

County joins Bourbon in regional jail commission

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court split their vote, but had a majority in favor of joining into a five-year contract with Bourbon County to form a regional jail commission.

On a motion by Magistrate Jeff Randolph, seconded by Magistrate Mike Webb, the court voted in favor of entering into the commission. Magistrate Steve Hamilton also voted for the commission, while Magistrates Daryl Stacy and Avery Thornsburg voted against it.

The way the com-



Photo by Charles Mattox

Bourbon County Detention officials are working with Nicholas County officials as part of the regional jail commission between the two counties.

mission is structured, Nicholas County will pay \$28 per inmate, per day

to house Nicholas County inmates the first year of the contract; pay \$30 per inmate, per day, for the next two years and pay \$32 per inmate, per day,

for the last two years of the five-year contract.

Nicholas County will also have two votes on a six-member regional jail board.

Nicholas County previously had a contract with Montgomery County to house county prisoners at \$30 per inmate, per day, but that cost was increased to \$35 per inmate, per day, this year.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher recently joined Bourbon County Judge-Executive Donnie Foley in forming a Nicholas County Committee to finalize the agreement. Nicholas members included Judge Tincher, County Attorney Dawn Letcher,

Magistrates Mike Webb and Jeff Randolph and Nicholas County Jailer Jeff "Bubba" Sidles.

"I thought everyone worked together in a spirit of cooperation," Letcher said of the recent committee meetings. "Legally we will have no additional liability."

There will be six votes on the newly formed regional jail commission: two from Nicholas County members, and four from Bourbon County, including three appointed by Bourbon Judge-Executive Donnie Foley and another by the Bourbon County Jailer.

Magistrate Stacy voiced strong opposition to the

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City discusses acceptance of Jockey Building

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Although city council members split on their vote last month, the city of Carlisle may soon become the owner of the old Jockey Knitting Building and approximately 30 acres of land that goes with it.

The initial motion for the city to accept the property failed when council members Sandy Richie Ritchie and Eugene Hall voted to accept the building, but council members Tommy Crawford, Betty Jo Booth, Billy Mac Gaunce and John Jones voted against accepting it during the Dec. 14 city council meeting.

Continued discussion by Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark indicated that the

senior citizens center was interested in moving to the site and the mayor stated he "would like to see the city have a community center and maybe something for the young people such as fix a roller rink or bowling alley," according to the Dec. 14 city council minutes.

The mayor added that the initial step before any decision to be made had to come first with the city voting to accept the building and property, according to the approved Dec. 14 minutes.

Crawford reconsidered and made a motion to accept the building, with the motion being seconded by Ritchie. A second vote was held with Crawford, Ritchie and Hall voting to accept the building and Gaunce,

Booth and Jones voting against accepting it. Mayor Clark broke the tie by voting to accept.

Discussion during Monday night's city council meeting, Jan. 18, indicated that Mayor Clark was enthusiastic about accepting the building but that the official exchange of deeds would not occur until this spring, possibly April. Mayor Clark and others were also clear that there was no specific use the building currently slated for upon acceptance.

Mayor Clark said he hoped to see additional input from community members and expressed disappointment that no members of the community were present to express an opinion during the meeting Monday night.

The city remains in extremely strong financial shape according to Clark, who noted that a recent audit revealed as much. He and others on the council expressed praise for city workers and Mayor Clark noted that the city was making an increased profit on natural gas sales, even though city customers were obtaining the precious resource at a much cheaper price than they had in the past.

Discussion about the city cleaning a blighted area of the town near Henryville and placing a second lien on the property was discussed.

The city has an ample amount of salt to continue to keep the city roads in good shape to travel throughout the rest of winter.

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Fiscal Court members discuss dog dilemma

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court voiced opposition to any proposed 'leash laws' or similar ordinances when they met Jan. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse and heard concerns from members of the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society (NCAWS).

Members of NCAWS asked to be put on the court's Jan. agenda and urged court members to take action to control dogs across the county.

NCAWS member Kathy Chase told court members that the non-profit animal group would like to have a county-wide leash law in place.

The proposal met solid opposition.

"I have two dogs of my own," Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher said and added that he would be opposed to any county leash law or statute that required a dog to be kept in a pen.

"I think we'd have a hard time passing that."

Magistrate Mike Webb said he believed any such or-

dinance or resolution would amount to more dogs suffering because they were "strung up on chains."

Comments from County Attorney Dawn Letcher and Sheriff Dick Garrett included discussion that Nicholas countians had a right to shoot any vicious dog that posed a threat to them or their property.

Sheriff Garrett said that in the past he had acted on such incidents and believed his method of direct communication between the complaining person and the owner of any dog in question was one that worked.

NCAWS founding members John and Kathy Chase expressed dismay that dogs were not secured within the county.

Kathy Chase said she could not believe that people in Nicholas County thought it was OK to let dogs out of the door and left to wander.

"It's been that way for years," Magistrate Avery Thornsburg said.

Mrs. Chase said she had never witnessed that behavior in her previous home in New England and couldn't understand it.

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Community organization gets involved
Earthquake impacts local family

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Court approves sheriff's budget

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court unanimously passed the sheriff's budget for the oncoming year during the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the court members in the Nicholas County Courthouse.

On a motion by Magistrate Jeff Randolph, seconded by Magistrate Avery Thornsburg, the court unanimously voted in favor of approving the sheriff's budget.

Sheriff Dick Garrett's gross salary of \$68,500 was part of the approved budget as was approximately \$15,000, which covers items such as gasoline usage, cell phone

and other communication funding and other office material.

On a motion by Magistrate Daryl Staci, seconded by Magistrate Steve Hamilton, the salary for two deputies (one deputy and one office worker) of \$41,600 was approved.

On a motion by Magistrate Mike Webb, seconded by Magistrate Steve Hamilton, the sheriff's state advancement pay of \$55,000 was approved. This is a payment all local county sheriff's receive to offset extra expenditures during the course of the budgeted year and which is paid back in full. Some times the advance is never used but all local sheriffs agree it is necessary to have the funds available if needed.

Firefighters have busy weekend

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City and county firefighters were busy over the weekend, battling a blaze on Truman Street, Saturday, and extinguishing an electrical fire at Barterville, Sunday night.

Carlisle Fire Chief Jeff Jefferson led city firefighters to 103 Truman Street, at the Price home at approximately 11 a.m., Saturday late morning, where flames engulfed the kitchen area of the home.

"We were able to contain the damage to the kitchen," Jefferson said, while complimenting his firemen, who also prevented the blaze from spreading further in the home or to adjacent houses. "It looks like the fire started in the kitchen, perhaps near the stove."

Jefferson cautioned homeowners about the potential danger of fires starting in the kitchen.

"The last few fires we've had in the city were all caused by fires in the kitchen, particularly on the stove," he said.

County firefighters also remained busy with an electrical fire at the home of Patrick Ameche and Jim Gray of Barterville.

According to Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, Gray spotted sparks near the electrical meter where electricity enters the home and called for assistance at approximately 9 p.m., Sunday evening.

"We arrived with 13 firefighters and were on the scene very quickly," Hughes said. "We were able to contain the blaze to the outside portion of the house where the electric enters the home."

