

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

MICHAEL'S MIRACLE

When James Beath carried Michael Cassidy back into John Strode's Station that cool autumn day in 1784, none of the hardened members of the frontier fort thought he would live through the night. But he did. Beath was one of the hardest of the dozen or so men that frequently stayed at the station. He was a passionate family man who had finally regained his freedom after being a Shawnee prisoner for three years. He was daring and courageous, but had been scared out of his wits when Cassidy had stumbled out of the woods covered in blood, after a surveying trip with Mathias Spahr and Joshua Bennett. Beath's dogs were even scared of the hideous sight and Beath was not sure if he was looking at a human or some sort of creature. "The Indians killed



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Irishman. She had remarried John Fleming in 1782. One year after her husband and one of Fleming's best friends Patrick Donaldson, had been killed by Shawnee warriors during an attack on Strode's Station. As an afterthought, so he would be presentable for the wake and burial, Lucy Fleming stitched up all of Cassidy's wounds that crossed and encircled his face. They knew he had saved them all in the past. What they had no way of knowing was that in the years to come, as the lands that would one day be known as Bath, Nicholas, Fleming, Robertson and Mason counties were surveyed and explored, it would be Cassidy that would help them survive and save many of them again and again. Michael's miracle would ultimately once again be the salvation of all of them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
I am a sophomore at NCHS. My family and I moved to Kentucky in February of last year when we lost our home to an electrical fire. For my parents, and most importantly my mom, it has been a big struggle rebuilding our life from the ground up. Since losing our home in North Carolina, we as a family, have gained and gained many things. Things lost include selfishness, and worldly items. Things gained include a new perspective on life's values the true meaning of family, and seeing that God really does help those in need. It has been a hard road for my parents to try and support my little sister and me. I would just like to let my parents know how much they mean to me. I would just like to say to my dad how much I love him for working six days a week and encouraging my sister and me to get a good education and trying to teach us right from wrong. I love my mom for being my best friend and always being there for us when we had nothing and never thinking of herself - always putting everyone else first. She is my role model because of the strong and dependent person she is. Thank you for being there.
Sincerely,
Elaïne Hendricks
Carlisle KY

OBITUARIES



Lois Ockerman
1925-2008

Lois Ockerman, 83, widow of Inna Ockerman died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008 at Nicholas Co. Hospital. She was born June 20, 1925 in Nicholas Co. to the late William Alven & Mildred Weaver Seaman. She was a former member of the Nicholas Co. Homemakers, a member of the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Auxiliary and a member of Carlisle Christian Church.
Survivors include two sons, Steve (Dorcas) Ockerman, Carlisle, and Tim (Jeanne) Ockerman, Alexandria, Virginia; a daughter, Trish (Gary) Stone, Carlisle; a sister, Sara (John) Lexington; five grandchildren, Stephanie (Mike) Sowell, Brian (Jenny) Ockerman, Brad (Shelli) Stone, Matt Stone and Daniel Ockerman; and five great grandchildren: Chae Ockerman, Samantha Sowell, Sydney and Lillie Grace Stone and Kylie Ockerman. She was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia R. Stinson.
Services were 2:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22 at the Carlisle Christian Church by Rev. Steve Smith. Burial



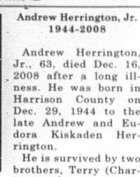
Anna Frances Sears
1941-2008

Anna Frances Sears, 67, died Dec. 16, 2008. She was born Apr. 6, 1941 to Harry and Anna Stephens Temple. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Gene Sears; her grandchildren, Gwendolyn (Larry) Morris, Nicholas Co.; Jennifer Anderson, Fleming Co.; Kimberly (Bobby Jr.) Wells, Bath Co.; five, great-grandchildren, Brittany Morris, Tiffany Morris, Shelby Morris, Charles Anderson, and Dallas Anderson; several brothers, sisters, and nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Lucy Mitchell; and her daughter, Donna Sue McCarty.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrell Marshall officiating, with burial following in the Elizaville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry McCarty, Tammy Mitchell, Dean Mitchell, Phillip Curtis, Jr., Jeff Curtis, Ronnie Ritchie, Wayne English, and Henry Mitchell. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



