Mercury Memories

10 Years Ago

At least three Nicholas County homeowners suffered propert damage from what was termed "a tornado" April 6.

Connie Howard and Janie Watkins, volunteer 4-H leaders from Nicholas County, recently participated in a workshop at the Kentucky Leadership Center near Jabez, KY.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Yazell, a daughter, Kelly Ann, on March 11, 1988.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen Webb, a daughter, Jessica Wayne, on April 7, 1988.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes, a daughter, Belinda Ann on April 6, 1988.

Deaths

Eddie Campbell, 67, died April 5, 1988.

Oran F. Keal, died April 1, 1988.

Roy Blount, 88, died April 8, 1988.

Jennie Dudley Hunt, 75, died March 31, 1988.

20 Years Ago

Several meetings have been held in recent weeks by foes of a porposed abandonment of the L & N Branchline that runs from Paris to Maysville through Nicholas County.

Births

To mR. and Mrs. Paul S. Sapp, a son, born April 12, 1978.

Jamie Allen Campbell, April 6, 1978.

Alysha Kelly Winters, April 15, 1978.

Marriages

Kathy Dean Tincher and Ronald Wayne Sexton, April 1, 1978.

Betty Prater and Royce C. Gray, March 22, 1978.

Deaths

Lillian Watkins, April 15, 1978.

Elizabeth Tedder, April 11, 1978.

Katie M. Greene, April 11, 1978.

Sherri Lynne Pitman, April 10, 1978.

30 Years Ago

Hiram Allen Hogg, of Carlisle has been awarded a citation and the air medal, for meritorious achievement in aerial flight, as a designated aerial gunner.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wasson, a son, April 13, 1968.

Marriages

Jan Hayen Gregg and Thomas Wyatt Linville, April 6, 1968.

Mary Beth Atkinson and Richard Lowe, March 27, 1968.

Deaths

Tevis Wilson, April 14, 1968.

James R. Campbell, April 14, 1968.

Walter Dennis, April 15, 1968.

50 Years Ago

Torrential Spring Rains, punctuated by electrical storms, swept through Nicholas County Monday night forcing the Licking River and its tributary streams to overflow their banks and block all traffic communications into Carlisle from neighboring towns.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ellington, a daughter, April 11, 1948.

Marriages

Betty Longworth and Dav Kindred, April, 1948.

Margaret Crenshaw Tinder and Charles Alexander Harris, April 1948.

Deaths

John Mare,

Alma Taylor Routt,

Rev. E.V. Bolton,

Marths Wilson Thompson,

Henry Harrison Frederick, 1948.

60 Years Ago

The body of Catherine Bryant, 20, was found at home, with a gun in her lap. She died from a pistol wound to the head.

Miss Annabel Hamilton was chosen as May Queen.

Births

Carolyn Ann Skeen, APril 13, 1938.

Marriages

Frances House and Jack Clark.

Ruth Barton Curry and J. Clark Lee, Jr.

Howard Mastin and Beulah Wells.

Thomas Epperson and Mrs. Bobbie Richardson, April 1938.

Deaths

Robert Dennis,

Joe Miller,

John William Wagoner, April 1938.

Letters to the Editor

Statements, comments and opinions expressed in "Letters to the Editor" do not necessarily reflect the attitude of *The Carlisle Mercury* or it's staff.

Dear Editor,

I am very much concerned about the change of command at our Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center.

I have been in several meetings with Mr. Jim Wente and have been very impressed with his concern for Nicholas County citizens.

I could not believe that his contract had not been renewed and that he was not given any reason for this situation.

My understanding is that the Nicholas County Judge and the Fiscal Court members appoint the Board Members for JMHC Center.

I think they owed Mr. Wente a reason for not renewing his contract.

I have asked several of the JMHC Board Members about this situation, but do not get any reasons.

I think the Board Members should be elected by a vote of the community.

If we get a new Judge in the up-coming May election, I do hope he will see that we get new Board Members for JMHC Center.

The JMHC Board Members have always been very secretive about any situation that is brought before them.

If you can't speak up when you are elected to an office, you should never accept the office.

