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Michael W. Crawford, 34, of Lower Sharpsburg Road, Carlisle, was driving a 2006 Dodge Durango, near East Union when he collided with a tree. Sheriff Dick Garrett is shown at the crash site gathering information from neighbors.

One hurt

A single-vehicle accident during the mid-morning hours of May 23, destroyed a vehicle, but the Carlisle man who was driving walked away with only minor injuries.

According to information released by Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett, who responded immediately to the scene of the accident on East Union Road, Michael W. Crawford, 34, of Lower Sharpsburg Road, Carlisle, was driving a 2006 Dodge Durango, when he met an oncoming vehicle along the narrow road.

"Mr. Crawford said the last thing he remembered was meeting the vehicle and then all he remembered was glass breaking," Sheriff Garrett said.

The windshield on the Durango was shattered and the entire front passenger side of the vehicle was demol-

ished as a result of a collision with an enormous Sycamore tree that stands very near the edge of the road. Debris from the vehicle's impact was scattered in the roadway up to 50 feet away from the point of impact.

The use of a seat belt by Crawford may have saved his life.

Crawford was able to walk away from the accident to a nearby residence where he then called the sheriff's office to report the accident.

"I believe the fact that Mr. Crawford was wearing his seat belt had a significant role in keeping his injuries from being much worse," Garrett said. "I saw the damage to the vehicle when I arrived and there was tremendous damage to the vehicle."

Crawford was transported to the hospital in a P.O.V. where he was treated and released.

Bringing it back to life

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Marietta Hardin Gibson, her husband Lewis Gibson and nephew Phil Wilson were busy last week finishing their month-long project of cleaning the Cassidy United Methodist Church Cemetery, which is located just off of Cassidy Creek Road in northern Nicholas County.

Meeting June 1

Community members are reminded and urged to attend the Community Assessment program to be held June 1 at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on Chestnut Street.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and is scheduled to last for two hours.

Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority will provide refreshments for the assessment.

"We want everyone to attend," Authority Chairman Mike Pryor said during a recent meeting of the Authority.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

First Baptist Church
June 3-6

Endorsed by Billy Graham
Dr. Jim Wilson
will bring the messages

The church, once known as Parish Chapel has been abandoned for approximately 15 years, according to Gibson.

The cemetery, once overgrown and having the appearance of something akin to a jungle, is now neatly mowed with Gibson family members continuing to make improvements and uncover fallen monuments that have sank beneath the ground.

The Gibson's bought the church property but do not own the cemetery. Even so, they decided to begin the daunting task of cleaning it up.

"This has been a labor of love," said Marietta, known as Marty by her many friends. "I have ancestors buried here."

Mrs. Gibson said her ancestors include members of the West family who are buried in the cemetery.

Robert West, who is buried in the cemetery, was born in 1797. His wife Hannah was born in 1797.

Their son, Thomas West is also buried there. Thomas died April 3, 1864. He was a soldier in the Civil War. Robert West died one year and one month after Thomas.

The church and cemetery are among the most historic in the county.

According to the book "The History of Nicholas County" compiled by Joan Weisinger-Conley, a Methodist Society constructed a log meeting house very near the site of the present structure in 1793. William Lock came to the United States from England in 1783 and later settled on Cassidy Creek. His daughter, Elizabeth Lock, married Dr. David Parrish. Parrish provided the land for the church. Many, including Gibson, believe the existing church structure had been built as early as 1822.

"I was always told that

during the first meeting at the church there was a total solar eclipse, and the church patrons became scared and did not occupy the church until five years later in 1837."

Gibson said she has very fond memories of going to the church when she was a teenager.

"Those were the best years of my teenage life," she recalled with a smile. "I was baptized in the Licking River."

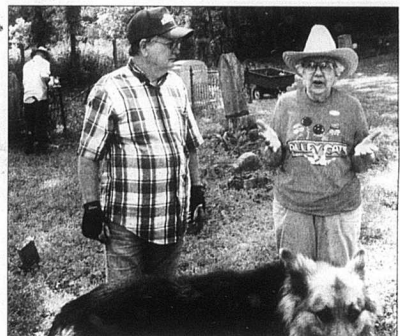
With work nearing completion on restoring the cemetery, Gibson said she would soon turn her attention to restoring the church.

Vandals have damaged the interior and exterior, and the ceiling and walls have been damaged by time, but much of the church still contains its grandeur and charming appearance.

"It's going to take a massive wash job," Gibson said as she examined the church's interior. "It's going to take a lot of cleaning, especially the hardwood floors, but I certainly do love them."

Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Development Authority began negotiations last week with a well-established company whose representatives say they may soon be bringing dozens of jobs to Nicholas County.

"We're extremely excited



Marietta Hardin Gibson, right, her husband Lewis Gibson, back left, and their nephew Phil Wilson, front left, along with Blake, center, the family German Sheppard, have worked for the past month restoring the old Cassidy United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Negotiations to bring jobs to county are underway

about this," one of the two company reps said after an hour of discussion with Authority members.

"The building fits our needs great," the other rep said.

The building in question is the currently abandoned Jockey sewing building

owned by the Authority.

More than one potential client has recently contacted Authority members and while they are striving to work with them all, they started negotiations with the company that will bring the most jobs to Nicholas County.

"This could be the ground floor for the restoration of Nicholas County," Authority chairman Mike Pryor said after the meeting when discussing the decline in industry and local employment following the reduction and closing of the Jockey International operations.

"I'm bound by law to report all irregularities to the State Board of Elections," Nicholas County Clerk Doug Fryman said regarding the incident. "It doesn't matter if the irregularity involves my best friend or a family

member, I have to report it and I did report this one."

The irregularity occurred when Wiley Walker and his son, who are both registered and legal voters, attempted to vote at one of the polling locations inside the Carlisle National Guard Armory.

"The polls on the other

side of the room were still open, but the one on my side for my precinct was closed," Walker said. "I had rushed home from work and then rushed to go vote, and I know I got there before 6 o'clock and I still wasn't allowed."

Not allowed: Nicholas voter complaint is made

plaint being filed with the State Board of Elections.

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