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# Wreck claims Fleming teen

A single-vehicle accident on US 68 Oct. 24 claimed the life of an Ewing teenager. Brandon Clos, 18, of Ewing, was traveling west on US 68 toward Millersburg approximately four miles west of Carlisle at approxi-

mately 3:30 p.m., when he lost control of the 1999 Ford Explorer he was driving, crossed the center line and left the roadway on the left side of the road, before striking a stone embankment. Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett, Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler, Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, two ambulance service crews and eight county firefighters converged rapidly on the scene. While Garrett and Buckler controlled traffic, ensuring there were no further motor-vehicle accidents in the dangerous curve, the firefighters and ambulance personnel worked quickly together to extract Clos from the vehicle and stop the loss of blood from several injuries including massive head injuries. "Mr. Clos was not wearing a seat belt," Garrett said. "The wet roadway surface was a contributing factor in causing the accident. The emergency responders arrived very quickly on the scene." Clos was treated at the scene before being quickly taken to the Nicholas County Hospital where he was then airlifted to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where he later died from his injuries. Clos was a 2006 graduate of Fleming County High School, was attending Sullivan University majoring in Culinary Arts, and was employed by the Lexington Country Club. Kentucky State Police Trooper Daywayne Isom of the Dry Ridge Post continues to lead the investigation into the fatal accident. A complete obituary appears on page 3.



Accident Photo by Charles Mattox

A Fleming County youth lost his life in a single vehicle accident on US 68, October 24. Brandon Clos died of multiple injuries sustained in the afternoon wreck.

## Carlisle Doll Museum officially opens

You can go back home, and you can find your childhood again at the Kentucky Doll and Toy Museum in downtown Carlisle. With dozens of dolls and toys immaculately displayed in the spacious building along West Main Street, the Kentucky Doll and Toy Museum, along with the Cozy Thyme coffee and tea shop, which is located inside the museum, are destined to be community and tourism favorites. The grand opening of the museum has been held with Bob Garvin acting as Master of Ceremonies. "It was a great grand opening that was very well attended," Garvin said. According to Garvin, brothers Phil and Mike Tibbs were recognized for their vision and dynamics, as well as renovation to the historic 1873-period building that houses the museum. Jan Wesley, curator, was also recognized for her collection of dolls currently on display, as well as her wealth of knowledge associated with doll collecting.

Jerry Galbreath provided music to the enjoyment of the guests who praised his ability on the saxophone. Cozy Thyme, a coffee and tea shop located inside the Doll Museum, will add an extra layer of comfortable elegance to the building. Cozy Thyme owners Clint and Masako Stone are offering light meals, delicious desserts and refreshing coffee and tea specials from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Masako has trained for several years as a French pastry chef and husband Clint, a renowned culinary expert himself, says he stays out of his wife's way in the kitchen. "She's great," he said with an easy smile. "I used to think I ruled the kitchen until I met her." Guests on Monday were very impressed with the decor of the museum and the delicious food and cozy atmosphere provided by the coffee and tea shop. "This is the neatest thing to happen to Carlisle in a long time," Jo Lynn Garrett said, as she, her mother Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Garrett and Sherry Howard, enjoyed refreshments and chatted at the rear of the museum at one of the Cozy Thyme tables. "The museum has anything anyone would want to look at," Howard said. "This is a beautiful display of antique dolls and toys. The three ladies all agreed their refreshments were "delicious" and exceeded their fondest expectations. Be sure to enjoy the wonderful displays at the museum, and the delicious refreshments offered by Cozy Thyme coffee and tea shop the next time you're in Carlisle, and be sure to invite family and friends for a trip to Carlisle's newest tourism attraction and a trip back to their childhood memories of yesterday.

## Veterans program Nov. 10

A special Veteran's Day program at the Neal Center will honor the military veterans of Carlisle and Nicholas County. The event will take place on Sat., Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. A variety of memorabilia collections will be displayed, including weapons, equipment, and other military artifacts, primarily from World War I and II. Carlisle's National Guard Unit will also showcase a Humvee, and other modern military equipment. Veterans are encouraged to attend, and are also invited to bring in and share any memorabilia that they may have from their time in the service. Frank Mathias, Carlisle native and army veteran, will also be on hand to sign copies of his two books, "The GI Generation and GI Live." Mathias served in the 37th Division during World War II, and participated in the campaign to liberate the Philippines. His books narrate his childhood in Nicholas County before the war, and his experiences as an infantryman and army band member in the Pacific Theater.

## Family home burns

A Nicholas County family lost all material possessions when a fire destroyed the family home at Myers Station last week. The family of Nora Watkins lost all of its material possessions including their home when a fire destroyed their home of over a decade Oct. 24. "We lost everything," Watkins said later of the devastation caused by the inferno. "All of our clothes, beds, TVs, stores, pictures, everything. We lost everything." Watkins and her two daughters, ages 14 and 9, are temporarily staying in Carlisle in a West Main Street home with Watkins' sister. "We just renovated the house," Watkins said. The loss of the material things is hard but losing all of the sentimental things is harder. Watkins said community members and organizations are assisting her and her family through this difficult time. The Nicholas County School has been very helpful," she said. "The veterinarian's clinic in Millersburg agreed to take our five dogs and find a good home for them and that has been a relief because we really love animals. There have been some good folks stop in here and drop off some clothes and other items we need. The Carlisle Assembly of God and Mt. Zion Church are also helping. "We are grateful to Mark Hughes and the firefighters. Even while the house was burning all around they were still trying hard to stop the fire and were able to salvage some toys and other items from the front porch. They were saving stuff while the roof was burning right over their heads." According to Hughes, the call for the fire came in at 11:09 a.m. when everyone was away from the house. He and eight of his firefighters responded immediately. "We believe the fire was electrical and started in the breaker box or one of the electrical outlets," Hughes said. "The fire was going pretty hard before we got there." Anyone wishing to assist the family during their difficult time is encouraged to contact Hughes at 749-2297 to drop off donations at the firehouse, or they can be dropped off at 345 West Main Street.

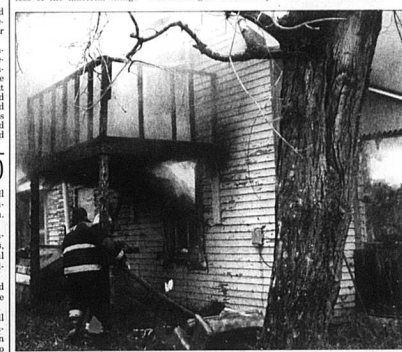


Photo by Fire swept through the home of Nora Watkins in Myers Station. The family lost all of its material possessions in the blaze. Want to help? See story above.

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