OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

I would like to take this time to express my appreciation to the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department for their services to the community. You have my support and vote for the future elections. Once again, Thank you Dick and Bennie for your services you provided for this community. Dick again in 2010!

Thank You,
Jody Bach
Christiana Herrington

Editor,

I would love to see more coverage about events at the school such as the talent show and book fair.

I have a suggestion about a column that I would like to see. I would title it "A Helping Hand" and it would feature a different person every week that is having a hard time and needs a helping hand. Small things that people in the community could accomplish. For example, someone's car stops running and there is a mechanic that is willing to work on it free of charge in their spare time. The same thing for smaller items such as appliances around the house that is hard to live without. Another example would be if someone needed a Christmas tree and some one else had an extra one to donate. There is a saying, "What goes around comes around." You never know when you will need some help. We have a large farm and would be willing to donate some firewood to a needy person. I think as a community we should help each other out. There could also be small wishes that could be granted for children, such as someone donates tickets to the circus for a child that has never been. It could be like Carlisle's own little make-a-wish program. I think that everyone would be surprised at how many people are willing to give.

After all it's been said, people who help others live a happier life themselves.

Thank You,
Joanna
Carlisle Ky

P.S. I can't wait to by my paper every week.

Editor,

As everyone in Nicholas County knows, there has been controversy surrounding our quaint little town in the news lately. Not only in the state, but nationwide. The incident on U.S. 68 Nov. 14th revolving around Dick Garrett, Frances Barton, and Chris "Pancake" Myers, has caused unwanted, ridiculous publicity for our little town; the news story in papers and on internet site across the nation.

One article, written by Mary Meehan of the Lexington Her-

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Steve's Report

The Parable of the Wires

Steve's Report
By Steve Scalf

It's amazing, the sorts of things you learn from building a house.

As part of the construction process for our new home, over the past couple of weeks, I have been hooking up the electric wiring so we could have some light while they are working.

I am not a professional electrician, but I have been working with wiring and electricity for over 35 years. You'd think I'd be immune by now, but it doesn't matter how often it happens... every time I hook up the wires, turn on the circuit breaker, and finally flip the switch... when the light comes on, it is like a miracle.

Room after room, I connected the wires and was rewarded with that miracle. It's like the Bible says, "And there was light... and it was good."

And then I got to the family room in the basement. I hooked up the first outlet, turned on the power and tested it. Sure enough, there was power and everything was working the way it was supposed to. So I moved from one outlet to the next, connecting all the wires, until I finally got to the outlet that provided power to the light switch. I connected the switch and the light bulb, then flipped on the circuit breaker, turned on the light switch... Nothing.

What could it be? I went back to the first outlet and it still had power. So I checked the outlet that provided power to the switch... Nothing. So I went back to where I knew the circuit worked and moved on from there. The second outlet worked. So did the third and fourth. But when I got to the fifth outlet, it was dead.

"How can this be," I cried out in frustration. I know I hooked it up right, so why wasn't it working? I started to trace the wires backwards towards the fourth outlet, trying to find the break. It was kind of hard to do because there was a big stack of sheetrock leaning up against the wall. That's when I noticed, right in the middle of the stack, the wires led down to another outlet - one that I had forgotten about because it was hidden.

I dragged all that drywall to the side, leaning it against a different wall, hooked up that final outlet, and then hit the power and flipped the switch. Finally, and much to my great relief, I had light!

At the end of the day, I was reflecting on the day's work and realized I could draw an important lesson from my experiences.

The wire I was working with is actually a bundle of three individual wires: a black wire, a white wire, and a bare copper wire. The black wire is the "hot" wire, the one that provides the power; the white one is neutral; and the bare copper is the ground wire.

I compared the black wire to the physical aspect of life - working, eating, sleeping... the things we do to sustain life. The white wire is like the mental/emotional aspect - things we do to enrich our lives like education, entertainment, and recreation.

Here's something interesting: If you only connect the black and the white wires, everything still works. Many older homes were actually wired that way – without the ground wire. The truth is, most of the time you do not need that bare copper wire to make things work.

