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Clean sweep

City workers Chris Snapp and Derwin Howard, made a clean sweep through the streets of Carlisle after the recent snow storm left dirt and debris behind.

Sex offender notice effective Jan. 15

Justice Cabinet Secretary Dan Cherry announced Jan. 15 as the effective date of Kentucky's version of Megan's Law, a community notification process he called "an additional tool in keeping our families and children safe from sex offenders."

Megan's Law was a strong portion of Gov. Paul Patton's criminal justice reform package passed by the 1998 General Assembly that involves notifying the public of the release of a convicted sex offender.

The Justice Cabinet has worked for several months with other state agencies to implement the law and to inform sheriffs and judges.

"Of all types of violent crime, none is more disturbing than the molestation or murder of innocent children," Cherry said. "No parent or family should suffer this ultimate nightmare. The Justice Cabinet and the Patton administration will use everything in its power to prevent such acts."

The national mandate for all states to implement Megan's Law occurred as a result of the murder of Megan Kanka in 1995. Megan was a child violently killed in New Jersey by her neighbor, who law enforcement officials later acknowledged was a twice-convicted violent sexual offender.

Megan's Law applies to sex offenses against adult victims, too.

Kentucky's version of Megan's Law, which meets the mandate of the federal government establishes three levels of notification based upon the risk that the released offender poses to the community: high risk, moderate risk or low risk.

In all cases, the county sheriff is required to notify law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction to which the offender is released and the law enforcement agencies within the jurisdiction at the time of the commission of the crime.

In low risk cases, the sheriff's office will notify victims who have requested notification.

In moderate risk cases, the sheriff is to notify victims who have requested notification and advocacy groups that have filed a request for notification. The persons notified in the high-risk cases are the same as the moderate, plus the general public will be informed through statewide media outlets in all high-risk cases.

Information released about high-risk sex offenders will include name hair and eye color, aliases used, residence, vehicle registration data, brief description of the crime committed and may include a photograph.

The Department of Corrections will notify the sentencing court 120 days prior to a sex offender's release date.

Cost of first-class stamp rises to 33 cents

The U.S. Postal Service will be increasing the cost of first class stamps one cent to 33 cents, effective Jan. 10. It will be part of the first overall increase in postal rates in four years.

The post office has issued a non-denominational "H" stamp for 33-cent postage, until the new stamps are printed. One-cent stamps can also be used with 32-cent stamps.

The new postal rates are:

First Class: first ounce, 33 cents; each additional ounce, 22 cents.

Priority Mail: up to 2 pounds, $3.20; the 2-pound rate is also charged for all matter sent in the "flat rate" envelope provided by the postal service;

Express Mail: up to 8 ounces, $11.75; up to 2 pounds, $15.75; the 2-pound rate is also charged for all matter sent in the "flat rate" envelope provided by the postal service;

Special Services Changes: certified mail fee, $1.40; return receipt fee, $1.25; return receipt for merchandise, $1.40;

Fee Adjustments: insured mail, first $50, 85 cents; over $50 to $100, $1.80; over $100 (up to $5,000), $1.80 plus 90 cents each additional $100.

For more details, call the following post offices: Morehead: 784-5556; Elliottville, 784-9843; Clearfield, 784-8544; Farmers 784-5030.

Calculating student

Amber Auxier, second grader, uses a school calculator during class time at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Grand jury indicts one person

The Nicholas County Grand Jury indicted one person during its Jan. 6 session.

Thomas H. Watkins,19, was indicted for cultivation of five or more marijuana plants when he allegedly was found growing the plants around Dec. 1.

Count two alleges that the Watkins had less than eight ounces of marijuana in his possession around Jan. 1.

Count three alleges that he possessed drug paraphernalia around Jan. 1.

Bail was set at $3,500 and arraignment was set on Jan. 20.

The case was investigated by Kentucky State Police Trooper Bret Kirkland and Carlisle police officer G. Turner.

The grand jury empaneled for the period ending September to December made its final report on Dec. 3.

The report states that the grand jury made careful investigation into all violations of the penal laws of the state in the Nicholas County jurisdiction of which there was any knowledge or had received information.

Indictments were returned in all cases in which the evidence in its opinion justified trial by petit jury.

The grand jury was in session two days and returned nine indictments during the fall session.

One case was remanded to district court.

Licking River status, trends now available

A new interdisciplinary report contains information on the condition of the waterways in the Licking River region. It also tells what you can do to help and where to look for more information.

The state's new watershed management initiative stresses public involvement and participation. "The Licking River Region in Kentucky: Status and Trends" is the first activity under phase one of the watershed management framework.

It was produced by technical and lay volunteers who live in the river's region, which includes Nicholas County.

