From Kentucky Authors

Nicholas County Bookworms

By Melissa Mitchell
Book Editor

The Nicholas County Bookworms read a novel by Wade Hall, Passing for Black: the Life and Careers of Mae Street Kidd. The group found that this novel was informative and showed the strengths of Mae Street Kidd.

Wade Hall was a native of Union Springs, Alabama, he lived in Louisville since 1962, where he taught English and chaired the English and Humanities/Arts program at Kentucky Southern College and Bellarmine University. He has also taught at the University of Illinois and the University of Florida. Hall holds degrees from Troy State University, The University of Alabama, and the University of Illinois. He served for two years in the U.S. Army in the mid-fifties. Dr. Hall is the author of books, monographs, articles, plays and reviews relating to Kentucky, Alabama, and Southern history and literature. His most recent books include A Visit with Harlan Hubbard; High Upon a Hill: A History of Bellarmine College; A son in Native Pastures: Randy Atcher's Life in Country Music; and Waters of Life from Conecuh Ridge.

The novel Passing for Black: The life and Careers of Mae Street Kidd was about a little girl that lived in Millersburg, Kentucky. In 1976, Kentucky state legislator Mae Street Kidd successfully sponsored a resolution ratifying the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. It was fitting that a black woman should initiate the state's formal repudiation of slavery; that it was Mrs. Kidd was all the more appropriate. Born in Millersburg, Kentucky in 1904 to a black mother and white father, Mae grew up to be a striking woman with fair skin and light hair. Sometimes accused of trying to pass for white in a segregated society, Mae felt that she was doing the opposite choosing to assert her black identity. Passing for Black is her story, in her own words, of how she lived in the racial limbo and the obstacles it presented. As a Kentucky woman of color during a pioneering period of minority and women's rights, Mae Street Kidd seized every opportunity to get ahead. She attended a black boarding academy after high school and went on to become a successful businesswoman in the insurance and cosmetic industries in a time when few women, black or white, were able to compete in a male-dominated society. She also served with the American Red Cross in England during World War II. It was not until she was in her sixties that she turned to politics, sitting for seventeen years in the Kentucky General Assembly, where she crusaded vigorously for housing rights.

In this novel, I found it to be very informative and educational. There were several things that I did not realize that were in Millersburg or that had taken place there as well. Mae Street Kidd came from a family that was poor but she became well known, and well respected. She always stood up for her self and the things she believed in. Kidd was a strong willed individual that knew what she wanted in life and became very successful in doing so.

Kidd discussed in the novel of places and surroundings in the neighborhood of Millersburg that I was not aware of. I found that this novel was extremely extraordinary and well written. She was one that when she set her mind to something than that is what she did. The accomplishments of Mae Street Kidd was amazing of how she worked to be able to achieve the goals that she set out to reach.

I would recommend that everyone in Kentucky read this novel and to learn more about the community and the areas around it. While reading it you will find that you are curious about the areas that are discussed in the novel.

The group enjoyed learning about Mae Street Kidd and some history on Millersburg. I drove to Millersburg to find the things that was talked about in this novel and I found it to be a fascinating place, I also found places in Millersburg that I did not even know existed.

Our next book that the group will be reading is by Bobbie Mason, In Country, set in 1984. Bobbie Mason lives in Kentucky, and she won the Pen/Hemingway award.

I am sending a personal invitation to anyone that would like to join us with the Bookworms, and would like to encourage everyone to read the novels and give us their feedback. Email your comments, questions or your thoughts on the novels to Melissa@thecarlislemercury.com. Until next time happy reading.

School takes action on MRSA

The parent of a Nicholas County Middle School student has notified the administration at NCEMS the child has been assigned to homebound status when it was determined the student suffers from MRSA.

The case has been medically confirmed.

MRSA, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, is a type of staph bacteria that is resistant to the antibiotic methicillin.

School officials were approached on Wed., Sept. 17, when the student's diagnosis continued to show signs of the infection spreading.

The student was absent Tuesday and Wednesday and had been absent on the previous Friday as parents attempted to battle the infection through medical care.

The first sign of the infection came in the form of a small sore on the student's knee, however after four rounds of oral antibiotics, the infection continued to spread on the child's leg.

"We will take all steps necessary to protect the children, faculty and staff of Nicholas County Schools," said Greg Reid, Nicholas County Supt. of Schools. "We are most concerned for the student and will closely monitor his condition as time goes on."

