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## Community mourns passing of county coroner



County Coroner William "Bill" Clark

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Nicholas County Coroner William "Bill" Clark, 67, suffered a heart attack and passed away at his Moorefield home at approximately 2 a.m., Tuesday morning Oct. 27. Known across north-eastern Kentucky for his astute business mind, gentle nature and many acts of kindness and generosity, Mr. Clark's passing was met with heavy hearts by all who knew him.

"I'm very saddened by Mr. Clark's passing," said Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher. "Bill served the community well and took pride in his duties as coroner. He worked well with all

county officials and will truly be missed by all who knew him."

"The task of appointing a new county coroner falls to Judge Tincher and he committed briefly on that after reviewing the statutes concerning the appointment of a county coroner and ordering the American flag at the courthouse to be lowered to half staff.

"Chief Deputy Coroner Kevin Hatchett and his assistants, Nelson Sewell and Todd Allison, will continue to serve the community as they have in the past, until such time as I make an appointment," Tincher said.

Born and raised near Carlisle, Clark married with his family to Cassidy, Clark was known by his Creek as a young teen and was a well-known

Nicholas County personality throughout his life. Mr. Clark established the Clark Funeral Home in 1973 and was elected for his first term as county coroner in 1974.

Hatchett began working for him soon after. "I've known and worked for Bill for 32 years," Hatchett said with a heavy heart Tuesday morning. "I always considered him the father I never had and he always treated me more like a son than an employee. It was a great privilege for me to have known him and to have worked for him."

Hatchett was with Clark during his final moments. Clark was known by his many friends as having a quick wit, an easy smile

and pleasant demeanor, along with a keen interest in a variety of subjects.

He loved collecting Native American artifacts, loved animals and loved antique cars.

His final moments involved expressing concern when he awakened with what he thought was indigestion. He asked Hatchett to check on his dog, Pete, who was barking outside.

When Hatchett looked back, Clark had collapsed in the floor. All efforts to revive him were unsuccessful by Hatchett and members of Nicholas County EMS, who responded quickly to the scene.

Final arrangements are pending through Clark Funeral Home.

## Reid addresses flu concerns

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Attendance numbers are declining slowly at Nicholas County Schools due to illness but school officials said Monday afternoon there have been no confirmed cases of H1N1 flu strain that have been confirmed by physicians.

"Our attendance has dropped to slightly below 90 percent," Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools Greg Reid said Monday afternoon. "Our staff is

holding up and we are continuing to sanitize our facilities. According to information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the H1N1, like all forms of flu, is a virus that can quickly multiply inside the body. Here's how it works: Typically, H1N1 is spread person-to-person through coughing or sneezing, like the seasonal flu. Once inside the body, it enters the respiratory system. The virus then binds to the surface of a cell, overriding its natural mechanism and ordering the cell to reproduce copies of the virus.

The new copies of the virus leave the cell, which dies, and the multiplying

virus infects other cells. The virus continues to produce, and symptoms of the illness emerge. Eventually, the body's immune system responds to fight it off.

In its weakened state, the body can be vulnerable to other threats, such as bacterial infections. This is especially the case in children and young adults infected with H1N1.

According to Reid, health department employees will be at the school Wednesday to begin vaccination.

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Photo courtesy of Reflection Photography

## Homecoming couple crowned

After a two-week rain delay, Nicholas County High School seniors Cody Barrett and Chelsea Markland finally received their crowns. The Homecoming recognition was conducted during halftime of Friday's victory over Paris.

See page 17 for additional Homecoming photos

## Domestic dispute leads to drug arrests

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**Strong finish**  
Justin Carr, the 19-year-old son of Doug and Marsha Carr, placed third at the Bluegrass Muscle Classic on Saturday, his first competition event.

At the event, Justin was able to pose with International Federation of Body-builders professional, Tracy Jackson and Mike Liberatore.

Justin is training for both body building and power lifting in preparation for competition this spring.

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