And that's the way many of us live our lives. We work so we can afford to do the things we'd rather be doing instead of working. It's either work, or it's play – either the black wire or the white – with no thought of that bare copper ground wire.

However, back to that ground wire; over time we realized that un-grounded circuits have a higher chance of shorting out, sparking, and getting too hot, causing electrocution or fires. I compare that bare copper wire to the religious aspect of our lives. So many go through their lives without much thought about faith and religion – and even if we go to church on Sunday, it doesn't always influence the way we act the other six days of the week. However, if we are not "spiritually grounded," we are unprepared when critical situations arise. You might say, we are in for a nasty shock.

Yes, it's amazing, the sorts of things you learn from building a house.

I want to thank the Ambulance Service and Fire Department for their fast and professional care given to me at the time of my accident.

Jeremy Hughes and a lady EMT (name not known)
Mark and Matt Hughes — *Tony Fryman, Sr. and Tony Jr.*
Mike Warner — *Bubba Sulles*
Mike Phillips — *Steven Minton*
Dick Garrett — *Charles "Chuck" Smith*

Also, Patrick Ritchie, Eddie & Tiffany Tincher for retrieving the tractor and repairing the fence.

Sorry if I forgot anybody, but Thanks Again for all the prayers and cards.

James & Elizabeth Tincher

Happy 30th Anniversary

Dona & Jerry Davis
on 11-25-08
Love,
Jean, Ricky, Vicky, Mike, Usha, Corey, Greg, Judie & Megan

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Love,
Debbie & Roger
Karen & Kenny & Family

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of
Gary Lee Craig
7-19-53 11-30-06

We feel a warmth around us like your presence is so near, and we close our eyes to visualize your face when you were here. We remember the times we spent together and they are locked inside our hearts. For as long as we have memories we will never be apart. Even though we can't speak no more, your voice is always there because before we sleep we have you in our prayers.

We still miss you,
Gayle, Angie & Family
Cary Dewayne & Family
Larry Lee, Lonnie & Family
Betty & Family,
Debra & Family, Michael & Family

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Doug Garrett

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Protect your home from Holiday fires

By Stephen Scalf
Staff Writer
steve@thecarlislemercury.com

Photo by Stephen Scalf

Scott Finegan's home on 367 W. Main St narrowly escaped serious fire damage

Shortly after 6:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, the Fire Department was dispatched to the home of Scott Finegan of 367 W. Main St. According to the owner, the main electrical panel began smoldering, filling the main level of the house with smoke. The electrical panel was the old style with screw-in fuses, most of the wiring in the house the outdated original.

Fortunately, there were no injuries. The owner was already up at the time and able to take quick action to protect the family even before the Fire Department arrived. Volunteer firefighters set up a large fan to draw the smoke out of the house.

This incident serves as a warning to all homeowners. According to a January 2005 U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Data Center report "The Seasonal Nature of Fires," heating fires increase during colder months from 17 percent of all fires to 27 percent, concentrating in late fall to early winter, during winter holidays, and colder months.

Thanksgiving Day brings a sharp spike in cooking fires – making up 43 percent of all fires that day, with an average of 5,200 fires requiring fire department response, causing $21 million in property losses, 51 injuries and 11 fatalities each Thanksgiving Day.

Christmas-related fires are common with holiday decorations such as garlands, electrical lights, candles, banners, and other displays, especially the Christmas tree, which ignites easily when dry. Christmas tree and holiday decoration fires are also more dangerous, with twice as many injuries and five times the number of fatalities from these fires as the average for all other winter fires.