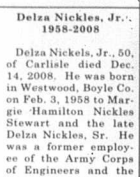
Sodie Elizabeth Jones Bono
1914-2008

Sodie Elizabeth Jones Bono, 94, Douglas Court, Carlisle, retired employee of Electric Steam, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008 at her home. She was born Nov. 18, 1914 in Montgomery County daughter of the late James Emanuel and Mary Frances Givin Williams, and was a member of Peyton Jack Christian Church.
She is survived by a daughter, Mary Frances (Kenneth) Hunt, Carlisle, four sons, William De Jones, Winchester, John Paul (Betty) Jones, Columbus, GA, Gerald Wayne (Frances) Jones, Phoenix, AL, James Wesley Jones, Columbus, GA, 19 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by two sons, Earl and J.C. Jones. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrell Marshall officiating, with burial following in the Elizaville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry McCarty, Tammy Mitchell, Dean Mitchell, Phillip Curtis, Jr., Jeff Curtis, Ronnie Ritchie, Wayne English, and Henry Mitchell. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Andrew Herrington, Jr.
1944-2008

Andrew Herrington, Jr., 63, died Dec. 16, 2008 after a long illness. He was born in Harrison County on Feb. 3, 1944 to the late Andrew and Esadora Kiskaden Herrington.
He is survived by two brothers, Terry (Charlotte) Herrington, and Charles Herrington; and several nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2008 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Albert Simmons officiating, with burial following in the Elizaville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brad Herrington, Brian Herrington, Jackie Treadway, Alex Treadway, Chuck Herrington, Gus Herrington, Terry Herrington, Jr., and Spring Campter. Clark Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Delza Nickles, Jr.
1958-2008

Delza Nickles, Jr., 50, of Carlisle died Dec. 14, 2008. He was born in Westwood, Boyle Co. on Feb. 3, 1958 to Margie Hamilton Nickles Stewart and the late Delza Nickles, Sr. He was a former employee of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bluegrass Army Depot.
He is survived by his mother, Margie-Hampton Nickles Stewart; two brothers, Ronald Dean Nickles and Donald Howard Nickles; his long-time companion, Shirley A. Wolff; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and many friends.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008 at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, with the Rev. Albert Simmons officiating.
Clark Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Photo by Charles Mathis

Fatal Accident
Charles Herman Hood, 30 from South Cordova-wooded Mt. 2004 freighter semi-tractor trailer just inside the Nicholas County on US 68 Monday, Dec. 15, at approximately 11 a.m., Dec. 15, Nicholas County firefighters joined EMS personnel, Hillsboro County Sheriff Dick Garratt, Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton, NC Emergency Management Director Calvin Denton and Kentucky State Police Officers Brian Bowling and Chris Arnett at the scene. Hood was pronounced dead at the scene, a victim of an apparent heart attack. Sheriff Garratt said his investigation indicated Hood suffered a heart attack about two months earlier. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Correction

A front-page article in the Dec. 17 issue of the Carlisle Mercury about the tragic double fatality accident involving Timmy "Timbo" Mitchell and Brittany Ray Green Babbie used the term fiancé when describing the relationship between Mitchell and Babbie. Although the couple were boyfriend and girlfriend, no engagement date or future plans had been set.

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TRIPLETS!
Mr. David Leech and Ms. Tonya Plank are proud to announce the birth of their 3 boys: Levi Curtis Leech, Steven Austin Leech, and Thomas Jon David Leech. They were born November 10, 2008 at St. Joe East. Levi weighed 3 pounds 13 ounces, Steven Austin weighed 4 pounds 2 ounces, and Thomas Jon David weighed 3 pounds 11 ounces. The boys paternal grandparents are Charles and Nancy Leech of Louisville, Kentucky. The paternal great grandparents are JP and Helma Leech and Virgil and Nell Wheeler. The maternal grandparents are Junior and Suzanne Plank of Moorefield and Jerry and Marcia Hughes of headwaters. The maternal great grandparents are Dorcas Ritchie and the late Doolie Ritchie of Bartelsville and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lee Plank Sr. of Moorefield. We want to thank the dear lord for blessing us with our six healthy children.

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