

### GENERAL NEWS

## Nicholas approved for federal assistance

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President Barack Obama approved Federal disaster aid for many Kentucky counties, including Nicholas County, which was devastated by the recent snow and ice storm.

The disaster is approved for public assistance and hazard mitigation, but has not been approved for individual assistance through FEMA.

"We will be continuing to try to be approved for individual assistance," Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tinscher said Monday.

The White House Office of the Press Secretary and U.S. Sen. Republican Leader Mitch McConnell's offices issued press releases last week regarding the storm and federal assistance.

The disaster declaration allows federal assistance to be made available to those counties and communities affected by the storm, which hit the commonwealth on Jan. 26. Locally, Nicholas, Bath,



Photo by Charles Mattox

The winter storm that dumped ice and over a foot of snow in January and February created many problems for Nicholas County residents, but thanks to the dedicated work of city and county workers the strain was lessened. Federal aid was approved for Nicholas County last week.

"We hope to recoup that expense," Tinscher said while praising the efforts of the road crew, National Guardsmen who also assisted and other agencies and organizations that helped citizens when the snow and ice struck.

Tinscher said the inspection process was continuing and he would continue to try to have individual assistance approved through FEMA.

"We had a lot of our citizens lose items due to the storm." The deadly storm claimed the lives of over 30 Kentuckians and left nearly 700,000 homes across the Commonwealth without power.

## Whirls indicted by grand jury on theft charges

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Members of the Nicholas County Grand Jury returned an indictment against a Nicholas County man Monday, alleging he stole drugs.

Thomas Whirls, 27, of Nicholas County, was indicted on the charges of theft by unlawful taking, more than \$300, and theft of a controlled substance, more than \$300.

The grand jury alleges that Whirls "took in excess of \$300 cash belonging to Lowell Fryman." There were no other indictments issued by the grand jury Monday.

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