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# Man's death is ruled accidental

Nicholas County Coroner Billy Clark has declared the death of 31-year-old Jackie Miller of Nicholas County to be accidental. Miller, which was run over by two vehicles, was pronounced dead at the scene by Clark.

The state medical examiner, who conducted the postmortem examination Tuesday afternoon, ruled that Miller's death resulted from multiple fractures and internal injuries, which confirmed Clark's preliminary finding.

Toxicology results, according to the state medical examiner, won't be available for about 10 days. Nicholas County Emergency personnel were dispatched to Gravel Road (KY 57) near the intersection of KY 36 and KY 57 following the report of the discovery of a body lying in the roadway. The call came in just after midnight, in the early morning hours of Tues., May 15.

At the time of the dispatch, Nicholas County law enforcement was also sent to the scene. When emergency workers arrived they discovered the body of Jackie Miller, 31 of Nicholas County. According to law enforcement officials, Miller had apparently been run over at least twice. There were severe injuries to the body and the head.

According to Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Buckler, who was the first law enforcement officer to arrive on the scene, Karen Jones and Richard George were driving on KY 57, toward the Bath - Nicholas County line George, 56, who was in front driving a 2007 pickup truck, apparently hit Miller's body first.

Jones, 42, who was following, then struck the body with her 2000 Jeep. George told Buckler, the deputy said, that he had swerved to miss what was in the road, but apparently hit his legs. Buckler and George told him when he came back to where he had hit what was in the road Miller was in the ditch, apparently dead. According to witnesses,

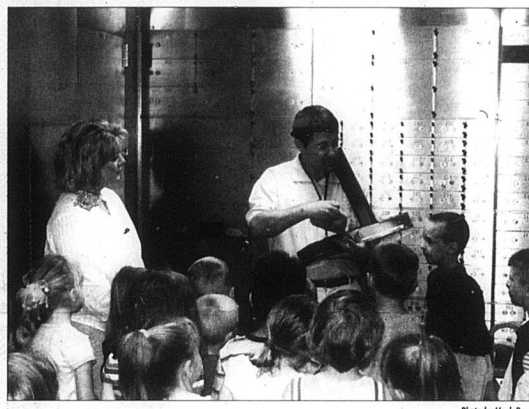


Photo by Hank Bond

## Financial field trip

Nicholas County Kindergarten teacher Barry Bertz shows his students the contents of his safety deposit box while bank employee Lisa Beatty looks on. The students made the trip to learn more of the workings of the bank.

## Carlisle Council approves fire truck purchase

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Carlisle City Council members unanimously agreed to sign two resolutions May 14 that will bring the city one step closer to owning a new fire truck. Council members unanimously agreed to purchase

the truck, a 2007 Pierce Pumper with an International chassis, with their first resolution. With the second resolution they unanimously agreed upon financing the purchase. Mayor Ronnie Clark had earlier negotiated an approximate savings of \$7,000 from the original purchase price of the truck to the lowered price of \$151,248.

The city has added \$5,000 to an account for several years specifically for the purchase of a new truck and Clark suggested in the second resolution to finance \$123,000 of the cost through a \$100,000 Rural Development Loan at a four percent interest rate, and a \$23,000 Rural Development grant.

Clark and council members, particularly Tommy Crawford and Sandy Ritchie, engaged in clarifying dialogue about various financing plans, contingencies if the grant isn't obtained, and the timetables involved.

"I feel like the grant will go through and be approved," Clark said during that discussion. Clark informed the group that the truck would be in Carlisle before the end of the year and all agreed the purchase is needed, as the current back-up pumper fire truck, a 1967 Ford, is becoming increasingly outdated.

"Do you suppose we can get 40 years out of this new truck," Councilman Doug Garrett asked with a smile, during a discussion regarding the outstanding service that the 1967 Ford fire truck has provided to the city over the past four decades.

All agreed they hoped that would be the case. In other business the council: Unanimously voted to approve the second reading of an ordinance, which will make Sugar Tree Alley a one-way street. The first reading was held April 9. The ordinance is published in this week's Mercury.

Discussed the city's recent policy to dissuade organizations from having "road block" fundraisers along city streets. "If an organization wants to, they can have a function off the street and we'll certainly work with them," Clark said after hearing no negative feedback from council members on the recent decision.

Briefly discussed the pros and cons of allowing golf carts to have access to city streets and heard from City Attorney Skip Watson and Carlisle Chief of Police Bill Denton on the subject. Discussed a possible implementation of a street light at the intersection of Walnut and Mulberry Streets.

Discussed the difficulty of fire truck and emergency service access to certain city streets when church patrons double and triple parked. "We want everybody in

## One indicted

The Nicholas County Grand Jury in its May session issued a true bill levying three indictments against a Nicholas County man.

The first indictment charges that on or about Dec. 14, 2006 in Nicholas County Edward J. Murphy, 46, committed the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree when he possessed cocaine, a schedule II narcotic drug, with the intent to distribute, dispense, or sell said controlled substance.

A second count states that on the same date, having previously been convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia, committed the offense of possession of drug paraphernalia, namely hypodermic needles, crack pipes and two sets of scales.

Count three of the indictment states that Murphy, on the same date, committed the crime of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon by possession at least one handgun after previously being convicted of a felony.

Appearing as a witness for the commonwealth was Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Buckler.

## Authority offers support in case of emergency

Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority met with a WEDCO District Health Department and Home Health Agency Preparedness Planner May 14, and agreed to work together to help local citizens in the event of an emergency. Gary K. Stone, the preparedness planner for WEDCO services came before the board to ask members to assist him with finding a location to store medical supplies to distribute for the citizens of Nicholas, Harrison and Scott Counties in the event of a local, state or national emergency.

Board members were quick to pledge their assistance. Stone said he is currently working with Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tinscher, who has committed to an oral agreement to provide the old Carlisle National Guard Armory building for emergency medical supply storage and distribution if the need arises, and although Stone expressed gratitude for that assistance he said he is looking for another building with docks and/or a better loading and unloading mechanism.

The supplies would be (separated) for each of the health department districts. Stone said, "We'll only be looking at supplies for 65,000 people at this distribution point." Authority members discussed Stone's request, and all agreed to assist with the worthy plan if an emergency is ever to arise.

Stone presented board members with a "Memorandum of Understanding" from a separate, but similar, community agreement that entailed the needs he was requesting. He asked the group that a nearby identification.

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## Assessment meeting June 1

Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority request your attendance at a June 1 Community Assessment Program. The program is designed to help identify what is going right in the community and what areas need improving. "We want everyone to attend," said Authority Chair Mike Pryor during Monday's meeting of the Authority. Other members gave quick nods of agreement in inviting the public to attend and participate in discussion during the scheduled two-hour event. The program will be held at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on Chestnut Street, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. "We'll provide beverages for everyone and we hope everyone comes out and helps us identify our community strengths and weaknesses," Pryor said.

"To do that we need everyone's participation."

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