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OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

Ancient Mysteries of Northeastern Kentucky



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky
By Charles Mattox

The Licking River Valley watershed and the areas of northeastern Kentucky, including Robertson, Fleming, Nicholas, Bath and Menifee County, continue to fascinate me with the ancient mysteries that each county holds. From bizarre stone carvings and petroglyphs, to stone altars and enigmatic symbols carved on artifacts, to the strange geological formations and saline springs along the Licking River, well, there's something for every good mystery lover. Several years ago I

had the good fortune of meeting and spending a day with Vernon Spratt in Menifee County. Two friends and I toured his farm where dozens of strange stone structures lay scattered along ridges and near large cliff overhangs. Several of the overhangs contained strange petroglyphs and carvings. The site has garnered interest from archaeologists across the nation and continues to fascinate all who study the remains.

The Cloudsplitter rock shelter and Newt Kash Hollow site, also located in Menifee County, have interested archaeologists for years and evidence indicates that among these shelters ancient Kentuckians began to experiment with agriculture and produced variations of squash, sump weed and may grass along with other plant material. Magyar script carvings appear on one of a group of six sandstone boulders on a lone elevated ridge in central Fleming County. The script is similar to those found in 8th century North Africa. But the script is only one strange aspect of the

stone "kettles" that have puzzled archaeologists and geologists for centuries. The bowls have corresponding lids, carved in perfect six-foot in diameter circular form. The Maltese cross symbol has been found on Native American artifacts in Nicholas and Bath County. The cross is identical to those, which covered the banners and flags of the knights Templar who fought in the crusades. The Knights Templar were persecuted by the church beginning on Oct. 13, 1307. The persecution began on a Friday and hence the unlucky stigma of Friday the 13th from that day forward. But how did their symbols end up in northeastern Kentucky, along well-established Native American footpaths? Could some of these knights have escaped to the New World during their persecution and fled inland? The Atlata-O-Waimee, or Warrior's Trail, as it was called by later generations of Native Americans, dissected northeastern Kentucky. Archaeologists believe Woodland traders first used the path several thousand years ago. The trails lead to the Lower and Upper Blue Licks, located along the Licking River. Richard and Lewis

Collins noted the existence of a strange stone altar with paved stones near a hill in Nicholas County just above the Upper Blue Licks. T.W. Hunter found underground paved stones near the Lower Blue Licks during previous excavations. Many of the stones had bizarre carvings appearing much like the Magyar script found on one of the kettles of Campbell Mountain. These are only a handful of the ancient mysteries we know of. Who knows what other mysteries lie just beneath the ground's surface waiting to be discovered?

My two Cents

Chores



My Two Cents
By Steve Scalf

When I was growing up, Saturdays were our favorite days, second only to Christmas. Dad didn't have to go to work and we kids didn't have school, so it was the one day of the week when there wasn't a set wake-up time. Still, no later than 8:00 a.m. Mom had a piping hot breakfast of pancakes or waffles on the table, complete with bacon or sausage. It was also one of the few meals during the week when we didn't have to mind our portions to make sure everybody got enough to eat. No matter how many pancakes we piled on our plates, there always seemed to be a few more fresh ones just coming off the griddle. After eating our fill, we would hurry off to the family room to watch our favorite cartoons. Many of you may remember what it was like back

then - when there were only three channels (if you happened to be close enough to the television towers) and when cartoons only came on from 8 a.m. to noon. You'd click on the power knob and a bright spot of light would show up near the middle of the screen, surrounded by a halo about the size of a quarter. After a few seconds, the spot would fade and eventually, maybe as long as 30 seconds, the tubes in the television would finally warm up and the black screen would start fading to grey and sound would start whispering from the speaker. Finally, the picture would appear and we'd settle in and watch Johnny Quest or one of our other favorites.

We'd just be getting into the show when Mom would call, "Did you finish all your chores?" We each had our own set of chores on Saturday, which always included cleaning our rooms and one other room (mine always seemed to be the bathroom, although my siblings claim the same thing). Nothing was worse than finally getting the TV warmed up, just to turn it right back off again, so we learned to finish our chores before breakfast, often getting up even earlier than on school days to get them out of the way so our precious cartoon time wouldn't be wasted. After a couple of hours in front of the television, however, Mom would normally start warning us about the screen burning our eyes out (which was probably true, back then) and would start encouraging us outside. We would delay just long enough

to watch the beginning of ABC's Wide World of Sports, "...the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat..." as the ski jumper missed his take off and crashed spectacularly. But as soon as we saw that, we would obediently shut off the television and head outside. Dad normally got busy with his own set of chores on Saturdays and I liked to "help" him. I'm sure I got in his way and nearly drove him insane with my endless stream of questions: "What does that do? How come you're doing that now? How does that work?..." On my better-behaved days, I would start begging, "Hey, Dad, can I try? Can I? Can I? Huh? Please? C'mon, Dad, let me try, please?" Other days, I wasn't so patient, and Dad was treated with: "What happens if I do this?..." Dad eventually learned it was less frustrating and dam-

aging to show me how to do something and then let try it myself until I got bored and ran off, than it was to endure my constant interference. As hard as it must have been for him, putting up with such a high-energy, short attention span boy as I was, I treasured those times with my dad. Years later, when I would be hanging dry-wall, or sweating copper pipes, or stringing electric wiring or rebuilding an engine, someone would ask me, "Where'd you learn to do that?" and I'd have to think for a bit. "I guess I got it from watching my dad," I'd tell them. This past Saturday, I found myself in my father's shoes, taking advantage of the warmer weather to do his most common Saturday chore: cleaning out the garage. Although we moved in last April, our garage

was still half-filled with unopened boxes. I spent a good part of the day sorting through things, storing them away properly on shelves. By late afternoon, however, when Cindy came out to check on my progress, she beamed, "Wow! We have a garage!" I looked back at her and said, "You know what this means, don't you? It may have taken us the better part of nine months, but we're finally moved in." And that felt good. Really good. But that evening, when I went back out to admire the fruits of my labor, I stood there for a moment, amazed at what I had been able to accomplish and thought, "It's a job my dad would be proud of." And that felt even better. And that's my two cents, Steve Scalf

The Crazy Horse Lady

Brr! Brr! And Brr! What can I say, this about sums up the previous week! Finally and hopefully, we will be blessed with a little warmer weather! Yea! You know what this means, being able to spend more time with our equine partners and friends! I keep telling myself I'm going to get a heater for my main water trough but I can't quite figure out how I would keep my "Fred" from carrying it around the pasture. If anything is possible, he will be the one to find a way! He should have been named "Trouble" or "Mischief" because he is the one in the barn that is constantly finding ways to pull saddles, extra hay, or anything he can get his mouth on into his stall. In fact, there are truly times when I go to the barn and find him with something in his stall that I honestly cannot figure out how he has gotten to it let alone being able to pull it into his stall. To make mat-

ters worse, I do believe he knows what I'm thinking because it is almost like he is smiling at me and laughing inside! He gets the craziest smirk on his face that I've ever honestly seen on a horse! I have decided that I'm going to buy at least two heated water buckets to try in my stalls as well. I want to see if this allows them to drink more water during the winter months because the water isn't freezing cold and to see if they truly work. Come on, you've got to admit it, after actually breaking down and spending the EXTRA money for heated buckets in the winter and they actually work the way we hope they will, what a blessing, money well spent, and timesaving addition to the barn. I'm sure our horses would approve as well. Of course, this will mean I'll have to "horse proof" for Fred! Since it has been cold I've had the opportunity to read, knit, crochet, and

