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Mayor brings home \$993,000 for housing project
Dorseyville area to soon be refurbished with federal funds



Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, far left, held the make-believe check for \$993,000 with State Representative Jim Lovell, Bob Arnold of the Department for Local Government, State Senator Deeny Nunneley and Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton.

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Residents of Dorseyville will soon have a modernized place to live.
According to a news release handed to The Mercury from the Office of the Governor, Paul Patton, "The grant funds will be used for the acquisition of 10 parcels with seven homes...

"It's my hope, and I haven't talked to the engineers, Lowry & Associates, but it's my hope for work to begin in the spring."

August, too many of those residents were employed, releasing them of eligibility. However, Dorseyville's area, questions the third week of August.
Some Dorseyville houses would have to be razed. Others would be modernized. Some residents would have to be relocated while the work was being completed.
"I haven't had anyone say 'No' to me. I get calls like, 'When this gonna happen?' 'When this gonna happen?' 'I can't say how tickled to death I am the city got this,' Clark commented. This is based on income and ability to pay. Even if a homeowner, like an elderly person can't afford \$5,000 to fix up their house and the grant fixes it, it will help. But they have to live there four years before they can be sold.
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Mayor files for county judge seat

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Both Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark and County Judge Chuck Smith will vie for the county judge executive's position during the spring primary.
Smith, who is serving his first term, signed up for reelection 10 a.m. Dec. 23.
Candidates have until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 to file.
"God like I will actively seek grants that Nicholas County is eligible for and I feel I'll do things to save us money and make life in our community a little better," Clark said late Tuesday evening.
"I think I have a good track record for bringing money into our community that's been lacking the last few years. Nothing against anybody. The biggest thing is I hope I can bring up our standard of living and bring more economic development, and hopefully things that make our community strong."
The salary of the judge and all county officials is assigned by the state. Both Judge Smith and County Clerk Doug Fryman earn \$47,988.15 annually.
It is the same amount assigned to other smaller counties. Neighboring Harrison County also pays its judge and county clerk the same amount as Nicholas.
County Clerk Doug Fryman has also filed, at 10 a.m. Dec.

the new salary for this county. Please take into account all of the state factors when reporting these salaries.
"Ms. Rose Brady began her tenure as Nicholas County PVA in April 1997. She has served as an elected state employee for 23 years. Ms. Brady's current salary as Nicholas County PVA is \$40,000 with a Statutory Expense Allowance of \$300 (\$1,380 X 12) for an annual salary of \$40,560.
The starting salary for a new PVA is \$2,666 with a Statutory Expense Allowance of \$300 (\$2,960 X 12) for an annual salary of \$35,250.
KRS 132.090 set forth the

PUBLIC OFFICIALS' SALARIES IN NICHOLAS COUNTY

Table with 2 columns: OFFICE and ANNUAL SALARY. Includes County Judge Exec., County Clerk, Sheriff, County Attorney, PVA, Magistrate, Coroner, Jailer, Mayor, and City Council members.

Looking Back... Compiled by Erica Brierty

JANUARY-JUNE
Jan. 2, 1997
The City Service Awards Ceremony was held at 444 and Mayor, Ronnie Clark presented the awards to the following: Gary Berry, Jeff Jefferson, Roy Fryman, Steve Zermes, Gerald Adams, and Terry Fryman, Arthur Burzard, Steve Finch, Tommy Crawford, Charles Fay, Gayle Valandingham, Gene Kelley, Bobby Kelly.
To Jeff and Pam Randolph, their second child, a daughter, Sharon Young had been born. She has been named Larkyn Catherine Randolph.
Deaths
Janie H. Washington, 69, Robert Elgin Stephenson, 83, died December 28, 1996.
Jan. 16, 1997
Nora Martin of Carlisle has been selected captain of the 1997 Women's All-American Troopband team.
Thomas G. Fern, State Director for Rural Development (formerly the Farmers Home Administration) states Kentucky will target 30 percent of Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) funds allocated to the state during Fiscal Year 1997. The targeting of

Mercury names top 10 stories

By Leigh Stone
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The Mercury annually compiles a list of the top 10 news stories.
The stories are listed as follows in the order of newsworthiness according to a staff poll.
1. Carlisle woman killed by 16-year-old son
The May 8, 1997 Mercury stated in part "A Carlisle woman is dead as the result of a shotgun blast and her teenage son has confessed to the shooting.
The shooting occurred on East Union Road was shot in the back of the head while he was entering early Tuesday morning.
The KSP public affairs officer, Lt. Dan W. Wachter, informed the paper the youth had confessed to the shooting.
Young was a sophomore at Nicholas County High School.
Sharon Young had been employed at Johnson Mathers Hardware and was apparently on her way to work the morning she was killed.
Young's husband, Tony, was shot in the back of the head during the shooting. The KSP reported that Sharon Young left behind two daughters, ages 9 and 11, her mother and several other loved ones.
According to the Nov 27 edition, Commonwealth Attorney Jack Keith said there would be no murder trial. Young's family had agreed to a plea bargain.
Young would have been tried for murder as an adult. His attorney was James Beaman, who was ready for a trial.
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Slip slidin' away
Eighth grader Gerald Bussell, farthest away, and his Bourbon County cousins, Robert Christopher and Jan Christopher, slid down the snowy driveway at the Carlisle Army National Guard Tuesday morning following the overnight snowfall.