If I remember right, when the other Administrator, Mr. Miller, was told he was no longer needed, he was not given a reason, nor was the public advised by the Board why he was not rehired.

I think we need a change of command in a lot of our officials of Nicholas County and I hope in the May election people will remember this.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty H. Barton

Dear Editor,

On April 4, 1998 The Democratic Women's Club and The Democratic Executive Committee did what we felt was a service to the community by inviting all the State Democratic Candidates to attend a forum where everyone could attend and ask questions on the pertinent issues concerning Carlisle, especially tobacco and Medicare.

We felt that possibly the candidates would not want to come to a town as small as Carlisle or that maybe we were too late because the candidates may have already set their agenda.

That was not the case.

All the candidates except three came themselves or sent a representative.

Little did we know how much trouble we would have getting advertisement.

The cable company, which runs constant ads, did not even though we faxed it to them in plenty of time.

The ad we were going to put in one of the papers "fell through the cracks."

For this, a public apology was made, but that didn't change the fact that we had a number of candidates coming in with the possibility that no one but us knew.

The Carlisle Mercury and Amy Rankin came through for us with a front page article, which I felt it should be because of the service to the community.

Also, Betty Fay walked over the town, putting fliers in the business windows.

The crowd was still very sparse.

There were several of the candidates running for local office there including Betty Fay, Billy Mac Gaunce, Michelle Knapke, Gayle Kelley, Calvin Denton, Larry Tincher, Billy Dale Crawford, Bonnie Clark, and Rose Brady.

If I missed anyone, I'm sorry.

However, there was a noticeable absence of the elected officials that we already pay a salary and would expect to be there, since theses are the movers and the shakers who get things done in Frankfort.

Bonnie Clark was there from the City and Rose Brady and Billy Mac Gaunce from the County.

Where were the rest of our paid officials including the whole group of engineers and the Judge-Executive, as well as the City Council?

We need these elected officials to lobby the powers that be in Frankfort and they were all here, in one spot.

When will they get another opportunity to speak with all of them at one time?

I realize that we are all busy, but talking with these people and attending meetings are a necessary evil and what our officials get paid for.

Thank you,

Mamie Johnson Day to be recognized

In observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month the Cabinet for Families and Children, along with other community agencies and organizations have dedicated April 28 as Nicholas County's observance of this day.

On this date, we are requesting that community leaders, teachers and citizens attend a ceremony at the Nicholas County Elementary School at 1:00 P.M.

During the ceremony, a tree and memorial stone will be dedicated in memory of Ms. Mamie Johnson Day, a social worker who served Nicholas County for eight years and devoted herself to the children of our community.

Together, we can make a difference for the children in our community.

Dawn Gasser, FSWC

The East Union Homemakers meet

The East Union Homemakers met at the home of Della Mitchell Thursday night for our April meeting.

Devotion was led by Anna Smood.

There were seven people present.

Our lesson on "Conserving Water at Home" was given by Elsie Ruth Burden.

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

The Carlisle Mercury welcomes your letters to the editor and encourages the community to write and tell us your news.

We can't publish every letter, but we promise to read all of them and print as many as possible.

SALTWELL NEWS By Mrs. Fred Hollar

A very large crowd attended visitation and funeral for Brenda McCord on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon. Burial was in the Elizaville Cemetery.

Mrs. Nell Gaunce went for tests on Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. She had surgery and returned home.

She along with most of her family enjoyed an Easter supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Price and children on Saturday night. She got a good report from her tests.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Cropper of Mason County attended church at Saltwell the past Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. James Gaunce invited them out for lunch on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar enjoyed supper with Mrs. Gladys Kenney on Monday night.

Mike Sowell, Stephanie Ockerman and Chad, and Ramona George enjoyed Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar on Sunday.

Mrs. Kathleen Mattox returned home and spent Friday night at Nicholas County Hospital but was able to return home Saturday.

Mrs. Debbie Pirtle and son Gabe of Henderson, KY spent Friday til Monday with her grandmother. Mrs. Nell Gaunce.