Fire prevention tips:

- Check your electrical panel and replace old, suspicious-looking fuses.
- Do not overload circuits. Even when used properly, portable electric heating devices such as space heaters and radiators can place a heavier drain on older circuits than they were designed for, causing the wires to heat up, increasing the risk of fire.
- Keep all flammable materials a safe distance from heat sources. Christmas trees placed anywhere near fireplaces not only present a dangerous risk, the heat tends to dry out the tree faster, increasing the likelihood of fire.
- Avoid the use of extension cords and multi-plug devices. Plugging too many devices into a single outlet easily leads to circuit overload. If you must use an extension cord, make sure it is not covered by carpets and rugs, which can trap heat, increasing the chance of fire. Keep extension cords out of high traffic areas. Stepping on extension cords can damage the plastic insulation, exposing the wiring and creating a fire hazard.

Please, take a chance to inspect your home and to remove all fire hazards. Let's have a safe winter holiday season.

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aid-Leader, was viewed as horribly opinionated, biased, and mostly inappropriate. Patricia McKenny, the journalism teacher at Nicholas County High School asked her students about said article. Their replies were ones of disgust, outrage, and incredulity, saying Nicholas County, its sheriff, and its residents, were portrayed as simple-minded rednecks living in "Mayberry", the imaginary town known from "The Andy Griffith Show". When asked what they should do about it, students replied, without hesitation, a letter to the editor of the Herald-Leader.

Ideas were presented out loud in class as to what should be included in the letter. Students agreed to keep it professional, and to avoid insults, rude remarks, and accusations, to get the best results. Included in the letter were questions, mostly asking why all the inappropriate, irrelevant material was used, such as Dick's rumored campaign slogan for re-election in '06 and the whole Mayberry remark. Other than questions though, there were key points, presented to Ms. Meehan, on the correct way to write a news feature. A high school class was critiquing a writer for one of the leading newspapers in Kentucky.

Several things that the students presented to Meehan were always double checking your information (Misspelling "Pancake Myers's name "Meyers"), never using irrelevant information, and try to keep articles as unbiased and neutral as possible. The students suggested putting these things into the letter while McKenny sat back and let them write what they wished. She wanted this to be from the class, not herself, though she did take responsibility and chime in when a student had suggested the wrong thing.

Hopefully, there will be a reply from Ms. Meehan this week, or that the letter written by the Nicholas County Journalism Class will be in an upcoming Herald-Leader newspaper.

Seth Tedder
Carlisle Ky

To the Editor:

Thanks are due to a variety of people for their contributions to the second annual Nicholas County Veteran's Day Program held this past November 8th.

First and foremost, Dorsey Watkins and a tremendous amount of work planning and executing the day's activities. Dorsey is a mainstay in many volunteer efforts in our community, and without him this event would not have been possible.

Earl Pfanstiel, Robbie Russell, Craig Barton, Kimball Booth, and Estil Noffsinger set up displays in the Neal Building that were enjoyed by many. The National Guard's self-propelled gun garnered a lot of attention, and we thank the Guard for making it available as a display. Thanks, too, to Brian and Annessa Watkins and the Carlisle Methodist Church youth group for the food they provided. Many of us also enjoyed the wonderful patriotically-themed cake that Mrs. Willene Barton donated and served for the occasion. Across the street at Susie's Flowers, Jackie Davis displayed his impressive collection of portraits of Nicholas County veterans.

We also thank all of the veterans and others who marched in the parade down Main Street. The National Guard provided a color guard, and the Nicholas County High School band performed a wonderful rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever." We also thank the Nicholas County Youth Football League for participating. Finally, we especially thank Joe Kenney of Flemingsburg, who drove his Korean War-era M38A1 jeep in the parade, graced by the 2008 Blackberry Festival Queen, Miss Emily Frederick.

We thank Reverend Steve Smith, who presided over the ceremony at the cemetery's war memorial. Mrs. Maxine Goins and other descendents of Eddie Roy McGinley, a Nicholas Countian who was killed in World War I, made the trip to Carlisle to attend the ceremony. Thanks again to the National Guard for providing a squad to fire a salute, and to NCHS student Seth Tedder, who played taps.

Finally, thanks to Charles Mattox and The Carlisle Mercury for their interest and promotion of this program. Here in Springfield, MO, I would like to thank Don Ameye and Adam Vaggalis of Drury University for their help with the design and production of this year's poster, and with other graphics projects related to the event.

