fred Williams can't come up with the money."

The associate commissioner said he didn't think a layoff was feasible. For instance, classified employees need a 30-day notice and even if they're laid off, it'd only help out a couple of months. "You'd basically save nothing."

He said no matter how it cuts costs, the district will have to keep the buses running and properly maintenanced and things must be kept clean and sanitary.

As far as trying to sell a new school bus, he said the KISTA program pays for the bus up front, but is like a car payment being paid off in 10 years. So if it's a $50,000 bus then the annual payment is $5,000. But by the time a bus could be sold, it would likely apply to next year's budget, he mentioned.

"When the local district tells us they have a deficit, then we'll talk. We'll be very, very clear. But before you say there's a deficit, be sure. It's bad for everybody."

INVITATION TO BID

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the construction of a new bridge on County Road 5007, otherwise known as the Goose Creek Pike/Ishmael Chapel Road in Nicholas County, KY. Bids will be received until 4:00 PM local time on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at the Nicholas County Judge/Executive's Office, County Courthouse, Carlisle, KY 40311, (606) 289-3725. Bids will be opened at 4:00 p.m. on that date.

The new bridge is sixteen (16) feet wide and sixty-eight (68) feet long. Plans, required insurance information on bid items, etc., can be obtained at the above location, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM -4:30 PM.

Attention to prospective bidders is called to the prequalifications requirements of necessity for securing certification of eligibility and certification of bid proposals.

A bid bond payable to the Nicholas County Fiscal Court in the amount of (5) percent of the bid shall accompany the bid.

Thanks

I want to thank everyone who sent flowers and food when my father (Goleman McGlothin) passed away. Thanks to the nurses at Nicholas County Hospital for being so good to my dad. He Loved them all. Thanks to Dr. Villaflor, Thanks to Rev. James Gaunce. Thanks to the pall bearers and honorary bearers.

Thank everyone for their kindness and prayers. May God bless you all.

Daughter,
Geneva White

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

We appreciate so much your prayers and expressions of sympathy extended during our loss of Christopher.

Even though our hearts are heavy and our family seems incomplete, having friends and relatives caring and helping has been more support than it is possible to convey.

It is simply too painful to write each person individually, but please know we have read, re-read, studied and taken comfort from every card, flower, gift, food, telephone call and visit.

God sends friends as a blessing in times like these. They are the plus that helps pull you through the sorrow. Thank you for your part in helping us deal with our separation from Christopher.

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