The report is meant to provide the public with background information on the watershed. It includes a description of the watershed, water quality summaries and maps; descriptions of land uses in the region, along with information on pollutants and activities that have caused problems for streams in the watershed.

This report also covers some smaller watersheds along the state's northern border on the Ohio River.

The Licking River watershed is one of two in which watershed management activities were begun in 1998.

The Salt River watershed is the other. A watershed is the land across and under which water flows on its way to a stream, river, lake or other body of water.

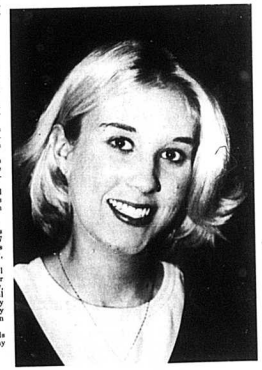
The Licking River Watershed covers all parts of Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Clark, Elliott, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Lewis, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson and Rowan counties.

Watershed management seeks to protect and enhance public health and safety, conserve and enhance watershed ecosystems, support watershed resource use that meets water quality standards and conserve-tion goals, prevent pollution and provide adequate water supply while supporting ecological integrity.

For more information about the Kentucky Watershed Management Initiative or a copy of the report, contact Pamela Wood, coordinator, or Lee Colten at the Kentucky Division of Water, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or telephone 502-564-3410.

Clocking in

Lydia Webb and Jordan Mynhier, second grade students in Connie Wills' class, learn how to use the clock to tell time.



Student of the Week

Allison Grant, 17 year-old Nicholas County High School student, is Student of the Week at the school. She is the daughter of Mike and Diana Phillips of Carlisle.

She maintains a 4.0 GPA and is very active in school. She is a member of the marching band, the FCA, yearbook staff, class officer, Co-Ed-Y, KYA, KJNA, National Honor Society, girls' softball team, boys' varsity basketball statistician, youth salute program, pep club, ecology club, tech team and recognized as a Who's Who among High School Students.

Her favorite subject is English and she enjoys writing poetry. She plans to attend Morehead State University and become an English teacher after graduating.

She is a bible school teacher at the Methodist Church, a 4-H Camp Junior counselor, was in the Christmas Cantata, is a Postponing Sexual Involvement team leader, a community volunteer with family services co-op and a member of the Nicholas County Historical Society.

All "A" classic tournament to be held Jan. 27

The Kentucky All-A Classic statewide basketball tournament will be held Jan. 27-Jan. 31 at McBrayer Arena at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Nicholas County Boys and Girls basketball teams are considered for automatic bids.

Tickets for specific sessions can be purchased for $8 a session at the ticket windows on site.

Questions regarding tickets or other information should be directed to Jim Hire at 606-622-2122.

The 1999 tournament will feature 16 boys and 16 girls teams representing each region of the state.

Nicholas County is region 10.

Eight first round girls games will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27 and eight first round boys games will be held Thursday, Jan. 28.

Four girls quarter final games and four boys quarter final games will be held Friday, Jan. 29. Two girls semi-final games are set for Saturday morning, Jan. 30, followed by two boys semi-final games on Saturday afternoon.

Championship games for girls and boys will be held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31.

Submit your photos for Memory Lane

The Carlisle Mercury wishes to publish Memory Lane, a section devoted to past photographs and stories from all readers.

Please drop your pictures and/or information by the newspaper office at Locust Street, under the Deposit Bank downtown Carlisle.

Courthouse closed on Jan. 18

The Nicholas County courthouse will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King Day.

OBITUARIES

Floyd Humphries

Floyd E. (Jay) Humphries Jr. 71 of 349 Milltown Road, Nicholas County, died Jan. 2 1999, after a brief illness.

Born Feb. 23, 1927 to the late Floyd Humphries Sr. and the late Lillian McCall Humphries Myers Alison.

He was a retired carpenter and farmer.

Survivors include his wife Alice Allison Humphries, 6 sons, Gilbert Humphries and Linda of Ohio, John Humphries and Charolette of Ohio, Gary Humphries of Sharpsburg, Ky., Donnie Humphries and Diana of Sharpsburg, Ky., Samuel Humphries of Carlisle, Ky., Floyd Humphries the third and Doris of Salt Lick, Ky., 3 brothers; Elmo Myers, Charles B. Myers, Billy Wood Allison all of Nicholas County. One sister, Cathy Allison Green of Montgomery County.

22 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Mother and Father Floyd and Lillian, a sister Geneva Barnett and a brother Jimmy Myers.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 pm Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999 at the Fellowship Penecostal Church with the Rev. Oscar Robinson and the Rev. Gary Robinson officiating.

Burial in Longview Cemetery, Bethel, Ky.