School maintenance personnel were to begin Wednesday afternoon, since this is a confirmed case, with an intensified use of proper cleaning solution to clean the school building and equipment, using the strongest possible disinfectants, according to Nicholas County Middle School Principal Shawn Parrish.

WEDCO Health District officials offered a list of cleaning measures to be followed, which mirror those provided by the Center for Disease Control.

The student will remain on homebound status until a release has been provided by the student's doctor.

Common signs of a MRSA skin infection include redness, warmth, swelling and tenderness.

According to the Center for Disease Control, MRSA will often present with the appearance of what might be considered a spider bite, boil, abscess or drainage. Left untreated the medical consequences can be far more serious.

Director of Safety for Nicholas County Schools Doug Bechanan has advised others in the district to make certain increased sanitation steps are followed, especially where equipment might be shared and in common areas.

Although the CDC says a child can return to school if precautions are taken and that parental notification isn't recommended as a precaution for the school district those steps are being taken.

"We feel notifying those involved helps foster communication and awareness with our community," Supt. Reid said.

MRSA is usually transmitted by direct, skin-to-skin contact or contact with shared items or surfaces that come into contact with someone else's infection.

MRSA skin infections can occur anywhere.

Some settings have factors that make it easier for MRSA to be transmitted.

These factors, referred to as the 5 C's, are as follows:- Crowding, frequent skin-to-skin Contact, Compromised skin (i.e., cuts or abrasions), Contaminated items and surfaces, and lack of Cleanliness.

Locations where the 5 C's are common include schools, dormitories, military barracks, households, correctional facilities, and

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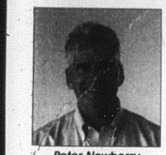

Peter Newberry

The retirement of Hon. Judge David Melcher has created a unique opportunity for a mid-term election to take place to fill his vacated seat on the Circuit Court bench. As a result, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Family Court Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit, 2nd District, which includes Nicholas, Robertson, Harrison and Pendleton Counties, and wish to thank the Carlisle Mercury for giving me this opportunity to introduce myself to you in this manner. I would also like to thank Judge Melcher for his energetic work and dedication to the Family Court program which he established.

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio as the fifth of seven children of Ray and Lorraine Newberry. Our family later moved to a small farming community in central Wisconsin, where I graduated from high school in 1974. I spent several years working on cranberry farms, a vegetable canning plant, and saving money for college before beginning classes at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1984, and graduated first in my class. I left Wisconsin after graduation to attend the University of Nebraska College of Law, before moving back to Cincinnati to attend the University of Cincinnati College of Law where I was also ranked first in my class, earned the College's highest award for professional responsibility and completed my law degree in 1988. I also completed a post graduate program at Harvard Law School in 1989 for the study of both constitutional law and employment law.

I have spent a great deal of time in the courtroom representing my clients. For over the past 20 years, I have worked as a Law Clerk in the Hamilton County, Ohio Prosecutor's Office, an attorney with Cincinnati law firms, and in private practice in my home, as well as my office in Cynthiana. Professionally, I have handled a wide range of cases and matters involving the representation of my clients with family law, employment law, and construction law issues. I have also spent a great deal of my professional career successfully defending doctors, nurses and hospitals, with much personal satisfaction. In addition to Kentucky, I am also admitted to practice law in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Most of my volunteer work over the years has been focused on helping women and children, including providing free legal services to the Women's Crisis Center of Kentucky, and the Women's Connection. I am also a volunteer lawyer for the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation, where I donate my services for family law issues. I have also been a volunteer at Children's Hospital and Medical Center, a construction volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, a reader and transportation provider for the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, a fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Mission, the YWCA's Shelter for Battered and Abused Women and Children, and a volunteer with the Association for Retarded Citizens and Special Olympics. I am also a member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and a proud sponsor and supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, the 4-H Youth Livestock Club, and the Nicholas County "Backpack for Hunger Campaign."

Kim and I live on our farm in Harrison County with our farm family, which includes ten dogs and six farm cats, where we grow lots of hay and vegetables, and where we plan to breed our Great Pyrenees as livestock guardian dogs. Since Christmas of 1996, I have purchased, assembled and delivered hundreds of bicycles to disadvantaged families and children. Bicycling is one of my passions. Over the last 15 years, I have spent many weekends riding my bicycle on the back roads of Nicholas County and surrounding counties. I am an avid outdoor enthusiast and sportsman. Kim is a member of the Rotary Club and a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer's Association.

