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Thursday, January 27, 2000 - CARLISLE, KY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Legion Post 22 Ladies Auxiliary to meet

Montgomery Post 22 of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, January 27th at 5:30 p.m., at the Post Home on Winchester Road in Mt. Sterling. All veterans and their spouses from Bath, Clark, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas and Powell counties are invited to attend.

NCES PTA meeting to be held

The Nicholas County Elementary School PTA meeting will be held Thursday, January 27, at 6:30 a.m. at the school. A special Family Night for the Book Fair is scheduled until 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Veterans Breakfast

Veterans of military service in any branch of the armed forces from Bath, Clark, Menifee, Montgomery, Powell and Nicholas counties are invited to the Veterans Breakfast at the American Legion Post Home on Winchester Road in Mt. Sterling on Saturday, January 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. The breakfast menu will feature orange juice, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and coffee. The cost of the breakfast is one dollar and is for veterans only.

NC Conservation District Board of Supervisors to meet

The Nicholas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet on Wednesday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m., at the Old Armory in Carlisle.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting set

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce has been set for Wednesday, February 2. It will be in the basement of the Nicholas County Library at 7:00 p.m. With the closing of Jockey the board feels that this is an important meeting. Thoughts of the business community as to what direction the chamber will take is needed. The opinions of all members are needed. Nominations for this year's board members are also needed. Sandwiches and Drinks will be served.

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- Anna B. Alley 1927-2000
 - Eugene Thompson "Gene" Hughes 1914-2000
 - Naomi Baker Stephenson 1918-2000
 - James L. Tedder



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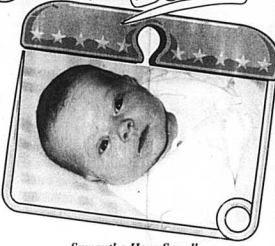
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FIRST DAY of 2000

Sowell family starts new year in a special way

Mike and Stephanie Sowell of Carlisle started the new year off right, with the birth of their second child, Samantha Hope Sowell. Stephanie gave birth to their daughter on January 2, at 6:23 a.m. Samantha was the first baby of the new millennium not only born first at St. Joseph East in Lexington, but also in Nicholas County.



Samantha Hope Sowell
January 2, 2000

She weighed in at six pounds and nine ounces and was 19 and a half inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big brother Chad.

Samantha is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ockerman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill George, Ms. Camille Jennings all of Carlisle and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sowell of Las Vegas, Nevada.

She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Imis Ockerman, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Earlywine and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyrick. Samantha is sure to be a future star of Nicholas County with a beginning like this.

Increase in lockouts and flat tires attributed to ice and snowy weather

AAA has experienced a significant increase in the number of emergency service calls for lockouts and flat tires during the icy and snowy weather. Most lockouts are occurring in the mornings when motorists leave their cars idling unattended to warm the car's interior. The majority of flat tires are happening when cars hit icy patches and slide into curbs, both situations can leave a motorist stranded in dangerously frigid temperatures.

"Most people are in the habit of locking their doors as they get out of their car," said Missy Tharpe, Manager of Emergency Road Service, and sometimes accidentally do so when they go inside and wait for their car to warm up or just got out to clear the windshield." AAA offers the following safety tips for motorists:

- Keep a spare key in your coat pocket, purse or wallet.
- Check the air pressure in your tires before you drive your car, while the tires are cold. Even driving one mile to a service station will cause a less accurate reading. A tire will drop pressure with every 10-degree drop in temperature. Low tire pressure

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Winter Care... helping keep families warm

With each blast of winter air, many Kentuckians struggle to stay warm. Low-income families, including those who are working, and some senior citizens living on fixed incomes are unable to afford the costs of winter. Utility bills can consume as much as 15% of the monthly income of a low income family, as compared to an average 4% for middle and high income families. Compounding the situation, low income households can be faced with high heating bills due to substandard or poorly insulated housing. Families and individuals find themselves with past-due bills and shut-off warnings resulting from the financial hardships of an unexpected family crisis or medical situation, unemployment or other difficulties. Federal funding for energy assistance has sharply declined in recent years, and is limited in both the amount available and eligibility for only the very lowest income households in the community.

Many times, the only help available is the WinterCare Energy Fund. WinterCare is a statewide fund, established in 1983, to assist low-income Kentuckians with utility costs. Twenty-three utility companies and twenty-two community action agencies participate in WinterCare. WinterCare is funded entirely by private donations. Donations to WinterCare remain local to help those in need residing in the donor's county or town. When someone asks for WinterCare's help at a local community action agency, they are registered for eligibility and payment is made directly to the utility on behalf of the low-income resident. Additionally, the utility companies and community action agencies help recipients learn about efficient energy use, set up energy budgets and adopt realistic payment plans. WinterCare is the last resource available to many low-income people. Donations to WinterCare can be made by adding \$1, \$5 or more for the WinterCare Energy Fund to a participating utility's bill payment.

Every penny of a donation goes to those in need of help. Please help others keep warm this winter. For more information about WinterCare, call your local community action agency or the statewide coordinator at 606-244-2221.



BLANKET OF SNOW... The streets of Nicholas County and Carlisle were covered with snow for most of the past week. The road conditions cancelled school for all of the week. Old man winter doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon, more snow is in the forecast.

top photo
Deposit Bank of Carlisle
Main Street office



bottom photo
Deposit Bank of Carlisle
branch office



A Bicentennial moment
Deposit Bank of Carlisle serving Nicholas County for over 134 years

Banking in Nicholas County sure has changed over the past 134 years, and no other bank in operation in Carlisle knows that better than the Deposit Bank of Carlisle.

The bank which opened its doors in 1866 on Main Street in Carlisle, almost 50 years after the first bank, The Farming and Commercial Bank of Carlisle, was suspended.

In 1850 John Dougherty opened a deposit bank on Front St. Isaac H. Howell was his clerk. In 1850 and 1859 two banks known as Private Banks of Deposit were attempted but they were short lived. One of the reasons that most of banks were unsuccessful during the first half of the 1800's was the loss of confidence and the fearful stagnation in business culminated in hard times because of fires and a case of Asiatic cholera epidemic that took many lives. The Deposit Bank which opened its doors during a period of extraordinary prosperity is one of the reasons it continues today. Several manufacturers were getting established and the town

government was vested in a board of trustees almost 64 years after its incorporation. The most recent presidents of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle is the present James A. Brown who took over in 1989 after the retirement of William N. Young, Jr.

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During the 1900's the bank has evolved into an even more modern facility that provides loans not only to farmers and business owners, but also provides checking accounts, savings accounts, and many more financial services. The bank added a branch office across from the Nicholas County School System in 1990 to make banking even easier.



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