Pallbearers were Gilby Humphries Jr., Donnie Keith Humphries Jr., Fred Briman, Ronald and JR Humphries, Floyd Clayton Humphries, and Orlando Girom Sabillon.

Clark Funeral Home was in charge of all the arrangements.

Eliza Bailey

Eliza Frances Bailey Lyons, 85, of 5521 Moorefield Rd., Morefield, Ky.

Died Jan. 12 at the Nicholas Co. Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Bath Co. May 2, 1913 to the late Carl Lee and Mittie Hawkins Bailey.

She was a farmer and homemaker, and a member of the Moorefield Christian Church.

She was the widow of S.S. Lyons Sr.

Survivors are: 9 children: Ewell "Bud" & Nancy Lyons Carlisle, Ky.; Eugene & Carol Lyons, Vine Grove, Ky.; Nancy & Buddy Mattox, Paris, Ky., Kenneth & Vernadene Lyons, Carlisle, Ky.; Ralph & Becky Lyons, Paris, Ky.; Frank & Patricia Lyons, Carlisle, Ky., Martha & Eugene Sibert, Carlisle, Ky., Judy & Andy York, Arlington, Va., Jane & David "Bud" Daniels, Lexington, Ky.

25 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great grandchildren.

2 brothers, Oscar Bailey, Flemingsburg, Ky. and Earl Estill Bailey, Sharpsburg, Ky.

Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Clark Funeral Home, Moorefield, with the Rev. Howard Livinggood, Rev. Darren Fister.

Burial in Crown Hill Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Ky.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Robbie Lyons, Dwaine Mattox, Billy Lyons, Bobby Lyons, Keith Lyons, Rusty Lyons, Johnny Sibert, Kevin Lyons, and Scott Lyons.

Friends may call after 6 p.m. today (Wednesday).

She was preceded in death by 2 sons; Billy Lyons and S.S. Lyons Jr. and 1 granddaughter, Susan Faye Lyons.

James Conley

James Patrick Conley, 76, of Tallahassee died Monday.

The service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at The Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Tallahassee.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Culley's Meadow Wood Funeral Home, Timberlane Road.

Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 20165, Tallahassee, FL 32316.

During his tenure as Executive Secretary of the Panama Canal Zone, Conley became fondly known as "Mr. Panama Canal."

As a key figure in the negotiation and implementation of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977, Conley was responsible for representing United States positions on a variety of treaty issues.

For his work on the treaties, Conley received the Special Award for Distinguished Service, the highest recognition granted by the Panama Canal Commission.

Conley was the fifth person to hold the position of Executive Secretary, the highest civilian position in the Canal Zone Government.

Conley was a native of Carlisle, Kentucky.

His education at the University of Kentucky was interrupted by his enlistment in the US Army in 1942.

As a member of the 96th Infantry Division, he participated in the battles of Leyte Gulf and Okinawa.

After the war, Conley returned to the University and completed his law degree in 1949.

After a brief period of private practice in Carlisle, Conley moved to Panama, where he served in the Canal Zone Government for 27 years.

In 1959, Conley married the former Bess Bledsoe of Fairburn, Georgia.

After his retirement from federal service in 1980, Conley moved to Tallahassee, where he was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

During his career, Conley was a member of several service organizations, including the Boy Scout Council, YMCA Council, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, and the Kentucky and Canal Zone Bar Associations.

In 1964, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky during Conley by commissioning him as a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Bess B. Conley, of Tallahassee, three sons, Major Harry W. Conley, U.S. Air Force, of Orlando, James Patrick Conley II, of Atlanta, and Thomas Bledsoe of Tallahassee; one daughter, Anne Conley Toolan, of Tallahassee, and three grandchildren.

One Brother, Colonel William H. Conley of El Paso, TX.

Pauline Vice

Pauline Peck Vice, 90, of Carlisle, widow of Banks Vice, died Friday, January 8, 1999 at Johnson-Mathers N.H.

She was born in Fleming County to the late Arthur and Mattie Kerns Peck, and was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

Survivors: 2 sons, Calvin (Sybil) Vice, Cynthiana and Jewell (Wanda) Vice, Carlisle.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Wanda Sanders.

Services were 2:00 PM Monday, January 11, at the Carlisle Cemetery Chapel by Rev. James Gaunce.

Mathers-Gaunce F. H. in charge of arrangements.

Contributions are suggested to the Johnson-Mathers N.H. Activity Fund.

Terry Watkins

Terry William Watkins, 2 months, son of George Allen Watkins and Dorothy Jean Combs Watkins of Lexington, died Friday January 8, 1999 at his home.

He was born on November 16, 1998 in Lexington, Kentucky.