The code of judicial conduct requires candidates to "maintain the dignity appropriate to judicial office" and to encourage their family members to do so as well. The code of conduct requires judges to know and be faithful to the law, to be "patient, dignified and courteous," to "perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice," and to "dispose of judicial matters promptly, efficiently and fairly."

If elected, I vow to uphold those standards and make the protection of children and the sanctity of families my number one priority. I pledge to work tirelessly as your next Family Court Judge, and to render fair, impartial and informed decisions with courage and conviction. I would be honored to count you among my supporters on November 4th, and I ask you for your vote.

Thank you.

Peter Newberry, Candidate for Family Court Judge.

For more information, visit www.newberryforjudge.com or call 859-234-5285.

Act of honesty deeply appreciated

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Many people believe that tough economic times may cause honesty to fade from our culture, but that was not the case in Carlisle last week when $50 was found in a local store and rightfully returned to its owner.

"There are still a lot of good honest people out here and God will take care of them," said Beulah Mers after $50 was returned to her through the efforts of an unidentified customer and two employees of Family Dollar of Carlisle.

"We're just glad she got her money back," said Mary Ann Browning, the manager of Family Dollar. "It was Friday afternoon and things were very hectic in the store with a lot of customers shopping and a truck to unload. A lady customer handed a folded slip of paper that was wrapped with what looked like a bank account slip to cashier Amy Frederick. The lady told Amy she found it on the floor and Amy immediately brought it to me as the lady was leaving. There was no identification or name on the account slip except it appeared to be an account slip from US Bank that was with the money so I put it in the office until I had time to contact bank officials."

The trusting customer who found the money on the floor left before she could be identified, but Browning says the customer's actions were typical of many of the good people of Nicholas County, and Browning set forth on a mission to discover who the money belonged to.

Bank officials told Browning they could not release information about who the account belonged to, but they would pass along her contact information to their customer whose account number and slip was discovered with the money.

Mers, who had lost the money when she stopped in Family Dollar to purchase some sugar for making grape preserves, was elated to hear from the bank. She contacted Browning and had her daughter-in-law Teresa Applegate picked up the lost cash and account slip for her.

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Most MRSA infections are skin infections. They appear as pustules or boils which are red, swollen and painful and may drain pus.

Nearly all MRSA skin infections are treated effectively by drainage of the pus with or without antibiotics. More serious infections are very rare in healthy individuals.

MRSA is transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact with an infected individual or contact with an item that has come into contact with the infection (towels, bandages, etc.)

MRSA skin infections can occur anywhere, but certain conditions make it easier to transmit. These include crowding, skin-to-skin contact, compromised skin (cuts or abrasions), contaminated items, and lack of cleanliness.

- To protect yourself from getting MRSA, you should do the following:
- Practice good hygiene- frequent hand-washing with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Cover areas of skin trauma, such as cuts or scrapes, with bandages until fully healed
- Avoid sharing personal items (towels, razors) that come in contact with skin
- Frequently clean surfaces that come into contact with people's skin (desks, phones, etc)

The CDC (Center for Disease Condrol) does NOT recommend closing schools when MRSA is detected and does NOT recommend that students with MRSA be excluded from attending school, if the area in question can be covered with a bandage.

If you are diagnosed with an MRSA infection, follow your doctor's advice for treatment. Complete the antibiotics that are prescribed and cover the area with a bandage. Wash hands often. Disinfect household surfaces with diluted bleach. Wash household linens with detergent and dry in the dryer. Do not share personal items.

It is important to remember that MRSA (and other staph infections) are NOT new and can still be effectively treated and manage by following the above recommendations. The single most important thing that anyone can do it to maintain good hygiene, starting with frequent handwashing.