study horse supply catalogs. You know what this means, don't you? I've got a list of wants/needs for the barn, show, trail riding, apparel, etc. that is very, very long and exciting. I'm sure I'm not the only out there that gets all giddy inside and just can't wait to see what is inside when they receive a new catalog from Rods, Valley Vet, Drysdale, SmartPak and the list goes on and on. I've got to tell you one thing I've learned from experience, yes experience, it is not a good idea to be trying to glance through a horse magazine or catalog while driving! It CAN be done but not too smart or safe to do! (I know I shouldn't have admitted this, but I do just get so excited that there were times when I felt that I just simply could not wait!) In addition to reading supply catalogs, for Christmas I received several books on horses. Seeing that the weather

has been so cold, I got the opportunity to read one and start another! The book, "Equine ER, Stories from a Year in the Life of an Equine Veterinary Hospital" by Leslie Guttman was nicely done! It let me see some of the situations that veterinarians find themselves facing day and night. It also allowed me to see and feel the emotions that they must be able to control while giving up most of their personal life and time to do wonderful things for this magnificent animal that they truly love "The Horse". I thought it was truly captivating and moving! It was nice to read about a local equine hospital that is practically in our backyards, Rood and Riddle in Lexington. I experienced sadness when some situations didn't have a happy ending and happiness when these dedicated people wouldn't give up trying to figure out what was wrong to give us a happy

ending! A "must" read for horse lovers! I forgot to mention that this book at Christmas time was only available locally from Joseph Beth Bookstore in Lexington. Also, I'd like to share with you that during this "COLD SPELL", I was able to take part in riding for the first time and picking up my future equine friend, Dia. She is a beautiful chocolate with white mane and tail Rocky Mountain Horse! It was a truly exhilarating and exciting feeling to ride her for the first time at the trainer's! I can't even explain the feeling it gave me to know that this is just the beginning of a long and loving relationship with her. To make it even better, I will be able to share this experience with my best friend and breeder of this filly, Paulette Klein. She is a great horse woman and beautiful God loving person! If you are interested in becoming a future

owner of a quality Rocky Mountain Horse that has been thoroughly trained with great dispositions and wonderful manners, then you need to check out her website www.sylvan-dellfarms.com. She also has available a wonderful Rocky Mountain breeding stud, Wizard. Now is the time to start looking for that special equine friend for the upcoming trail and/or show season. I guarantee you won't be disappointed!! Never heard of a Rocky Mountain Horse? Go to www.rmhorse.com and read the history of the breed ~ they are fascinating critters! Real family horses. Until next week, God Bless You, Your Family and YOUR EQUINE FRIENDS and I pray you have a safe and fulfilling week! Just a suggestion: Treat each day like a "new beginning" and leave the baggage from the previous day at the door!

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OBITUARY

Rotary Club responds to crisis in Haiti

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Last year, Billy Dale Crawford had led a drive to raise funds to help purchase a school bus in India. Even though Carlisle's club had been successful in raising their portion of the funds, the economic situation in the latter part of 2009 forced Rotary International to suspend the project indefinitely.

During Thursday's meeting, Crawford took the floor and said, "The immediate need in Haiti outweighs the need for a school bus in India," and made a motion that the \$1,000 be used for the Haitian relief effort. The motion was quickly seconded and approved unanimously.

The discussion then turned to how the \$1,000 should best be applied, when one member mentioned the possibility of sponsoring a "Shelterbox."

Shelterboxes, sponsored by Rotary Clubs and other service organizations, contain a 10-person tent with two privacy dividers, collapsible water containers and water purification tablets (enough for three months), a stove, cooking gear, eating utensils, tools, rope, mosquito nets, waterproof ponchos, waterproof ground cloths, blankets and even children's school supplies.

The cost of a Shelterbox,



as it was later discovered, is \$1,000 – the exact amount the Carlisle Rotary Club had available, which includes the cost of

the items, assembly, and delivery to the disaster relief location. As a result, a Shelterbox, sponsored entirely by Nicholas County,

will soon be on its way to Haiti, providing very real, very tangible relief to at least 10 people.

If you would like to learn more about the Rotary Club's ongoing efforts to make a difference for good, both in our own community as well as throughout the world – from providing college scholarships to local students to the ongoing efforts to eradicate polio – ask any Rotary Club member, or stop by and visit one of their meetings, held at Garrett's Restaurant every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Shelterbox USA, visit their website at www.shelterboxusa.org

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"Well, folks do things a little different in New England than they do in Kentucky," Magistrate Daryl Staci said. "I've been around dogs my whole life and I don't think it's that big of a deal."

NCAWS members said the volume of calls they had received had tripled with neighbors complaining about nuisance dogs.

Stacy said he loved to hunt with Beagle dogs, which he kept secured.

"Dogs do roam at night," Staci said, noting the many

strange dog tracks across his yard during the snow. "But I take it with a grain of salt. If there is a problem, I take care of it."

Stacy and others said that traditionally if there was a problem involving a dog between neighbors then the neighbors would visit and discuss the problem, if no solution could be found the sheriff would become involved.

"If there is a problem just give me a call," Sheriff Garrett told the NCAWS members.

Stacy cautioned NCAWS members about the animal control officer that works

with NCAWS and the county, suggesting a visit from Sheriff Garrett would be more feasible and safe for all involved if continued called came into NCAWS about similar problems.

"Saying you're an animal control officer really doesn't mean anything to most people in the county and your animal control officer doesn't have the type of training that the sheriff has in these matters.

Ira Alton Barlow



Ira Alton Barlow, 78, of Moorefield died on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010. He was born in Nicholas County on June 19, 1931 to the late Howard and Anna Catherine Robinson Barlow. He was a Navy Veteran and a former truck driver.

He is survived by his daughters: Teresa Barlow Watkins and Cathy Barlow, both of Moorefield, and Ashley Barlow of Paris; four grandchildren: Samantha Brown, Jamie Barlow, Sabrina Fryman and Carl Ray Williams; four great-grandchildren: David Fryman, Kasey Brown, Brianna Fryman and Timothy Cope; one sister, Faye (G.W.) Barlow Sexton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, James Alton Barlow.

Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday Jan. 21, 2010 at Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrell Sexton officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Clark Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Geese over the courthouse

With temperatures in the single digits one week and spring-like the following week, the geese don't know if they should be coming or going.

Election 2010

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The duties of Mayor (Executive) and the City Council (Legislative) are described as follows:

Distribution of Executive and Legislative Powers

Power	Mayor-Council
Executive authority	M
Supervise employees	M
Appoint officers	M*
Hire employees	M
Fire officers and employees	M
Liaison with local government	M
Execute contracts	M
Propose budget	M
Promulgate administrative procedures	M
Preside over council	M
Legislative authority	C
Establish offices	C
Adopt budget	C
Establish rules for public health, safety and welfare	C
Investigate city activities	C
Remove elected officers	C
Appoint mayor pro tem	M

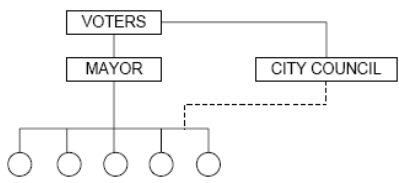
M = Mayor
C = Council
* with approval of City Council

Information for County officials is taken from the Legislative Research Commission, Information Bulletin No. 114, *Duties of Elected County Officials* (Revised 2007) and Information Bulletin No. 115, *County Government in Kentucky*. *Kentucky Municipal Statutory Law*, Informational Bulletin No. 145 describes the duties of city officials

Until the May primary elections, *The Mercury* will provide a description of the qualifications and duties for both city and county officials whose positions will be up for election in 2010.

