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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicholas County Public Library Bookmobile Schedule

The Nicholas County Public Library will be at Myers Road, Myers Station, Cassidy Creek Road, and Morefield on Tuesday, February 8th. On Thursday, February 10th it will be at Headquarters Road, Dog Walk Road, Morning Glory, Johnson Road, and Head Start. Anyone interested in having the bookmobile stop at your house, please call the Nicholas County Public Library at 606-289-5595.

Fiscal Court meeting to be held

The monthly Fiscal Court meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

City Council monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Carlisle City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Building.

Nicholas County School Board meeting set

The Nicholas County Board of education will meet on Monday, February 21, at 7 p.m., at the Nicholas County School Board Offices. The public is invited to attend.

OBITUARIES

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KENTUCKY CENTENNIAL BUSINESS

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Thursday, February 3, 2000 - CARLISLE, KY

New businesses come to Carlisle

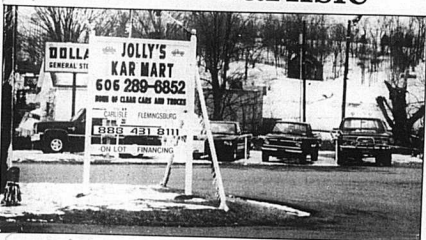
Despite the closing of Jockey, two new businesses are finding it good to do business in Carlisle and Nicholas County.

The first business of the new year opened on January 1, Jolly's Car Mart which has been in operation in Flemingsburg for over two and a half years, opened their second location in Carlisle.

Owners James and Louise Jolly decided to open the Carlisle lot due to Nicholas Countians who have been faithful buyers in Flemingsburg. Their son Jeff Jolly operated the business which is located next to the Dollar General store.

The lot is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. They offer on the lot financing and bank financing. Just stop by today or call 289-6852 or 1-888-431-8111.

Just this week, Main Street Pawn located on Main Street



Karina Jordan/The Carlisle Mercury
Jolly's Car Mart opened its second location in Carlisle the first of the year. They are the home of clean cars and trucks.



Main Street Pawn opened this week, and offers a variety of previously owned merchandise.

opened their second location also. Main Street Pawn has been in business in Mt. Sterling for six years.

Owners Terry Donohue and Donnie Norris decided to open the Carlisle branch for they saw a need in Nicholas County for these services.

The shop is open Monday - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Store Manager Debbie Hudson told the Carlisle Mercury that the shop not only offers a pawn service but already has a large selection of previously owned merchandise such as jewelry, guns, knives, electronics, and leather. Debbie is just waiting for you to stop in or if you have any questions just call 289-3090.

Both these businesses are sure to be beneficial to Carlisle and Nicholas County and we wish them many more years.

Cold weather prompts carbon monoxide warning

The potential for carbon monoxide poisoning increases during the cold weather because more people use fuel burning appliances and engines for warmth and to cook during power outages.

Kentucky public health officials want to make sure Kentuckians know the dangers of carbon monoxide and take the proper precautions. There were nine deaths due to carbon monoxide poisoning in Kentucky in 1997 and one in 1998.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, toxic gas that is produced by all fossil fuel (gas, coal, charcoal) burning appliances and automobiles.

Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause symptoms such as headache, shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea and ultimately lead to coma and death. Carbon monoxide exposure is responsible for more fatal unintentional poisonings in the United States than any other agent, with the highest incidence occurring during cold-weather months, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Alice Leach, the state commissioner for public health, stressed how important it is for everyone to be sure their heating equipment is in proper working order. "I have treated cases of carbon monoxide poisoning in the past. It sneaks up on you without your realizing it and I have seen cases where it was fatal," Leach said.

All homes should include a working carbon monoxide detector, which are available at hardware and discount stores. Here are some risks associated with motor vehicles and appliances:

- Risks Associated with Operation of Motor Vehicles - The carbon monoxide in motor vehicle exhaust accounts for the most poisoning deaths in the United States caused by a single agent.
- Many motor-vehicle related carbon monoxide deaths in garages have occurred even though the garage doors or windows have been open. This suggests that passive ventilation is not adequate to reduce risk in semi-enclosed spaces.
- Deaths have also occurred in living or working quarters adjacent to garages with running motor vehicles in them.
- Carbon monoxide poisoning can also occur inside of a car when the tailpipe of an idling automobile is obstructed by snow or other material. It can also occur if the tailpipe and muffler leak into the inside of a vehicle.
- Increased alcohol consumption is related to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning from motor vehicles.
- Risks Associated with the Use of Fuel Burning Appliances in Enclosed or Semi Enclosed Areas - Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur from the use of camp

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Bad weather brings extended school year

Snow! By now most of us are sick and tired of being stuck inside. However, most the kids are loving it.

January has seem to be another vacation for most students in Nicholas County due to bad weather. The students have missed almost 8 days due to weather, and the days will have to be made up sometime before the end of school.

In a conversation with Pam Randolph at the Nicholas County School Board office earlier this week, the calendar adjustment will be made with in the next couple of months. They are waiting to make sure February doesn't hit as hard as January.

Three days of Spring Break and President's Day which is scheduled as make up days due to the delay of school due to construction and the bomb threats.

At this time there are still seven more days that need made up. So kids quiet wishing for more snow, or you'll be wishing you had a longer summer break.

A BICENTENNIAL MOMENT... From "bucket brigades" to Fire and Rescue services

Homes today have some of the most sophisticated equipment to help detect fires. Years ago that was not the case. Not only has fire detection changed, but so has the ways fires are put out.

Today we have fire truck, water tanks, but back in 1816 the early days of Carlisle there were nothing but "bucket brigades." This was the only way of fighting fires. Men lined up passing buckets of water hand over hand. Small fires were able to be contained but the large fires consumed what ever crossed its path till the fire just died.

In 1830, town trustees and citizens decided to purchase the first pumper fire engine. The cost was \$1600 and was split by the county and city equally. The fire engine was able to throw a stream of water to the top of the courthouse. Carlisle had its first fire engine, and achievement

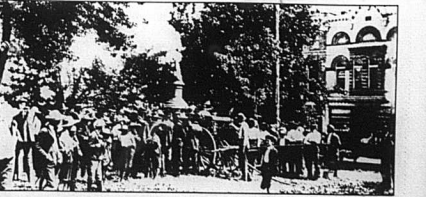
surrounding the square.

On January 17, 1878, a mass meeting was called at the courthouse the purpose of organizing a fire company, and just one week later, the Carlisle Fire Company was established.

Problems of all sorts have arisen through the years. The one that stand out above the others being in 1837, when Carlisle graciously sent its pumper to Louisville to help in a flood. It was never returned. Several inquiries have been made by interested persons, but no sign of the old pumper has ever been found.

The first alarm as we know it was installed in 1910, at the light plant, and because of its shrill sound, it was called a Wildcat Whistle.

In May 1911, the City of Carlisle suffered its worst bout with fire, it swept three city blocks, and for a time threatened the entire town. This fire



Carlisle's First Fire Engine

destroyed or damaged 22 buildings in Carlisle.

At the time of this fire, Carlisle didn't have its Water Works and fire hydrants, water had to be pumped from the two cisterns in the courthouse yard and from Brushy Park Creek.

In 1914, the City obtained its water system, and fire hydrants, and her first motorized fire engine as well.

In 1963 the Nicholas County fire department began and purchased its first truck in 1964. Today we are seeing even more improvements, and we can only imagine what the next 100 years will bring.