If you have questions or suspect you may have MRSA, contact our office at 289-4124 Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.- Noon

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 08-CI-00871

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF
VS: NOTICE OF SALE
JEANNIE M. KENDALL, ET AL. DEFENDANTS
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By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on September 17, 2008, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff in the amount of $153,493.68, plus interest at the rate of $38.29 from July 24, 2008, until paid plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its cost herein expended, including a reasonable attorney fee and expenses of sale, and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with the defendant's default and for the purposes of protecting Plaintiff's interest in the property and its rights under the mortgage instrument, plus any delinquent ad valorem property taxes, all as provided in said judgment; the undersigned Master Commissioner will on October 11, 2008, at or about the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest and bidder(s) the following described property known as 184 Columbine Drive, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and more specifically described as follows:

"Lot#94B, Section C of Lake Carnico Estates, Plat of which area is of record in Deed Book 60, Page 523, of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office."

Being the same property conveyed to Jeannie M. Kendall, by J.W. Ballard and Betty R. Ballard, husband and wife, by deed dated August 5, 1997, recorded in Deed Book 97, Page 215, Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

"This conveyance is made subject to all easements and restrictions of record and particularly the Declaration of Restrictions of record in Deed Book 60, Page 525, of said Office."

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the purchaser (s) shall make a deposit of one third of the purchase price in cash together with bonds with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remainder of the purchase price in two equal installments within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of said until paid, which bonds and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

Said property shall be sold as a whole "as is" and free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, right, title and interests of the parties herein but shall be sold subject to:

(a) 2008 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
(b) Legal highways, easements, restrictions, covenants and stipulations of record affecting said property, and applicable zoning ordinances and governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
(c) Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
(d) Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
(e) Any right of redemption which may exist.

Neither the Court nor the Master Commissioner shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser(s). Purchaser(s) shall be entitled to possession of the premises upon full payment of the purchase price or execution of the sale bonds and confirmation of the sale by the Court, and a deed will be delivered to purchaser(s) upon approval of same by the Court.

Following sale of the above-described property, the Master Commissioner shall promptly report same to the Court, and said report shall be held over for a period of ten (10) days for confirmation or exceptions. Anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be forever barred.

s/ Joseph H. Conley, Master Commissioner,
Nicholas Circuit Court

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 08-CI-00960

WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF
VS: NOTICE OF SALE
ALTON BANKS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS
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By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on September 17, 2008, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff in the amount of $94,319.20, plus interest thereon at the rate of 8.9990% per annum from November 1, 2007, until paid, plus costs and fees and reimbursement for attorney's fees and expenses of sale, and sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, winterization, or in preservation of the real estate and any delinquent ad valorem property taxes, all as provided in said judgment; the undersigned Master Commissioner will on October 11, 2008, at or about the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder(s) the following described property known as 1799 East Union Road, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and more specifically described as follows, to wit:

"A certain tract of land lying and being on the East Union Road, Nicholas County, Kentucky, located 3 miles Southeast of Carlisle, and more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning in the center of East Union Turnpike and corner to Mrs. D.H. Wilson; thence with her line S 80 deg. E 205.50 feet to a post; thence N 9 1/2 deg. E 2044 feet to a post; thence N 88 ¼ deg. W 507 feet to center of the above named highway; thence Southerly along center of East Union Turnpike 1970.6 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 27 acres, more or less.

"Save and Except 3.86 acres heretofore conveyed to Larry Abrams and Gladys Scott in Deed Book 111-299, Nicholas County, Kentucky Clerk's records."

Being the same property conveyed to Alton Banks, a single man, by deed from Ralph Treadway and Frieda Treadway, husband and wife, dated September 28, 1990, recorded in Deed Book 83, Page 775, County Clerk's Office, Nicholas County, Kentucky.

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the purchaser (s) shall make a deposit of ten (10 %) percent of the total purchase price and give bond with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remaining part of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at thereto of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale until paid, which bond and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

Said property shall be sold as a whole "as is" and free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and interests of the parties herein but shall be sold subject to:

(a) 2008 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
(b) Legal highways, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions and stipulations of record affecting said property , and applicable zoning ordinances and governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
(c) Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
(d) Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
(e) Any right of redemption which may exist.

Neither the Plaintiff, the Court nor the Master Commissioner shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser(s). Purchaser(s) shall be entitled to possession of the premises, and a deed will be delivered to the purchaser(s), upon full payment of the purchase price and confirmation of the sale and approval of the deed by the Court.

Following sale of the above-described property, the Master Commissioner shall promptly report same to the Court, and said report shall be held over for a period of ten (10) days for confirmation or exceptions. Anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be forever barred.

s/ Joseph H. Conley, Master Commissioner,
Nicholas Circuit Court