If I have omitted anyone, please accept my apologies. Carlisle is unique and caring community, and I look forward to the day when I am no longer a Nicholas County citizen living in exile.

Sincerely,
Bill Garvin

Editor,

On October 11, 2008, we faced the most terrible emotions we have ever had to face. Our son, Dalton Ward was accidentally wounded by a malfunctioning 12 gauge shot gun. He is now at home and recovering extremely well. Dalton and his family don't know how to "Thank" everyone. We are very humbled and grateful to all who's been involved in his speedy recovery. Thank you to everyone for emotional support, prayers and gifts. A special thank you to all emergency response teams, helicopter crew, doctors, nurses, physical therapy, occupational therapy, Nicholas County sheriff Dept., and Kentucky State Police. A very, very special thank you to Joey Nelson, for being an angel on the ground. A brave and strong man, how can we ever thank you? Thank you to Tony Roberts, Greg Roberts and Patricia Tullivet for helping hands. Thank you to Michelle Fulton for driving Mom, dad, and Nana to UK hospital to be with Dalton.

Dalton is doing extremely well. Better than any of us dreamed possible. Dalton thanks everyone from his heart. He is a very special 8 year old, young man. His family will never forget everyone who has helped us in our time of difficulty. You have all made this holiday season our most important ever.

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The Wards,
Wayne, Michelle and Dalton
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Attention PHASE I Eligible Producers

The Nicholas County Phase I Board would like to announce the new Phase I sign-ups. There have been some changes in the program format. Now you will only have to fill out one application. I would suggest you check all of the programs offered. The Board has also raised the values in all of the program areas. Genetics has been increased to $1,000 while water enhancement has increased to $2,500. Fencing, Hay Storage, Ag Diversification, Cattle Handling, Forage and Dairy will have a $5,000 cost share limit. A producer can use one or any part of any of the cost-share programs this year.

Producers must sign-up for this year's cost-share program. **There will not be any carry-over applications** since the Board has adopted the menu application format.

The cost-share sign-up period will be **December 8 through 19**. This is not a first come first serve application. If you know that your project cost will not use all of the $5,000 cost-share only sign-up for actual cost. This way we can help additional producers.

Projects will have to be completed, the final report completed along with receipts, proof of payment and photos by the deadline of ***May 22, 2009***. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 289-2312.

Michael Phillips
Nicholas County Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources

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CITY OF CARLISLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE, TO IMPLEMENT AN IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS (FACT) ACT OF 2003.

Be it ordained by the City of Carlisle:

Section 1. That the City hereby adopts, and the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Carlisle, be and hereby is authorized and directed, to implement an Identity Theft Protection Program, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to prevent identity theft at all City of Carlisle Municipal Utilities.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in summary as required by law, as of November 1, 2008.

Introduced and First Reading: October 6, 2008
Second Reading and Adoption: November 10, 2008
Signed by Mayor: November 24, 2008
Recorded by Clerk: November 24, 2008
Published in Paper in summary: November 26, 2008

CITY OF CARLISLE, KENTUCKY
S/ Ronnie Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:
s/ Mary L. Stewart, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the Title of the forgoing Ordinance accurately summarizes its contents in a manner to be understood by the general public; further that I am an attorney licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

s/ Henry Watson III
Counsel to the City of Carlisle

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NicholasCoSchoolsMenu

Menu subject to change
Fresh Fruit and Canned Fruit Available Daily

Monday, December 1
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or Bagel
Lunch: Beef Stew, Corn Bread, Cole Slaw, Jell-o, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, December 2
Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy
Lunch: Chicken Fajita, Corn, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Fruit, Salsa, Sour Cream, Cheese, Milk

Wednesday, December 3
Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit
Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, December 4
Breakfast: Bacon Egg on Bun
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Friday, December 5
Breakfast: Sausage Egg on Bun
Lunch: Tacos, Corn, Cheese, Salsa, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Sour Cream, Fruit, Milk

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Last Week's Solution

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