Elected City Officers

According to KRS 83A.030, the only elected city offices are that of mayor and a legislative body. Carlisle is governed by the Mayor – Council Plan.



According to population, Carlisle is a fifth class city.

Class Population Limits

Class	Population
First	100,000 or More
Second	20,000 to 99,999
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Fifth	1,000 to 2,999
Sixth	999 or Less

And according to KRS 83A.030, cities of the fifth and sixth classes who are governed by the Mayor – Council Plan shall have a council of six members.

Disaster in Haiti strikes close to home

By **Stephen Scalf**
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Last Tuesday afternoon, just before 5 p.m. the island country of Haiti was rocked by an earthquake of catastrophic magnitude. The epicenter of the quake was only 16 miles from the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince.

Many of us saw as the news reported the ever-increasing death toll, but with Haiti being over 1,500 miles from Carlisle, it was with a "detached horror." Although it was impossible not to be shocked by the amount of devastation, it is so far away and so different from northern Kentucky that it was impossible to fully relate to what was being shown on the television. For most of us, it simply didn't "hit close enough to home."

That was not the case in the home of Jonathan and Kathleen Chase, who live on Maysville Road. In a telephone interview, John told *The Mercury*, "My brother, Warren Chase, is a banker at Unibank in Port-au-Prince and was in the bank at the time of the earthquake. The bank was partially destroyed and started coming down as he was leaving. He called on his cell phone but the call cut off after 30 seconds."

Over the next 48 hours, the Chase family waited anxiously, seeing the reports of horrific destruction and tragic loss of life on television, with no word about Warren's condition. Finally, they

received a list from the U.S. embassy that included Warren's name among the survivors, but the embassy was unable to provide any information concerning his whereabouts.

"We kept trying his cell phone every half hour," continued John, "and eventually it started getting better. At first there was no connection, but then finally we got a recording saying that all circuits were busy. We kept calling and eventually the phone rang but the call got forwarded to his voice mail. We tried a few more times and finally Warren answered. He was able to make it to a safe house about halfway between the bank and the hotel where he had been staying and has been there ever since. He's trying to find where

he can buy enough gas so he can drive a car to the Dominican Republic and fly home from there, but so far he hasn't been able to find any."

In a later e-mail, Warren tried to describe the situation in Haiti: "Picture the worst thing you can possibly imagine. Try to visualize it in your mind. Got it? Whatever you can imagine, it's 10 times worse than that here."

As relief efforts continue and as the U.S. military establishes a stronger presence in Haiti, it is hopeful that the U.S. embassy will be able to start evacuating American citizens, including Warren. Until that time, *The Mercury* joins with the Chase family in hoping and praying for his safe return.



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What is an Internal Medicine-Pediatric Physician?

The specialty of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics involves both two years of specific training in internal medicine, which is adult medicine, and two years of pediatric training, which is the specialized treatment of children. Once completing this residency, you take board exams for both specialties. My residency included evaluating and treating both adult and pediatric patients ranging from the sickest patients in intensive care units to outpatient primary care patients. This balance in training translates well to primary care.

Why did you choose this specialty?

I always wanted to work as a family doctor, where treating sickness goes hand in hand with being a part of the community. Internal Medicine-Pediatrics provides the ability to care for infants to the elderly, with a comfort in all levels of sickness.

What is your approach to patient care?

When a patient visits me in the office, I use a team approach with the patient to find out why they're sick, and then choose the best approach for healing. This means open communication, and taking the time necessary to make the best decision possible. Preventing future illnesses also plays a big role in my care, including discussions on the benefits and drawbacks of any test.

Tell us a little about your life outside the office.

I have a wonderful family, including my wife Julie and our two children, three year old Brody and two month old Raegan. Family is a big part of my life, which explains why I returned to my hometown of Paris to work with my father and oldest brother at Westmont Clinic. I love sports, especially basketball, football, and soccer, and look forward to being a part of the community again.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

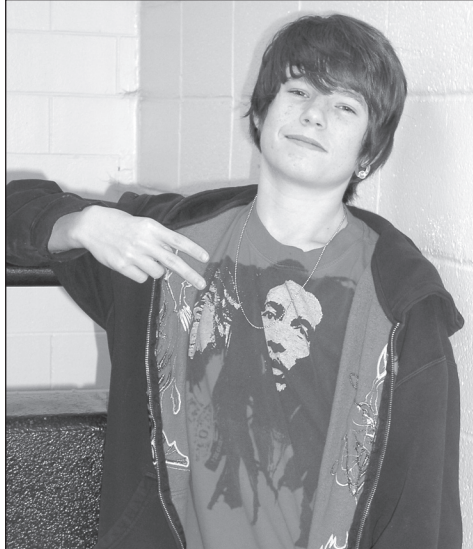


Sarah Gum

I would like to nominate Sarah Gum for this week's Student Spotlight Showcase. Sarah is new to Nicholas County this year. She transferred in after the school year had already started. Sarah is very talented in the classroom and excels at her class work. Sarah is always in the top 1% on every assignment. She turns in her work on time, brings everything she needs for class that day, and takes responsibility for her actions. She is a leader in the classroom. I can count on Sarah to do her best, always.

Sarah has been a brilliant addition to the Freshmen Experience. I am proud to nominate her for the student spotlight showcase.

-- Mrs. Bartlett



Marcus Strausbaugh

My Choice for Student spot light is Marcus Strausbaugh. This is the first year that I have had Marcus in class. I have enjoyed getting to know him. Marcus has really spread his wings this year. He told me that Math wasn't always his best subject, but this year his work is exceptional. Scoring at the top of his class both 1st and 2nd nine weeks, Marcus is very involved in class. He loves to ask questions and answer them. He is full of energy and I hope he continues to keep focused on his work and do well the remainder of the year.

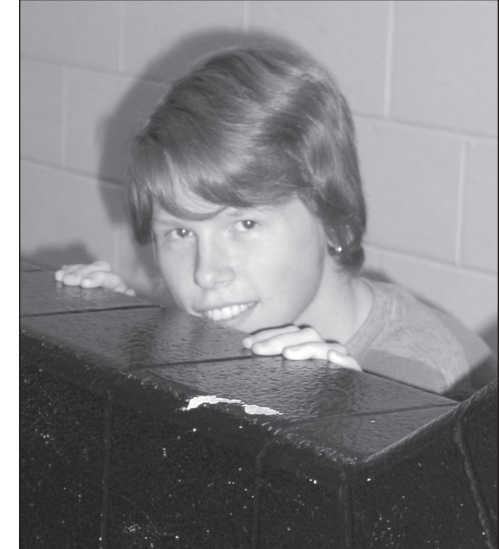
--Melanie Sanders



Morgan Kelly

I would like to nominate Morgan Kelly for Student Spotlight this week. Over the past year Morgan has matured into a young adult. She continually illustrates enthusiasm and curiosity; these traits allow her to excel in her classes. Her personality adds enjoyment to my day and the class. It is a pleasure to have Morgan in class.

