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county and city experienced various forms of damage and distress. "It sounded like being at the airport with planes landing and taking off when the storm hit," Spud Marshall of Kennedy Heights in Carlisle said of the strong winds. Marshall described the winds as "an awful sound. Like a train."

A tree planted by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall approximately 45 years ago was uprooted and crashed onto the driveway covering the vehicles. Their roof, like many across Nicholas County, lost several shingles.

Charlie Warner and Shane Hughes assisted the Marshall family with sawing the tree and hauling the debris away.

Gratitude was expressed by both Spud and wife Dottie Marshall, that the forces of nature were not deadly in Nicholas County during the storm. They also praised their neighbors.

"We've got great neighbors who checked on us that night, the next morning and continue to check on us," Mr. Marshall said.

Several mobile homes inside Bluegrass Park, along Concrete Road were extensively damaged with roofs being ripped from the structures and sent tumbling

across the landscape. "No one was hurt and we have not received an estimate of damage from our insurance people," Mrs. Wayburn Johnson, manager of the park said.

Crews from various utility companies, including Kentucky Utilities and Fleming Mason Energy, responded quickly with crews working through the morning to repair service to customers as quickly as possible.

Lev Lynn Manufacturing Inc. of Concrete Road received extensive damage to the roof of its spacious manufacturing facility with much of the roof being removed by winds during the storm.

"We lost a section of roof approximately 25 feet by 75 feet," Bradley Marvell, owner of the facility said. "We had four employees working on the third shift the night the storm struck and one of our employees received an injury to his hand which required stitches."

Marvell said Tuesday morning that the missing section of roof had been replaced and thus the machinery inside was spared the additional damage caused by Monday night's storm. Still, he said water damage inside the plant was a problem.

"We're still inspecting our machinery and aren't sure how extensive the damage

to some of our machinery is," he said.

Marvell expressed "deep appreciation" for the many prayers, expressions of concern and offers for assistance by many members of the Carlisle and Nicholas County community.

"It's very heart-warming," he said. "We employ approximately 38 people and we are just thankful that the damage wasn't worse. It could have been a lot worse and we are thankful that it was not."

Emergency Management Director Calvin Denton urged that all of those affected by the storm contact him to report damage and to be aware of "storm chasers," or unscrupulous contractors that may attempt to scam people that had damaged structures during the storm.

Some tips to avoid being the victim of such a scam include:

1. Never pay in advance for labor.
2. Use local, reputable contractors.
3. Ask the contractor if they are insured and bonded.
4. Check unknown companies out with the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-866-6668 or call the consumer Protection Division at 1-888-432-9257.

Denton may be contacted at 859-424-0208.



Photos by Charles Mattox

Above left, the Nicholas County Courthouse stands against this week's snowstorm, as snow, ice and rain make a slushy mix through the city and county. Above, vehicles and structures on the property of Gary and Rosemary McCord sustained heavy damage from the tornado-like storm. Below, Spud and Dottie Marshall look on as a tree they planted 45 years ago is carried from their property uprooted and damaged by the storm.



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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND THE VALUES THAT MAKE FAMILIES STRONG  
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Gambling pushers exaggerate again

Every year they increase how much money they'll "raise" and how much "good" casinos will do.

Being gambling and casinos have made such a negative impression in the minds of most Americans, proponents must come up with the "good reason" to allow them into the state to target the assets of families in order to "sell" the idea of expanded gambling to citizens. The number one were never earmarked for primary or secondary education. They were eventually given as college scholarships to qualified students. Since most "qualified" students come from middle and upper class homes, we have tragically created an institution that takes money from the lower socio-economic sector and transfers it to the more wealthy among us. This is one of the sad, unintended consequences that always accompany high-dollar, get-rich-quick schemes.

In the same way the Lottery was sold with exaggerated promises, so is the current effort to expand gambling through the introduction of casinos. It's interesting that education system and keep on from having to

The Rise of Revenue Claims (in millions)	
December 1993	\$160.6
May 1999	\$240-\$275
March 2002	\$350
March 2004	\$437.5
January 2007	\$500

just 14 years ago, casino proponents said that they could raise \$160.6 million. Today they say the figure will be \$500 million - over three times the amount. That projection is particularly questionable given the fact that neither the economy nor the assets of Kentuckians have grown threefold since that time.

**"Do the Math"**

If the casino pushers are promising \$500 million to government each year, with the 35% tax rate they've suggested for years, that means that 35% of some very large number (the people's losses) equals the \$500 million for the state. Eighth Grade algebra gives us:

If X = the money lost at casinos, then .35 times X = \$500 million  
Answer: X = \$1,429,000,000.00 or \$1.429 billion

Kentucky citizens will have to LOSE \$1.429 billion each year!

Divide the total amount lost by the number of Kentucky citizens to find out how much each one must lose. (The population of Kentucky is about 4 million)

\$1,429 billion ÷ 4 million citizens = \$357.25 per citizen each year

That's \$357.25 of losses for EVERY man, woman, and child (and baby) each year!

If each citizen must lose \$357.25, then a family of four - Mom, Dad, Suzie (age 4) and Tommy (11 months) - must lose 4 times \$357.25 or \$1429.00 each year.

If one family doesn't gamble, another family will have to lose their amount for them. This is "good"?

Here's the kicker: Government gets its \$500 million, but the casino guys get the other \$929 million.

Are they pushing casinos "for us"... (or for themselves)?

"BIG Picture" questions

- Q With Kentucky being one of the nation's poorest states, do the casino pushers really think Kentucky families can afford to lose \$1.429 billion each year so the state can get \$500 million (35% of the \$1.429 billion)?
- Q If state government really needs to raise revenue, why would it ask a notoriously unscrupulous industry to raise it?
- Q And worse, why would it allow that industry to keep 65% of the "revenue raised" (the money lost by citizens)? The state already has a tax system that, if legislatively directed to raise taxes, would allow the state to keep 100% of the revenue raised. (Then citizens would only be out \$500 million, not \$1.429 billion.)
- Q If Kentucky families must lose \$1.429 billion dollars every year in order to generate \$500 million for the state's programs, how is the state going to assist all the people who lost the \$1.429 billion when it receives only \$500 million? And, in particular when that \$500 is already promised to one program or another?
- Q Given Kentucky's current strengths and weaknesses, if 1000 consultants were brought to our state so each could offer his/her best suggestion for a new plan to move us forward, would ANY of them say: "Kentucky needs a casino entertainment system that will have its citizens losing \$1.429 billion each year?"
- Q If the role of government is to create an environment where its citizens can prosper, why is the government getting involved in promoting a gambling system that will encourage its citizens to lose their wealth? (And then rely on government for even more assistance?)