The Community Easter Services were well attended at Headquarters, Saltwell and Rose Hill. A lovely breakfast was served after the Sun-rise service at Rose Hill. The program was presented by the youth of the Church and Rev. Livingood.

A large group of family and friends gathered at the home of Layne Hollar and Lois Mitchell for lunch and Easter Egg Hunt in the afternoon.

Mrs. Emogene Purcell, Amelia Purcell and Mrs. Kathleen Mattox were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Purcell, Christy and Lori Beth.

Mrs. Nell Gaunce and Mrs. Debbie Pirtle enjoyed a family dinner with other relatives at the home of Mr. Charles Ring on Sunday.

Darrin Snapp of Redmond Road spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Betty Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbraith of Lower Jackstown Road entertained the following with a supper and Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday evening. Mrs. Duane Smith, Mrs. Della Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Craycraft, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Allison and John Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Calderon, and Hannah. They all enjoyed the get-together.

Mrs. Jean Mattox, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox, Amanda, Jonathan, Ann Marie and Jessica attended an Egg Hunt on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Ford, Ashley, Elizabeth and Patrick at their home in Cynthiana. They all had a good time.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and family. She also visited Maxine Whitson and Marjorie Fryman, Cynthiana the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Earlywine

Earlywines celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Earlywine of Horn Lake, Mississippi will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception given in their honor on Saturday, May 2, 1998 at Faith United Methodist Church in Southern Missouri.

They are the parents of a daughter, Brenda Kay Shepherd, son-in-law, Roger Shepherd and two grandchildren, Deanna and Shane Shepherd all of Rollinsville, Colorado.

Mrs. Ruby Morris

Morris birthday honored on Easter

The family of Mrs. Ruby Morris held an Easter Dinner and Birthday Party on Sunday, April 12, 1998 in honor of her 72rd birthday.

Her birthday hasn't fallen on Easter Sunday for 62 years. She was 11 years old in 1936 when Easter Sunday fell on her birthday for the first time.

There were 55 people present for the celebration. They were: Ruby Morris, Billy Joe, Tracy, Brandie and Todd Vaughn, Allan and Doris Morris, Roxann , Jessica and, Ricky Morris, Carolyn Evans, Nitashia Sadler, Kristan Evans, Ricky Tubbs, Terry Allan Morris, Terra Morris, Destiny Herrington, Derrick Morris, Linda and Wesley Hamilton, Melinda, William, Amber and Shane Smith, Marilyn Wiggleworth, Cindy , Andrew and Ashley McCarty, Kitty Hollar, Janet,Jason and Chasity Angel, Norman and Lee Morris, Vickie, Steve and Michael Porter, Janet and Christopher McAtee, Melissa Johnny Tolliver, Daphne Brumbley, Donnie Elliotte, Mark (Friend), Loretta and Ralph Simpson, Trish Simpson, Tammy Simpson, Andy (Friend), Jeff Simpson, Annie (Friend) and daughter Cathy, Junior and Barbara Malone and Steve Malone.

Ruby had a wonderful time, thanks to all the Children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews and Friends that came to make this Easter and Birthday a memorable one.

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church plan spring revival

The Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is excited to announce the dates for our Spring Revival to be held at our church April 20th -26th. Services will begin nightly at 7:00 PM with special singing each night. Rev. Paul Brewer will be our speaker for the week.

Rev. Brewer worked 38 years as a Supervisor in Industry. At the age of 50, he was called by God into the Ministry; and also continued to work for 8 more years in the Industry.

He was paastor at Wallingford United Methodist Church for 19 years, Brooksville United Methodist Church for 5 1/2 years, and then pastored Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, Millersburg United Methodist Church, Rose Hill United Methodist Church, and Saltwell United Methodist Church.

Rev. Brewer has preached in more than 100 churches in Kentucky alone, and has conducted 61 revivals. He received the Harry Denman Award for Evangelism and was also Stwardship Director for the Conference for 8 years.

He attended University of Kentucky, Morehead State University, University of Illinois, and Duke University, and has also received the honor of Kentucky Colonel.

