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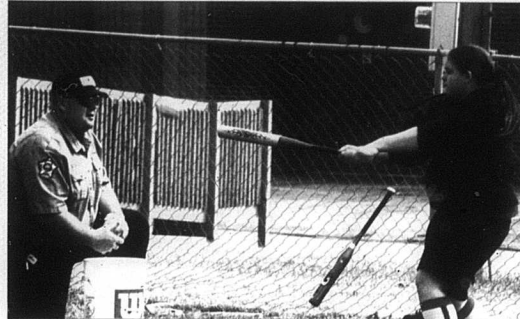


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A spring swing

Samantha Davis takes a cut at a ball tossed by NCHS Softball Coach Bennie Buckler in pre-season drills for the fast pitch softball season. Davis, Buckler and the team are set to open Mar. 19 at home against Richmond Made. It will be the team's first conference game ever.

Indictments handed down

The Nicholas County Grand Jury handed down several indictments during the March session. Documents are available in the office of Nicholas County Circuit Clerk Sandye Watkins.

The grand jury report shows Victor Watkins, 34, was indicted on four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree. Appearing for the Commonwealth was RSP Detective Bret Kirkland.

Larry Matthew McFarland, 33, was indicted on two counts by the grand jury. The true bill states he committed the offense of theft of a controlled substance when he took controlled substances valued at more than \$300 from Soper's Family Drug Store.

The second count against McFarland states that he committed burglary in the third degree when he knowingly entered unlawfully a building occupied by Soper's Family Drug Store. Appearing for the Commonwealth was RSP Detective Clinton Graves.

Shawn Fryman, 29, was indicted on two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine) in the first degree. A third count against Fryman as a persistent felony offender in the second degree was also brought.

The grand jury returned one count of flagrant non-support against David Sapp, 35.

The indictment says Sapp accumulated an arrearage of \$1,000 of more. Appearing for the Commonwealth was Rhonda Byrd.

The grand jury returned an indictment against David McLean, 27, for flagrant non-support. The indictment

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Survey is now online

The community survey for the upcoming Nicholas County Community Assessment is available online at www.kaedonline.org.

Simply click on the "Nicholas County Community Survey" link and make sure to hit the "Submit" button at the end of the survey.

The survey will be available until March 23. The results of the survey will be presented to the community during our Community Assessment visit on Tuesday, April 10.

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Two facing check charges

City of Carlisle Police Chief William D. Denton has charged Linda Shearer, 44, Carlisle with two counts of receiving stolen property under \$500.

According to Denton's report Shearer was stopped at the Whitaker Bank Drive thru as a passenger of another subject that was arrested.

Shearer was observed placing a black leather wallet under the passenger seat. The wallet was stolen from Larry W. Mattox on Mar. 3, 2007. Kentucky State Police Trooper Nathan Moore opened the case.

Shearer was charged with the second count after being observed placing a blue checkbook under the passenger's seat in the car she was riding.

The report states the checks were stolen from Mattox on the same date.

The arrest occurred on Mar. 5.

At the same time, Denton charged Clifton Hamilton, 54, of Carlisle with a single count of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree.

According to the report, Hamilton was stopped at the Whitaker Bank drive through where he presented

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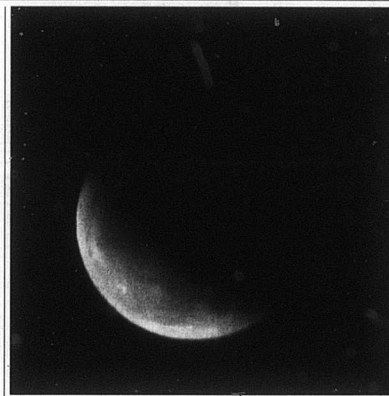


Photo by Carol Bond

Shooting the moon

For the first time in three years, the United States was able to view a full lunar eclipse on Mar. 3. They occur every three to four years. This picture, taken on a clear Saturday night reflects the clear beginnings of the event.

Photos by Hank Bond



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Corporate sponsors

To show continuing support to the Nicholas County Relay for Life event, The Carlisle Mercury proudly participates in the corporate and group fund drives. Doug Garrett, left, of Garrett's Furniture and Lenny Hutchison, right, of Whitaker Bank, present Mary Catherine Knopke a check for \$1,000 as corporate sponsors for this year's Relay for Life scheduled for June 15-16 across the county.

Officials ok new garbage truck

Carlisle City Council members agreed to declare an emergency and then voted to approve the purchase of new garbage truck.

The new truck, which should be in service in a matter of days, will cost \$59,900 with a rollover amount from the trade-in of just over \$17,000 to total just over \$78,000 to be financed.

Jeff Jefferson, city public works superintendent, told council members that the city has been collecting garbage each day on what amount to half of a truck.

"We are having to work on the trucks everyday," he said, when asked for his opinion on replacing the truck.

"We're picking up garbage using the city's utility pickup truck," Jefferson added.

The new truck will have a 20-yard bed and is a single axle truck. It replaces a truck with a 25 yard bed, but the older truck is requiring maintenance on a daily basis, and has had to undergo major work in the past 30 days.

Mayor Ronnie Clark said

he and Jefferson had looked into having the old truck repaired and best estimates are between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

Council member Tommy Crawford asked why the bid was not clearer, and agreed with the mayor and Jefferson that it would be impossible to know until repair was begun because of the severity of the problem.

Margaret Hunter of the Community Action Agency told council members there are still funds available in the heating assistance program.

Often, she explained, some elderly are too proud to seek help from the agency, when in reality it would benefit many of those on fixed income.

Anyone applying, as with any program, must meet certain income standards.

Council discussed making Sugar Tree Alley and Leucost Street Hill one-way, however without a council member to introduce the ordinance there was no action taken.

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