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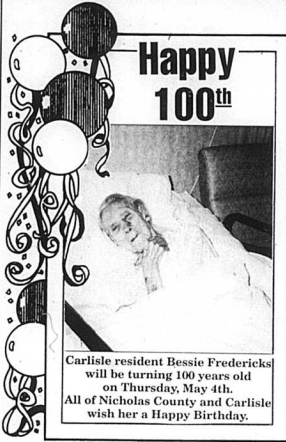
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**Water watch still in effect**

The Kentucky Division of Water is lifting its water shortage warnings for all counties and its water shortage watches in all but 23 counties. Those counties are Bath, Breathitt, Bourbon, Clay, Fleming, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Menifee, Montgomery, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe. A Water Shortage Warning indicates that shortages are occurring. A Water Shortage Watch indicates that conditions are more favorable than usual for water shortage to occur.

The first Water Shortage Watch of the 1999-2000 drought was announced at the end of June for the Bluegrass and Eastern Kentucky regions of the state and was followed by more watches and warnings as conditions worsened throughout the summer and fall. Rainfall has improved conditions across the state during the last few weeks. However the eastern area of the state, where the Water Shortage Watch is still in effect, is the farthest behind in stream flows. All systems in this area should watch their supplies carefully as drier summer weather approaches.

Except for the Salt River basin, most major river basins have at least some streams above the long-term average for this date. Five of six streams in the Salt River basin are below 50 percent of the average. The Palmer Drought Severity Index indicates that the West and Central regions of the state are in moderate drought and the Bluegrass and Eastern regions are in a mild drought. Above average rainfall is still needed to bring the state back to normal water levels.



Carlisle resident Bessie Fredericks will be turning 100 years old on Thursday, May 4th. All of Nicholas County and Carlisle wish her a Happy Birthday.

**Risk-taking behaviors is focus for prom and graduation season**

With Prom and Graduation time upon them, students at Nicholas County High School were gathered in the gymnasium on Tuesday for an assembly on the Trauma Prevention Program sponsored by the University of Kentucky Hospital.

A brief video titled "On the Edge" was presented of young people living life on the edge with activities like surfing, skiing, mountain climbing, and just having a few too many drinks, and driving. After the video the most powerful portion of the program and the final part is when the guest speaker spoke of her injuries that paralyzed her after an accidental run shot, just five years ago. She spoke on how the injury physiological, and functional consequences of the injury. Most importantly, she described how the injury has impacted her goals, hopes, and dreams and how the injury could have been prevented.

The program was presented by the University of Kentucky with support of the Family Youth Services, and Project Graduation. The statistics are hard to believe. Trauma is the number one killer of people aged 1-37 in the United States, and the fifth leading killer of people of most ages. In fact, injury accounts for more than 90,000 people in the United States in 1993 alone. Each day in this country, approximately 1,000 people suffer injuries requiring hospitalization. The years of productive life lost due to injury is also staggering as is the cost of trauma care. In 1993, trauma cost the American public \$407.5 billion in lost wages and productivity, medical expenses, insurance administrative costs, motor vehicle damages, employer costs, and fire loss.

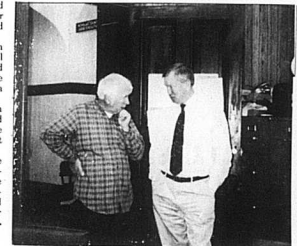
**County could receive over two million from federal government**

Projects for Nicholas County are among some of the appropriations that are now under way in Congress. If all projects are approved Nicholas County could receive almost \$2,662,000.

The following is a list of requested projects, dollar amounts and the subcommittee that the request have been addressed in.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies will be handling the East End Sewer Project \$552,000, Water Line Extensions \$160,000, and Community Center \$700,000.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies will be reviewing the \$250,000 for a Farmer's Market. Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary will be reviewing the Purchase of the Jockey Plant Property for \$700,000.



United States Senator Jim Bunning was being represented at the Nicholas County Courthouse on Tuesday by Field Representative Bill Lambdin (right) is shown speaking with Nicholas County resident and concerned citizen Allen Clay Stone.

**Fleming-Mason Energy to hold annual meeting**

Fleming-Mason Energy will hold its 62nd annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 11th at the co-op grounds in Flemingsburg.

The members will elect three directors. Director nominees are J.E. Smith, Jr., Elmer Foxworthy of Fleming and James Wells of Rowan County. The CEO, Anthony Overbey and directors would like to issue a special invitation to each member encouraging their attendance. We want our membership to know how successful their co-op is today and what the plans are for the future.

**FFA greenhouse open to public**



Brad Hicks and Sky Ishmael, look over the plants that are available for sale in the FFA greenhouse.

Have you been wanting to get started on that summer planting? If so than the Nicholas County High School Students Future Farmers of America (FFA) members and other students have been working hard over the past few months, to provide citizens of Nicholas County and Carlisle with quality annuals, perennials, and vegetable plants.



Members of FFA work on the new bus loop at Nicholas County High School.

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• Leslie Clay Snapp

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