Rev. Brewer has been married for 58 years and has 2 sons, Jack and David, 3 grandchildren.

The pastor and congregation at Mt. Pleasant would like to invite you to join us for our Spring revival.

Lions Club to sponsor magic show April 24

The Nicholas County Lions Club will sponsor the Grand Illusions Magic Show, to be held Friday, April 24 at Nicholas County High School at 7:30 p.m.

Grand Illusion employs over five tons of equipment, making it the largest traveling show of its kind in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee.

The stage show is enhanced by stereo sound, computerized lighting as well as an array of backdrops and special effects, including fog machines, indoor fireworks, flash pots and strobe lights.

Illusions are magic tricks that rely on natural skill, rather than supernatural abilities.

So this show is "Particularly appropriate for families, Young and Old Alike", according to husband and wife stars, Roger and Lee Ann.

Roger and Lee Ann reside in Cynthiana, and have two children.

Tickets for Grand Illusion Magic Show are $6.00 in advance and also may be obtained at the door for $7.00.

For advance tickets call 1-888-234-33207.

National Library Week announced for April

This year, National Library Week celebrates the many ways our libraries connect kids (and us) with the world of information and imagination through books, computers, audios and much more.

This is the week to celebrate all the connections.

Bring your kids for a visit to the Nicholas County Library and encourage them to find it online.

There's a great big world out there, all within reach.

The library is offering 'amnesty week' on all overdue books throughout National Library Week.

During this week all library patrons may return their overdue books without concern for having to pay a fine.

The library is open on Monday between 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and closed on Wednesdays.

If the library is closed, patrons are urged to use the night depository box.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Kerns Vice

Elizabeth Kerns Vice, 94, of 758 Bethel Road, Moorefield, wife of Paul T. Vice, died Sunday, April 12, 1998 at her residence.

She was born in Nicholas County to the late Lee and Dame Vice Kerns, was a former teacher, and a member of the Bethel Christian Church.

Other survivors: a son, Marvin E. Vice, Carlisle, Two daughters, Wilma Ratliff and Polly Pribble, Lexington and a sister, Ruth Cummins, Lexington, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services 2:00 PM Wednesday at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Mark Vice. Burial in Longview Cemetery at Bethel.

Casketbearers: Dudley Banta, Brent Ratliff, Greg Banfro, and Allie Vice Jr., Danny Vice and Stephen Vice.

Auxiliary donates CPR mannequins and new rehab equipment to JMHC

The Johnson Mathers Health Care Auxiliary, celebrating their 20th year of volunteer service to Nicholas County, have donated over $3,500 in new equipment to Johnson Mathers Health Care in just the last few weeks.

Having completed several rounds of community fund raising, the JMHC Auxiliary purchased the following items: adult and infant CPR mannequins to enhance the training of personnel and the community in life-saving techniques, new pulley weights for Nicholas County Hospital's Rehab Services department, new chairs for patient rooms, and new curtains in the Emergency department.

As of this article, the new CPR mannequins have already been used to train members of the community in infant and adult CPR. The pulley weights have already helped many patients with their physical therapy.

Since its founding in 1978 the Auxiliary's mission has been to respond to the health care needs of this community.

Their most recent donations are an excellent example of the services they have provided these last 20 years. They contribute patient care equipment, such as Geri-Chairs and walkers to the nursing home or pulley weights for rehab services.

They also think about the needs of patients, placing comfortable chairs in patient rooms or buying a fold out "sleeper" chair for the convenience of parents staying overnight with their child in the hospital.

Measured in money, the Auxiliary has donated over $65,000 in equipment. They have donated much more in volunteer hours, sponsoring special programs, assisting patients,) operating the gift shop and fund raising.

Every year the JMHC Auxiliary volunteers provide services that make a lasting, positive impact on the community. It is an important service and its membership is open to anyone.

For information about joining the Auxiliary, ask any Auxiliary member or contact Cassinda Bechanan at 289-7181.

Hospice of the Bluegrass thanks its volunteers

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week, and Hospice of the Bluegrass would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank the people they believe are some of the most dedicated volunteers in the community, the volunteers of Hospice of the Bluegrass.

