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2. An emotional whirlwind of highs and lows swirled around Francis Barton and her family in the wake of a disaster, and nationally publicized, mobile home transportation accident along US 68, which led to her home's ruin, following the Nov. 14 accident which occurred at dusk and closed US 68 for approximately 8 hours.

Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett ordered the mobile home pushed off the road after that time, due to safety concerns.

Barton now has another home sitting on her property on Cassidy Creek.

That was made possible by the generosity of individuals across Nicholas County, across Kentucky and across the United States.

"People here and even all over the country have been so wonderful," Barton said.

Perhaps one of the more generous acts of kindness extended to Barton came from a Californian self-made billionaire through a local mobile home dealership.

A billionaire benefactor contacted Doyle's Mobile Homes of Flemingsburg, which has been serving northeastern Kentucky since 1962.

"He said 'take care of her,'" David Doyle said of his conversation with self-made billionaire Tim Blisseth of California.

He said "I'm in a position where I can help people out. All I ask is that you will also always try to help people out, and so that's what we did."

Doyle said "Mrs. Barton came to our business, and we told her to pick out the home she wanted.

She could have chosen any home, any home on the lot, but she chose a very modest singlewide, a 2001 16X80 home.

Doyle said Blisseth paid for the home. And Barton said her new home reminded her of her old home.

"The home that was lost on US 68 might not have been much for some people, but it was my home and I loved it so much. This home reminds me so much of it, even the wallpaper was the same. And my daughter Taylor's name was even in one of the paintings in the home. She said 'Oh my God Mommy, this painting has my name in it and I look and sure enough it was there and so I knew right then this was the home for us.'"

David Doyle said the business donated furniture and all the necessary items to complete the move, concrete blocks, boards, anchors and a set of steps, and they were glad to do so.

1. A tragic, two-vehicle accident on Myers Road, just northeast of Carlisle, claimed the life of a Nicholas County High School senior, and her boyfriend, a former Fleming County student, at approximately 3 p.m., Dec. 10.

Brittany Ray Dawn Ruble 18, a senior at NCHS, and Timmy "Tim" Mitchell, 20, her boyfriend, were killed instantly when the vehicle they were in, a 1908 Hyundai four door, driven by Mitchell, slid on the wet road surface while traveling in the eastbound lane, spun out of control and struck an oncoming 1990 GMC truck, whose funeral was held that same day in the westbound lane, which was driven by Kenneth

Wallace, 63. The car then came to rest over an embankment, just off the road.

Mitchell and Ruble were killed instantly and were pronounced dead at the scene by Nicholas County Coroner, William Clark.

Wallace was treated and later released from the Nicholas County Hospital with no life-threatening injuries.

No charges have been filed in connection with the accident.

The accident occurred midway between the couple's separate homes with each victim living with their parents. Mitchell had just dropped off his two younger brothers at their home and was taking Ruble home, according to Mitchell family members.

Mitchell and Ruble lived only one mile apart from one another and were less than one-half mile from Ruble's home when the accident occurred.

Nicholas County Firefighters, under the guidance of Fire Chief Mark Hughes, worked closely and diligently with Nicholas County EMS personnel to treat and extract the couple from the wreckage.

Kentucky State Police Detective Kevin Flick, of the Dry Ridge Post, continues to lead the accident investigation. KSP Trooper Dwayne Ison and Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett are assisting Flick with the investigation.

All classes were cancelled at the campus of Nicholas County School, Monday, Dec. 15, in memory and honor of Brittaney, whose funeral was held that same day in the NCHS gymnasium.

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