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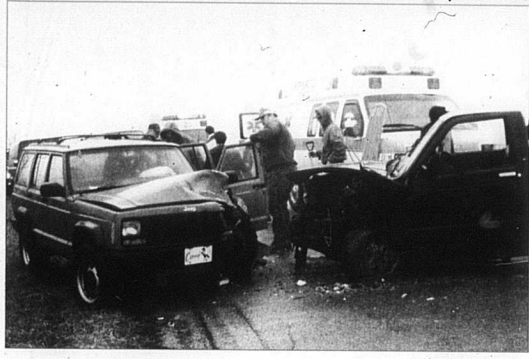


Photo by Charles Mattox
Nicholas County EMS personnel, firefighters and Sheriff Dick Garrett, responded to a two-vehicle accident caused in part by slick roads Fri, Feb. 25 on Ky. 606, Suggs Road.

Two hurt

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A two-vehicle accident Friday afternoon on KY 606 (Suggs Road) sent a Nicholas County man and woman to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Connie Gardner, 55, was traveling north on KY 606 in a red 1997 Jeep Cherokee and Josh Abnee, 28, was traveling south, on the same road, in a 1986 Chevrolet pickup truck, when the two vehicles met in a curve at the apex of a small hill and collided.

"The accident was a result of a slick road surface on a narrow road," said Nicholas County Sheriff

Dick Garrett. Garrett arrived on the scene immediately, after being dispatched at approximately 2:45 p.m., and was joined by Nicholas County Firefighters and EMS personnel, who joined together with motorists at the scene to extract Gardner and Abnee from their vehicles and comfort them before they were both treated and rushed to the Nicholas County Hospital.

Neither Gardner, nor Abnee, had any passengers in their vehicle and neither wore seat belts, according to Garrett.

Gardner was released from the hospital later that same day, according to Garrett who continues to investigate the accident.

Robinson skates on felony charges

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Members of a Nicholas County Grand Jury recently failed to return any felony indictments against a young Carlisle man accused of 35 felony counts of violating graves in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Jesse James Robinson, 19, of Carlisle, was arrested along with a male juvenile December 10, 2007, and was charged with 35 felony counts of violating graves following a destructive rampage that occurred in the Carlisle Cemetery on Christmas night.

City, county and state law enforcement officials, contributed in gathering evidence and solidifying the

case against Robinson, who was also charged with several counts of criminal mischief as a result of destructive activity done around Carlisle including destructive activity on the grounds of the Nicholas County School Campus and Johnson Mathers Health Care Facility and Nicholas County Hospital. Robinson was also charged with slashing tires on two Carlisle church vans.

The felony charges against Robinson were offered bound over to the grand jury by the Honorable Judge William Probst following a preliminary hearing in Nicholas District Court Jan. 10.

County Attorney Dawn Letcher called Carlisle Po-

Former teacher takes plea

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A former Robertson County School teacher indicted for allegedly raping a Deming student, less than 16-years-old, has pled guilty to amended criminal charges.

Crystal Wells, 33, a former eighth grade math teacher at Deming School, appeared in Robertson County Circuit Court Monday morning and entered a guilty plea to six counts of unlawful transaction with a minor, second degree.

Wells was initially charged

and later indicted for six counts of rape, third degree.

Circuit Judge the Honorable Robert McGinnis, explained in detail all aspects of the conditions of the guilty plea to Wells and then read each amended charge to her as she and her attorney, John Dutra, stood before him with Commonwealth Attorney Doug Wright and Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Michael Lanes.

Wells said "Guilty," a total of six times, saying "Guilty" each time Judge McGinnis asked her how she pleaded as he read each count individually and posed the question to her after reading each count.

The charge of unlawful transaction with a minor, second degree, is a class D felony punishable by not less than one year, and not more than five years, imprisonment for each charge.

Wells, Dutra and Wright, each signed a three-page plea of guilty document that recommends counts two thru six run concurrent (at the same time) as the first count, for a total recommended sentence of five years imprisonment.

The reasons for the

amended charges, as stated on the plea agreement and stated by Wright following the hearing were to "facilitate a resolution of this case in a manner consistent with the victim's family's wishes and objectives."

Wright said that was the key to the agreement.

Two worked very closely with the victim's family. Wright said following the guilty plea, and after consulting with members of the victim's family that were present in the courtroom for the plea.

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Time change

It's time to "Spring forward" once again in many ways, but especially with your clocks, if you don't want to be late for an appointment or work schedule Monday morning.

Set your clocks ahead one hour, beginning at 2 a.m. Sunday March 9, as part of the Daylight Saving Time system adopted by the United States.

Intended to promote energy conservation by starting daylight saving three weeks earlier and ending it one week later, the change was part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

On Nov. 2, 2008 clocks should "fall back" again, by one hour also in accordance with Daylight Saving Time.

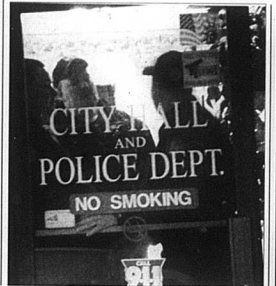


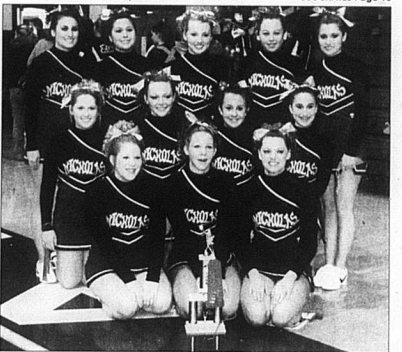
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Getting some help

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler, center, is consulted by Kentucky State Police Detectives Chris Jancovick, left, and Clinton Graves, right, inside the Carlisle City Hall and Police Station entrance Friday afternoon, before Buckler helped them locate and question possible suspects connected with the Feb. 25 home invasion, shooting and arson investigation recently launched by KSP. The investigation began after Mary Willoughby White, 60, of South Walnut Street dialed 911. Detective Graves, the lead investigator into the heinous crime, reports that the pistol used to shoot White was recovered in the home, but has released no additional information.



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A great finish

Congratulations are in order for the Nicholas County Varsity Cheerleaders as they placed runner up at the KAPO's 10th Region Cheerleading Competition held January 27th at the Montgomery County High School gymnasium. Members of the squad are Kristen Letcher, Heather McCall, Haley McConnell, Chelsea Markland, Madeline Gallagher, Brandy Norman, Hall Webb, Anna Mattox, Kimberly Letcher, Lindsay Crawford, Hannah Garrett, Hanna Sams. Coaches are Ashley Vice and Jessica Letcher. Haley McConnell and Hanna Sams also received recognition by being selected to the 2007 All-Region Squad.

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