--Mrs. Lane



Lance Bashaw

I have the pleasure of teaching Lance Bashaw in my English II class this year. Lance is a hard-working young man who is always polite, kind, friendly, and a pleasure to have in class. Lance's behavior has always been very mature for his age. Always keeping himself on track in both his school work and extra-curricular activities, he demonstrate responsibility for himself and his work.

His nearly always present smile, and his positive attitude toward everyone with whom he has contact, makes him a favorite among his peers and teachers. This young man is an exemplary example of both behavior and academic performance.

Lance is an intelligent young man with much potential. He is an asset to my class and I look forward to the contributions he makes to classroom discussions each day. I look forward to hearing about the great things he will do for himself and the community in the future!

--Ms. Griffith



Way to Go Students!

St. Pat crashes boards in All 'A' win over Ladyjackets

By Brad Laux

According to head coach Jennifer Cornett, the Nicholas County girls' basketball team just cannot seem to overcome its Achilles' Heels.

Game in and game out, the Ladyjackets have had difficulty making free throws and keeping the opposing team off the glass.

"It is the same old song and dance," she said after her team dropped its opening-round game of the 10th Region All "A" Tournament to St. Patrick on Wednesday night in Brooksville. "We have to be able to knock down free throws and be in the ball game and we have got to box out. ... Those have been our two biggest problems all year."

The stats reinforce Cornett's statement.

St. Patrick (11-1) out-rebounded Nicholas County 58-35 and the Ladyjackets made just 13-of-27 attempts from the free-throw line in the Lady Saints' 58-40 victory. St. Pat did not fare much better at the charity stripe, hitting just 10-of-19, but it also committed five fewer turnovers (22 to 27) and had a 13-6 advantage in assists.

"We gave up too many points off offensive rebounds," Cornett said.

Those troubles have the Ladyjackets reeling. After starting the season 5-1, the team has

stumbled to a 1-5 mark in its last six games.

Nicholas County (6-6) hung with the Lady Saints throughout the first nine minutes, but St. Patrick relied on its rebounding prowess to pull away. The Lady Saints had 13 offensive rebounds in the first half.

St. Patrick opened the game by scoring the first six points, but the Ladyjackets went on a 6-2 run over a two-minute stretch to trim the lead to 8-6.

Nicholas County cut the deficit to one point at 11-10 after a Megan Bretz lay up with 1:22 to play in the first quarter, but the Lady Saints added one final basket to head into the second period with a 13-10 lead.

That field goal was the first bucket of a 10-0 St. Patrick run, as the Lady Saints extended their advantage to 20-10 after Anne Klee made a lay up with 4:28 to play in the first half.

Both teams struggled to generate much offense the rest of the way and St. Pat went into the locker room at half-time with a 25-14 edge.

Bretz had nine points at the break to pace Nicholas County. Klee scored all of her team-high seven points in the second quarter.

The Ladyjackets particularly struggled from the free-throw line in the first half, converting just four of their 12

attempts.

Yet, Nicholas County made a charge in the third period. The Ladyjackets closed within six points at 28-22 with 5:26 to play in the quarter after Reesa Martin's 3-pointer, which capped off an 8-3 run.

However, coach Cornett's club went cold from there, scoring just two more points the rest of the period as St. Patrick was able to extend its lead to 40-24.

"We played even with them in the third quarter until the last few minutes, and then it snowballed from there," Cornett said. "I think it is a mental thing. They know St. Pat is a good team and that they would make a run."

The Lady Saints scored the final nine points of the period.

Nicholas County opened the fourth quarter with a pair of baskets to cut the lead down to 12 points, but from there it was all St. Pat. The Lady Saints gradually built their advantage as high as 24 with 2:36 to play after a 10-0 run.

The Ladyjackets out-scored St. Pat 8-2 over the final two-and-a-half minutes, but could only cut the margin down to 18 points, where it stood when the final buzzer sounded.

Bretz finished the game with 11 points, to go along with five rebounds, to lead the

club in scoring. Shelby Sosby chipped in 10 points, five steals, two assists and two rebounds; while Petrea Mitchell added seven points, 12 rebounds and three steals. Martin collected six points and two steals. Shelby Wade added four rebounds and three assists, while Megan Hunter added three rebounds and two assists.

Ciera Payne paced the Lady Saints, which advanced all the way to the championship game before falling to host Bracken County 52-50, in scoring with 15 points. She also registered four assists, three rebounds and three steals. Her sister Charisma Payne finished with 11 points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Klee tallied eight points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals; while Lydia Hamilton contributed eight points and seven rebounds.

Allison Tolle also chipped in seven points, four steals and three rebounds. Brooke Mosler led the team in rebounds with 10 and also notched five points. Chelsea Douglas rounded out the scoring with four points, and also finished with five rebounds and five steals. In addition, Allison McKay added four rebounds to the cause.

Despite the final result, Cornett was pleased with her team's effort.

"I saw some good

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things from the younger players and the seniors," she said. "They all listened and tried hard, and that is all you can ask for."

After Christmas, the Ladyjackets posted a 1-3 record at the Bourbon County/Paris Holiday Classic, defeating Pineville 66-57 on Dec. 26, before falling to Eastern 64-45 and Somerset 67-26 on Dec. 27, and then dropping a 52-45 overtime decision to host Bourbon County on Dec. 28.

Nicholas County also met the Lady Colonels to start the new year, and although it was again

a close game, Bourbon County came out on top 51-49 in Paris on Jan. 4. The Ladyjackets broke their slide with a 60-38 home win over Deming last Tuesday and avenged their previous losses to Bourbon County with a 42-41 home win on Monday.

NCHS stays at home to face Pendleton County on Saturday at 4:30 p.m., before traveling to Berea to meet Model in the first round of the Bluegrass Conference Tournament. The Ladyjackets return home to host Bath County on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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NICHOLAS COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLUB



The youth of the Nicholas County 4-H/FFA Livestock Club held their 6th annual Livestock Show and Sale at West End Park on Thursday night, Sept. 10, 2009. The sale was a huge success with an increased number in attendance and a large number of bidders. The total sale of the eight market animals grossed over \$18,000.00. Pictured with their animals and the buyers are:

Shelby Wade with one of her hogs purchased by District Judge Jay Delaney, County Attorney Dawn Letcher, Mr. Duane Kenney of Whitaker Bank and buyer not pictured, Representative Sannie Overly.

Shelby's 2nd hog was purchased by Mr. Frank Hinton of Hinton Feed Mills of Mayslick and Ewing and Farm Credit Services of Maysville.

Sabrina Smith is pictured with her lamb and buyers Mr. Frank Hinton of Hinton Feed Mills of Flemingsburg and Mr. Arnett of Fleming Meat Packers of Flemingsburg.

Tyler Hamilton is pictured with his steer and buyer Mr. David Fitzpatrick, United Producers of Paris.

Caleb Lewis is pictured with his goat and with Mr. Billy Robinson representing buyers KY Mountain Land Title Company, Dr. Wayne Bailey of Mt. Sterling, Dr. Rob Linton of Mt. Sterling and Dutch's Chevy/Ford of

Mt. Sterling.

