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Story Hour fun

Forget Barney and The Wiggles. The best children's show around can be found at the Nicholas County Public Library in the form of "Story Time." Hosted by librarians Susan Short and Becky Reid, "Story Time" offers both the child and parent a break from their normal routines. Both Short and Reid take turns reading to the children. This past week it was Here Comes Peter Cottontail read by Short after Reid read The Runaway Bunny. The children also get to work hands-on in many arts and crafts and play fun and educational games with the librarians. Held the first and third Wednesday of each month, "Story Time" starts at 11 a.m. and lasts around one hour. The group is open to children ages 3 to 5. For more information, call 289-5595.

Second art show set

The Courthouse Square Arts Guild and Blue Licks State Resort Park are sponsoring their second annual student art show.

It will be held in the Arlington Room in the park lodge, April 12-15. Ten counties have been invited to exhibit. Bath, Harrison, Mason, Nicholas, Brack-

en, Fleming, Montgomery, Bourbon, Robertson, Clark, and Paris Independent. There will be a reception Friday April 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for students, parents and guests.

Admission is free to the public. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. all three days.

This is a great opportunity to display the talented students in our area and to recognize the good work done by the art departments in our schools.

For more information call: Larry Mitchell at 289-2185 or Stefani Gather at 289-5507.

American Profile available April 18 in The Mercury

When American Profile magazine has its April 18 debut as an insert in The Carlisle Mercury, much of the four-color national magazine's content will look familiar to area readers because of the publication's strong editorial focus on hometown life.

From regionalized calendars of events to profiles of Hometown Heroes, American Profile's editorial content will celebrate the people, places and things that make America great.

A profile of one of America's great hometowns - perhaps one in this area, or one just up the road - will also be an editorial feature of each issue.

"The regionalized component of this publication is very exciting to us," said Hank Bond, publisher of The Mercury, "because it will be a great addition to the local news and features we already provide our readers."

"With American Profile there is a strong likelihood that readers may have a personal knowledge of the people and places profiled in

the magazine." "American Profile" completes the coverage picture by also including stories on health trends, entertainment, current issues, and celebrities with hometown ties.

"Daily newspapers in large markets are well-served with the existing Sunday magazines, but there are many

wonderful stories to be told in markets with weekly and small market dailies. American Profile was created, in part, to tell those stories," said Dick Porter, American Profile President and CEO.

Beginning April 18, American Profile will be a regular weekly insert in The Mercury each Wednesday.

Boy is critical after surgery

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By Hank Bond
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As of late Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 27, a Nicholas County youth remained in critical, but stable condition following an ATV accident on Locust Grove Road this past weekend.

While rumors and speculation swirl around Nicholas County the young man is fighting for life in the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Since the accident he has been connected to life support, medically treated into a coma, and undergone surgery to relieve pressure and a blood clot on the brain.

According to law enforcement officials, they have been told he reacted to light following his awakening after the surgical procedure.

Saturday afternoon, Mar. 24, at 8:15 p.m. Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Benjie Buckler and Nicholas County Ambulance personnel were dispatched to the scene of an ATV accident.

Buckler said when he arrived there were some people who had stopped by and found Jaden Willoughby, 12, of Carlisle, lying against a fence in the ditch line on Locust Grove Road.

Willoughby was riding a 2005 Honda TRX 250, according to Buckler. Buckler said when he approached Willoughby he was having trouble moving air and breathing.

The young gentlemen who were riding with him told Buckler that they had moved the ATV off of Willoughby following the accident. He had been pinned immediately following the crash.

"I grabbed my EMT bag and went over and repositioned his head and got him laid down. From there I was able to get his airway open and he was able to start moving air."

"He had a massive wound to the back of his head. It looks to me he came around a curve, in the s-curves, the four-wheeler got loose in the road, he ran off the road traveling about 90 feet in the ditch.

"There was a hole three on the side of the road, which had eroded away. The four-wheeler hit the hole causing the four-wheeler to tilt to the right in the air. As it looks to me, as his head tilted in the air, his head hit one of the fence posts. Willoughby was taken from the scene by Nicholas County Ambulance personnel to the hospital at Johnson Mathers Health Care. Buckler said one of the biggest factors in the extent of his injuries, in his opinion, was that Willoughby wasn't wearing a helmet.

"We're having a lot of trouble with kids riding ATVs on the roadway. We get calls on them all of the time."

"They're not supposed to

be on the road, other than to go from their own land, and they are supposed to be 16 years-old for that."

The helmets are important. I can't say for absolute sure they'll make a difference, but had there been a helmet it is possible there would have been other types of injuries, but it may have prevented the head trauma sustained in the accident.

"This is a 'what if' question. If he had been wearing a helmet, I do believe he would not have suffered as major a trauma as he suffered," Buckler said.

At the scene there was no indication of speed. There were no brake marks, there were no skid marks," Deputy Buckler said. The incident is under investigation.

Three nabbed in drug arrest

Three Nicholas County residents are behind bars after two are arrested following a drug investigation, and the third who fled from the scene, has surrendered to law enforcement authorities.

Carlisle Police Officers James Stamper and Kenneth Brockman along with Carlisle Police Chief William Denton have brought three drug related charges against Darrin George.

George, 25, of East Union Road, was arrested on Dunn Road, Mar. 22 through a drug investigation by the three officers and KSP Det. Bret Kirkland.

According to report filed by Stamper a warrant was obtained and executed at the Dunn Road residence where George was charged with drug paraphernalia advertisement second or greater offense; possession of a controlled substance first degree, first degree first offense cocaine, and possession of marijuana.

Following the Mar. 22 arrests on Dunn Road both Fulton and George were lodged in Montgomery County Detention Center. Following the duo's arrest, law enforcement officers obtained a warrant for a third man also involved in drug related charges.

According to warrant received by Officer Stamper Anthony Wayne (Stan) Morris, 22, of Carlisle unlawfully possession of a controlled substance first degree, first degree first offense cocaine, and possession of marijuana.

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To show continuing support to the Nicholas County Relay for Life event, The Carlisle Mercury proudly participates in the corporate fund drives. Terry Hughes, Mike Warner and Nancy Warner of Warner's Service, left and Darlene and Bob Banta right of Ledbee's Restaurant present Mary Catherine Knopke a check for \$1,000 as corporate sponsors for this year's Relay for Life, scheduled for June 15-16.



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