He is also survived by a Grandmother, Cheryl Hess, Lexington, Grandparents William and Candy Combs, Bronson, Michigan, and George and Belinda Watkins, Carlisle, Stepgrandfather Jerry Johnson, Lexington.

Great Grandparents, Herman and Irene Combs, Carlisle; Brothers Larry Michael Powell JR. and Joshua Allen.

Watkins both of Lexington.

Funeral Services 1:30 PM Monday January 11, 1999 at the Aaron M. Smith Funeral Home, East High Street at Woodland Avenue by Bro. Byron Jessup.

Burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park on Versailles Road.

Visitation is 3-9 PM Sunday January 10, 1999 at the Funeral Home.

Conservation officer to be in Nicholas

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced that beginning on January 1, 1999 a conservationist from the Paris Field Office will be working out of the Nicholas County Conservation District Office on Monday of each week.

The new office hours will allow easier access for the people of Nicholas County, however since the conservationist will also be making field visits on these days, it is important to call the Nicholas County Conservation District Office at 289-5165 or 289-5162 to make sure the conservationist is in.

For more information, or to make an appointment, please contact us toll free at 1-888-464-1213 or at one of the above Nicholas County phone numbers.

NCHS grad listed on Transy Dean's List

Lexington, Ky. --Nicholas County High School graduate and Transylvania University sophomore Lydia Wilson has been named to the Dean's List for the 1998 fall term.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average during the term.

Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Carlisle.

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Saltwell News

Don Adams and Phyllis Brady dined in Paris on Sunday, and Phyllis also visited Alma Mattox of Paris and also Mr. & Mrs. David Earlywine.

Mrs. Betty Livingood was admitted to Harrison Co. Hospital the past Sunday where she was treated for an infection.

She returned home Monday.

Mrs. Nellie Gaunce returned home from Nicholas Co. Hospital Wednesday, and is currently recovering.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill George enjoyed supper at Tracks restaurant Wednesday in celebration of their seventeenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Billy Cameron was admitted Wednesday to Bourbon Co. Hospital and treated for pneumonia.

He returned home Friday and is recovering well.

Amanda Mattox went with Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ritchie and Nikie to the Nicholas Co. High Basketball games Saturday night.

They all enjoyed a very exciting game in which Nicholas Co. won during overtime against Bourbon Co.

Mr. & Mrs. O.M. Ritchie celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at their home on Lake Rd. Wednesday.

Mrs. Tracy Allison and John Lee spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hollar.

Pastor's column

January, 1999. The date looks strange, doesn't it?

I can remember laughing out loud the first time I heard the song about "partying 'til 1999."

I don't think it occured to me that I would even be around by the year 1999!

Having survived the '60s, Nixon's impeachment, the deaths of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., the war in Viet Nam, the shootings at Kent State... I could go on and on.

Those events are memories now relegated to the Biography channel or questions from a Trivial Pursuit game.

Yet, here we are just before the year 2000 and all that much hasn't changed, has it?

Oh sure, life spans are longer, cleaner piped water is available to more people, and the economy is better - but there are still wars being fought every day, another impeachment is being considered, and shootings occur in small towns with regularity.

People being people, not much has really changed at all unless we're speaking of our outlook on these things.

We've become less surprised and more complacent.

More guarded and less open with one another.

We watch more T.V. alone and eat fewer meals as a family.

Telephones and computers are taking the place of face-to-face communication.

Have we come a long way, baby??

The good news is there is still one facet of our lives that has remained unchanged...God with us.

God has been with us through all the wars and rumors of wars, and will remain with us through all those in the future.

The only things that change - are us.

We alone can decide whether we want to acknowledge that God is with us whether we want to deny that this relationship exists.

We can make 1999 very different from all other years - but we cannot do it alone.

Without God, we will struggle and suffer through it - but WITH God we can make a change for the better.

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Country Quote: The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without it.

Ellington celebrates 90th birthday

Hanson Ellington celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday, Jan. 10, 1999.

All of the guests that were present were: Serena and Ferrell Alexander, Mary Lou and Stanley Alexander, Angie & Roger Bowles, Eleanor & Catesby Bramel, Marty Cox, Bob Daily, Bo, Nina & Katie Earlywine, Ed, Elaine, Hanne, Annie-Beth & Nick Ellington, Betty & Ray Ellington, Lynn & Paul Wayne Ellington, Rose & Paul Ellington, Cyndi & Kevin Giannasio, Mildred Green, Frances Harney, Teresa Jackson, Phyllis Jordan, Luann & Dennis Kelly, Dorothy & Joe Kincaid, Lavina McFarland, Mary Emma Patton, Josie Ratliff, Wanda Shrout, George Shrout, Judy & David Shrout, Patsy & Reese Smoot, Lorella & Kenneth Stephenson, and June Tincher.

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