Caleb Sadler is pictured with his steer and buyers Mr. Jamie Davis of Dee Jays Auto Parts and Mr. Pat McCarty. Other buyers of Caleb's steer but not pictured are TD Cattle Company, Bovine Medical Associates, Earl Floyd Ford of Carrollton, State Farm Insurance of Flemingsburg, Walmart of Paris, Bourbon Community Hospital and Apple Ridge Farm of Carlisle.

Elizabeth Pope is pictured with her steer and buyer Dr. Jewell Meade of Paris.

Morgan Hamilton is pictured with her steer and buyers Mr. Tom Ockerman of Deposit Bank of Carlisle, Dr. Dawn Crouch of Bovine Medical Associates and TD Cattle Company and Mrs. Becky Shelton representing Hoffman Enclosures of Mt. Sterling. Other buyers of Morgan's steer not pictured are Chris and Stephanie Lacey, John and Linda Whitt, Kentucky Bank, Hopkin's Drug, Honeycutt Mechanical, Earl Floyd Ford of Carrollton, and Hinkston Valley Farms of Carlisle.

The 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale gives these young people the chance to show and profit for their hours of hard work. Raising these livestock projects is a valuable experience for each of these youth. The livestock projects help the youth to develop life skills such as, responsibility,

leadership, business principles, agricultural practices, as well as increasing family interactions and developing friendships with people all over the state.

Raising these animals is expensive and it is hard for the youth to break even with their projects. The Show and Sale is open to individuals and businesses, allowing them to purchase the animals for top quality meat. The purchase of these animals may be done in many ways. The purchases or donations for these animals are 100% tax deductible and they help to support this educational program for these youth.

The 4-H Country Ham project is included in the 4-H Livestock curriculum and this year the Nicholas County 4-H Council purchased 2 extra hams that the youth prepared and cured. These 2 hams were auctioned at the conclusion of the Livestock sale and this money will help to offset the costs of the youth involved in the Country Ham projects for next year. The first ham was purchased by Sweet T Farm of Nicholas County and the second ham was purchased by Carlisle Gifts and Collectibles.

The Nicholas County 4-H/FFA Livestock Club would like to thank the businesses and individuals that helped to support

and contribute the their 6th Annual Show and Sale:

Donations and Contributions:

- Clairebrook Farm
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The Nicholas County 4-H/FFA Livestock Club would again like to extend their gratitude to those who purchased animals:

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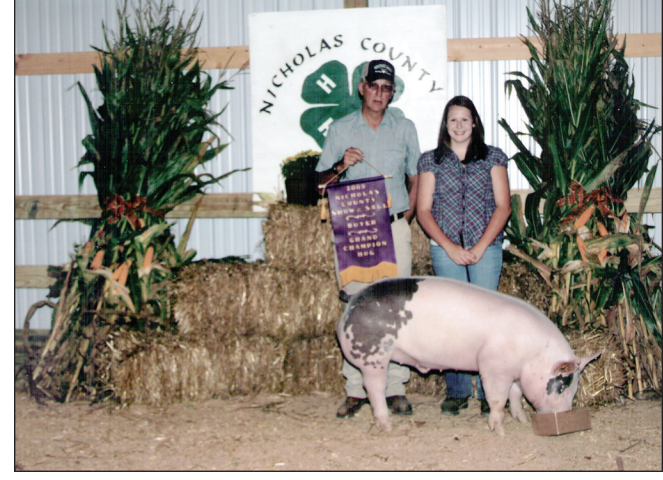
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SENIOR FOCUS



Kassi Parsons

Kassi Parsons is the 17 year old daughter of Jenny and Dave Parsons. Her favorite subject is Math. She plans to attend college and major in Pediatric Nursing. Kassi enjoys hanging with friends, texting and just having fun. Her favorite memory of school is the day that Petrea spilled Kassi's lunch in her lap and the hot mashed potatoes burnt her legs. I love that girl.



Adrian Lea

Adrian Lea is the 17 year old son of Tom Lea and Rhonda Hampton. His favorite subject is Psychology. He plans to attend UK and major in Psychology. Adrian enjoys music, sports, and writing. His favorite memory is anytime that he laughed.



Julia Patschke

Julia Patschke is the 18 year old exchange student of Bill and Stephanie Sosby. Her favorite subject is US History. She plans to visit school again after her exchange year. She enjoys playing softball and hanging out with friends.



Anthony Kiskaden

Anthony Kiskaden is the 18 year old son of Anthony and Tammy Kiskaden. His favorite subject is Greenhouse. He plans to attend college after graduation. Anthony enjoys playing football and hanging out with friends.

Good Job Seniors!



Local Students awarded Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic scholarship

Morgan Kelly, Lauren Harrison and Hali Webb, seniors at Nicholas County High School have been awarded a \$1,000 Touchstone Energy ALL A Scholarship.

These young ladies were three of 84 seniors from Kentucky's smallest high schools who came to Richmond for interviews they hoped would earn them \$1,000 college scholarships.

The interviews, part of the 2010 Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic, were held at Eastern Kentucky University's Perkins Conference Center in Richmond. Students at the state's

125 smallest schools qualify for various Kentucky All "A" programs in academics and sports, including \$1,000 Touchstone Energy All "A" Scholarships. More than 600 students from all areas of the Commonwealth applied for the awards. Of those, 110 were selected for last Saturday's event, and 84 showed up for the interviews, which were conducted by panels of business

people and educators from across the state. The All "A" Classic has awarded nearly \$1 million in academic awards since it started giving scholarships about 20 years ago, said Stan Steidel of Cold Spring, the Classic's Chairperson. "Fleming-Mason Energy is always looking for ways to help young people further their education, we see it as an investment," said Mary

Beth Nance, Director of Member Services, of Fleming-Mason Energy is the local Touchstone Energy Cooperative in Nicholas County.



Morgan Kelly



Lauren Harrison



Hali Webb

Mitchell named to all-tourney team Hunter earns all-academic team nod

BROOKSVILLE — Two Nicholas County High School senior girls' basketball players were honored at the conclusion of the 10th Region All "A" Classic girls' basketball tournament at Bracken County.

Nicholas County High School senior Petrea Mitchell earned a spot on the 10th Region All "A" Classic All-Tournament Team.

NCHS senior Megan Hunter earned a spot on the 10th Region All "A" Classic All-Academic Team.

Bracken County, a 52-50 winner over St. Patrick in the 10th Region All "A" Classic championship game, will represent the region in the Touchstone Energy All "A"

Classic at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena. The Lady Bears will face the 3rd Region champion in the opening round of the All "A" Classic statewide tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

The Lady Jackets fell to St. Patrick in the opening round of the 10th Region All "A" Classic. A breakdown of the 10th Region All "A" Classic All-Tournament Team and All-Academic Team follows.

The 10th Region All "A" Classic All-Tournament Team: Petrea Mitchell (Nicholas County); Jenna Wright (Calvary Christian); Mary Case (Deming); Morgan Crain (Paris); Krista Govan (Silver Grove); Ashley

Harding (Augusta); Kaitlyn Hargett (Augusta); Emily Sanker (Bishop Brossart); Hannah Uthe (Bishop Brossart); Chelsea Douglas (St. Patrick); Brooke Mosler (St. Patrick); Brittany Burden (Bracken County); Hannah Haight (Bracken County); Katelyn Meyer (Bracken County).