It is known that hospice provides a very special kind of caring for terminally ill persons and their families, but it's less known that if it were not for volunteers, hospice could not function.

The federal government recognizes the importance of volunteers in the delivery of hospice care by requiring that Medicare-approved hospices utilize volunteers from their community.

Hospice care is provided through an interdisciplinary, medically directed team.

This team approach to care for dying persons typically includes a physician, a nurse, a counselor, a member of the clergy, and a home health aide.

While hospice employs paid professionals, volunteers are relied upon to provide assistance at various levels.

Last year the Cynthiana Office volunteers gave 2,252 volunteer service hours.

Volunteer services resulted in a cost savings of $25,286.

Volunteers traveled 10,983 miles transporting patients.

In a number of ways, volunteering for hospice differs from other community work.

For instance, hospice patient-care volunteers are required to undergo a standardized training program before being allowed to work directly with a patient or family.

No task is too big or small for hospice volunteers, but often the most important thing they do is just "be there" for patients — to reassure them they are not alone, to hold a hand, to offer a smile, or just to listen.

Is not easy work, but the personal rewards are enormous.

The strength and courage of patients provide a constant source of inspiration, and volunteers usually feel they gain more than they have been able to give.

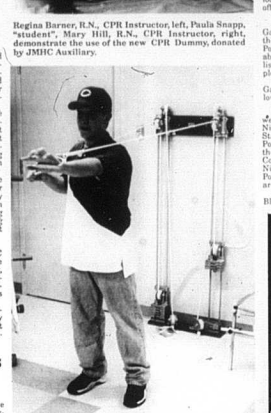
Hospice is growing as more and more persons seek our help.

For this reason, we have a constant need for new volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about hospice volunteering, call Rhonda Parrott at (606) 234-6462 or 1-800-756-6005.

Hospice of the Bluegrass is grateful for the wealth of time and compassion the hospice volunteers give for the betterment of the community.

Hospice volunteers from Nicholas County: Katrina Hollar and Rose Scott.



Regina Barner, R.N., CPR Instructor, left, Paula Snapp, "student", Mary Hill, R.N., CPR Instructor, right, demonstrate the use of the new CPR Dummy, donated by JMHC Auxiliary.

Brandon Lee Murrell, 14 year old student at Nicholas County High School, demonstrating pulley weights, also donated by JMHC Auxiliary.

Historical Corner

Charles A. Gates, a resident of Carlisle and researcher of historical facts, has submitted for your information a recent study he has conducted on the many post offices that once operated in Nicholas County.

Gates spent much of his time and money reviewing Micro Film to learn the various locations of some historic post offices in the country.

At the time of research, Gates was unable to acquire the list of Robertson County Post Offices and hopes to be able to compile a more detailed list once paper work is complete.

From his current studies, Gates has accumulated the following information. ...

Gates report states, "There were forty Post Offices in Nicholas County by the United States Postal Services. These Post Offices do not include those which were in Robertson County when it was part of Nicholas County. The recorded Post Offices of Nicholas County are forty and are as follows:

Abner; Barefoot; Bartonville; Blackhawk; Blue Licks Spring; Bramblett; Buffalo Trace; Buzzard Roost; Carlisle; Carter's Store; Chapel; Crayton; Davidson; East Union; Ellisville; Flora; Forest Retreat; Griffiths; Headquarters; Hinkston (1); Hinkston (2); Hooktown (1); Hooktown (2); Irvinville; Licking; Marengo (1); Marengo (2); Miranda; Moorefield; Morningfury; Myers; Myersville; Oakland; Mills; Paynter; Pleasant Valley; Pleasantvalley; Salt Well (1); Saltwell (2); Sprout; and Wesson."

Gates also explains that in the incidents where you see (1) and (2), many times a post office would be closed and a new postal operation would be opened in the same general vicinity, under a slightly new name.

This research material was accumulated through the combined efforts of Gates and Melody Selvage, Research Associate, Pikta History Corporate Information Services, in Washington, D.C.

Gates plans to continue his research and hopes to submit more details in the future.

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