The 10th Region All "A" Classic All-Academic Team: Megan Hunter (Nicholas County); Chelsea Barrett (Augusta); Nicole Ridder (Bishop Brossart); Katelyn Meyer (Bracken County); Liz Niehaus (Calvary Christian); Chelsea Fryman (Deming); Tori Harris (Paris); Anne Klee (St. Patrick); Amber Fancher (Silver Grove).

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 08-CI-00093

THE CITIZENS BANK PLAINTIFF
VS: NOTICE OF SALE
ALVIN MCNABB, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on December 21, 2009, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff in the amount of \$12,952.83, plus interest thereon at the contract rate of 9.75% from April 1, 2007 until April 7, 2009, and then interest thereon at the legal rate from the date of judgment until paid, and its costs expended of \$226.00 and reasonable attorneys fees in the amount of \$3,200.00 pursuant to the Supplemental Judgment entered June 16, 2009, and all payments made by Plaintiff for taxes and insurance premiums upon the property, any expenses of foreclosure sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys fees incurred or expended to sustain the lien of the mortgage, late charges as computed under the note referred to in the Complaint, any unpaid delinquent ad valorem taxes, all as provided in said judgment; the undersigned Master Commissioner will on January 23, 2010, at or about the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest bidder(s) the following described property known as 1825 East Union Road, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and more specifically described as follows:

Three (3) certain tracts or parcels of land situated in Nicholas County, Kentucky:

"TRACT I: BEGINNING at a fence post in Robert Hamilton's line, a corner to T.W. Stone; thence with said Stone's line S 9-1/4 deg. W 9.00 chains to a marked rock a corner to Tract No. 2 of this division; thence with line of said tract N 2 deg. S 82-3/4 deg. E 21.05 chs. to an abutment on west side of branch, a corner to H.P. Hamilton; thence with said Hamilton's several lines S 83-1/4 deg. E 4.00 chs. to turn in fence; S 82 deg. E 17 chs.; S 81 deg. E 4.70 chs. to a fence post in Sosby's line; thence with his line N 11 deg. E 2.60 chs. to fence post in Hosteter's line; thence with Hosteter's line N 81 deg. W 0.90 chs. to a large set stone; N 20 deg. E 6.15 chs. to a stake in said Hosteter's line near a small black locust; thence with a new line N 71 deg. W 35.06 chs. to a stake in Smith Brother's line; thence with same S 6-1/4 deg. W 2.94 chains to a post; N 89 deg. W 13.00 chs. to the beginning, containing 52.86 acres."

"TRACT II: BEGINNING at a marked rock in T.W. Stone's line, corner to Tract No. I; thence with T.W. Stone's line S 9-1/4 deg. W 1.56 chains to fence post corner to same; S 23 deg. E 12.84 chs. to a black locust corner to H.H. Stone; thence with his lines S 85-1/2 deg. E 16.87 chs. to a stake in an old abandoned road corner to H.P. Hamilton; thence up said road N 1 deg. E 4.76 chs. to a point; N 7 deg. W 7.35 chs. to an abutment on the west side of branch corner to Tract No. I; thence with line of same N 82-3/4 deg. W 21.05 chs. to beginning, containing 24.14 acres."

"TRACT III: BEGINNING at a fence post corner to Darrell Bros.; thence with their line N 80-1/2 deg. W 38.16 chs. to an old fallen beech tree corner to Smith Bros.; thence with their line S 6-1/4 deg. W 11/28 chs. to a stake in line of same corner to Tract No. I; thence with line of same S 71 deg. E 35.05 chs. to a stake in Hosteter's line near a small black locust; thence with Hosteter's line N 20 deg. E 16.03 chs. corner to R. J. House; thence with his line N 8 deg. E 1.29 chs. to beginning, containing 51.94 acres."

"There is EXCEPTED from the above described property the following described tract of land to wit:

"A certain tract of parcel of land lying 0.28 miles southeast of its intersection with Kentucky Highway 1285 (East Union Road) in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and being more fully bounded and described as follows:

"COMMENCING at a Fence Post, marking the northeast corner of Tract I of Charles W. Watkins, et.ux. and a corner common to Sam Ritchie, Jr., et.ux.; thence with Charles W. Watkins, et.ux. S 9 deg. 10 min 34 sec West a distance of 22.24 feet to a 2 inch MAG Nail (Set) in the top of a Gate Post on the south side of a Passway leading to Kentucky Highway 1285 (East Union Road), said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING and a NEW corner to Charles W. Watkins, et.ux.; thence through the land of Charles W. Watkins, et.ux. along the south side of said Passway (a gravel road) for eight calls, S 86 deg. 30 min 56 sec E, a distance of 294.18 feet, to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence S 37 deg. 10 min 34 sec E, a distance of 165.01 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence S 40 deg. 53 min 30 sec E, a distance of 401.97 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence S 40 deg. 29 min 24 sec E, a distance of 171.16 to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence S 61 deg. 53 min 39 sec E, a distance of 56.23 feet, to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence S 86 deg. 50 min 24 sec E, a distance of 409.51 feet, to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence S 35 deg. 51 min 03 sec E, a distance of 80.80 feet, to a tree; thence S 7 deg. 24 min 31 sec E, a distance of 41.15 feet to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set) on the west side of a branch, marking the northwest corner to Tract II of Charles W. Watkins, et.ux. Farm and a corner common to Dwaine E. Curran, et.ux.; thence with Tract II of Charles W. Watkins, et.ux. for two calls, S 7 deg. 00 min 00 sec W, a distance of 314.16 feet to a point referenced by a Corner Fence Post, marking a corner to Maxwell McDonald, et.ux.; thence with Maxwell McDonald, et.ux., N 85 deg. 30 min 00 sec W, a distance of 1113.42 feet, to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set) at the base of a dead Black Locust tree, marking a corner to Sam Ritchie, Jr. et.ux.; thence with Sam Ritchie, Jr., et.ux. for two calls N 23 deg. 00 min 00 sec W, a distance of 847.44 feet, to a 1/2 inch x 18 inch Rebar (Set); thence N 9 deg. 10 min 34 sec E, a distance of 674.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said described tract containing 33.28 Acres, more or less and being subject to easements and rights of way of record and in existence and in accordance with a NEW survey and plat by Ronald F. Wilhoit, PLS 3004 in April, 1997."

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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 successful bidder(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 sixty (60) 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 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, right, title and interests of the parties herein but shall be sold subject to:

- 2009 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
- Legal highways, easements, restrictions, covenants and stipulations of record affecting said property, and applicable zoning ordinances and governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
- Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
- 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, 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. Upon confirmation of the sale, the risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser(s), and Defendants Alvin McNabb and Katherine McNabb are directed to vacate the premises.

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

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LIFESTYLE

Thoughts from the Pastor's Study

By Rev. Donald Riggs

There is a song that goes like this, When I see the Blood I will pass, I will pass over you. Taken from Exodus 12:13....

Hebrews 9:15- and for this cause he (Jesus) is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called (of God) might receive the promise of eternal inheritance (It is all about what Jesus did!)

Hebrews 10:1-18
1-For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can

never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto (perfect) (I Cor. 13:10- Paul said, when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. He that is perfect has made his appearance as a baby, and they called his name Emmanuel, being interpreted is, God with us, Matt. 1:23)

2- For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

3-But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of

sins every year. (But Jesus gave his own blood as an atonement for all sin once and for all, that means you and I!)

4-For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5-Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith. Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not but a body hast thou prepared me: (Psalms 40:6-8, it is all about Jesus) 6- in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7-Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do they will, O

God.
8- Above when he said, sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldst not, neither had pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

9-Then said he (Jesus), Lo, I come to do thy will, O God... he taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. (Luke 22:42, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will but thine be done)

10-By the which will we sanctified (Set apart) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11-And every priest

standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

14-For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (Are you sanctified? Read Romas 12:1-2)

15- Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16-This is the convenient that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them:

17- And their sins and

iniquities will I remember no more.

18-Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. (St. John 19:30, Jesus said it is finished)

Colossians 1:12-14 let us give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (When I see the blood I will pass, I will pass over you! Amen.)

Courthouse Square Arts Guild

by Regina Barnes

This week the loss of a true friend saddened the members of The Courthouse Square Arts Guild. John Granville Irvin, 85, passed away at his home after a brief illness.

Mr. Irvin was born in Carlisle on April 9, 1924, the son of Dr. Walter G. and Miranda Henry Irvin. As a young man he grew up doing the same fun things as any Nicholas county child and loved the county where he was raised, especially the Buzzard Roost area. A successful gentleman that never forgot about his love of his hometown and continued to work to enrich

the arts in this area for children and adults alike.

He retired as Senior Vice President of Central Bank and Trust, was formerly a broker with Merrill Lynch, and publicity director for Joyland Park. Until his death he was active as Curator of the Central Bank Art Gallery. A columnist for the St. Matthews Voice Tribune, and supporter of Kentucky folk artists, having served as past chairman of the Kentucky Folk Art Center. He attended Transylvania University, a served in the army in WWII, and returned to graduate from the University of Kentucky

and stayed as a board member of the National Alumni Association, a former member of the UK Library Associates, a Donovan scholar, a UK Fellow, and assisting in selecting artwork for the new UK Hospital and for the UK Arts in the Healthcare Program.

A gentleman with so many accomplishments continued to remember his hometown. He took time out of his busy schedule and was Master of Cermonies at the Grand Opening of the Corner Studio. He arranged a showing of the artist work at the Central Bank Gallery. He judged

two of our Membership Art shows and sponsored a Buzzard Roost Art contest for the young artists of this county. With his friendly, joking manner he always made you feel as if you had been friends forever.

We wanted to take one moment out of our busy schedules to thank a wonderful man that took a lot of moments out of his busy schedule to help a lot of people in his hometown. A man that took the road less traveled, always with a joke and a smile touching so many lives. Thank you John Granville Irvin, you will be truly missed.

The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverge in a wood, an I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Artwork from the pages of Joshua's Journal

Photo by Joshua E. Harper

When the sky stares back

This photo is a composite of a landscape taken near Upper Jackstown Road and a second photograph of my own eye.

I was looking at a collection of photos I had taken, and it just came to me to combine these two into one.



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LIFESTYLE

Wedding



Hurst - Gilvin

Megan Louise Gilvin and Harold Glenn Hurst III were married on August 19, 2009 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The couple were married by the bride's grandfather Harold E. White of Mt. Sterling. The bride is the daughter of Seth and Suzanne W. Gilvin of Sharpsburg. She is a 1997 graduate of Bath County High School and a 2001 graduate of Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio.

The groom is the son of Harold G. Hurst II and Sharon S. Hurst of Lexington, Ky. He graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar in 1995 and the University of Kentucky in 1999.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a satin A-line strapless dress with a split front. The bodice was beaded and embroidered and the bottom of the dress and along the chapel train was also embroidered. She wore a hairpiece that was silver with crystals and pearls along with a chapel length and elbow length veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Matron of Honor was Lori Thompson, Mt. Sterling, aunt of the bride and Best man was Will Hurst of Lexington, brother of the groom. A reception was held for the bride and groom on September 12, 2009 at the Clay Community Center in Mt. Sterling.

The couple's honeymoon was a seven-day Alaskan Cruise and a visit to Denali National Park, Alaska. The couple resides in Lexington, Ky.

Anniversary



Aven & Patsy W. Hicks

Aven and Patsy W. Hicks were married 25 years on January 18, 2010. They reside on Catherine St. in Carlisle, Ky.



Photos submitted

Above: Central Kentucky Veterinary Services, Dr. Hardy Dungan and Dr. Kendra Ewalt, hosted Santa on Thursday and Friday and invited all pets to come have their picture made with the jolly old man. Fifty eight pets, including dogs, cats, ferrets, and rabbits, visited the clinic for pictures. The pictures were free, yet donations of treats and food for PAWS and NCAWS, and canned goods for Operation Food Basket were requested and received. Dr. Kendra Ewalt presented items collected for NCAWS to Cathy Chase and Teresa Wright, representing the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society.

Right: Sweetie Watkins, pet of Mrs. Sally Watkins of Carlisle, had his pictures made with Santa at Central Kentucky Veterinary Service, Paris, Ky.



"Summertime" to begin January 25

The folks at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park near Carlisle, Kentucky, admit it, they are tired of winter weather. So, they have invited everyone to come to the park at 6 p.m., Monday, January 25 for "Summertime."

Local volunteer musicians and singers and anyone else who is tired of winter will get a chance create a summer evening of music and song with "Some enchanted evening" of show tunes and old favorites.

Musician Pat Holland says, "Once I get past the first verse of a song, I can never remember the rest of it. Don't worry about it if you don't remember all of the words to favorite, old songs. I'll type up some song

sheets with lyrics for us to use."

What if you can't sing? Holland responds, "In that case, come along and be our audience. You will be welcomed. You can also speak up and throw out suggestions for summery songs that will fit our theme. We need more musicians and singers. Everyone is welcome to jam with us." The point is to shake off the winter-time blues and celebrate summertime.

The park is less than an hour's drive north of Lexington on US 68. It features a 32-room lodge and Kentucky Proud gift shop. Its Hidden Waters Restaurant is well known for its excellent southern cuisine.

The Park Manager

Stefanie Gaither is a very practical lady. She suggests that if there is bad weather in the forecast for January 25; call the park by 4 p.m. to find out whether or not the event has been postponed.

For a good map and driving directions to the park, visit www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/bl/maps/

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LIFESTYLE

Nicholas County Emergency Management

by Calvin R. Denton
Director

1. Beware of the dangers from alternative heating sources during power outages.

Alternative Powers sources such as generators and kerosene heaters are commonly used during electrical power outages. Improper usage of these devices can cause carbon monoxide to build up in homes or garages, resulting in sudden illness and death.

Seek medical attention if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning and are experiencing symptoms of carbon monoxide poi-

soning. Early symptoms include headache, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. Individuals who are sleeping or who have been drinking alcohol may die from carbon monoxide poisoning before ever experiencing symptoms.

2. Safety steps to take when using portable generators.

Properly follow manufacturers' instructions carefully for you specific generator model.

Never operate a generator inside a home, garage, or partially enclosed space, even if doors and

windows are open. Operate a generator at least 25 feet from you home, far away from windows, doors, and vents.

Secure the generator with a steel link chain and lock to prevent theft.

Make sure your generator is properly grounded. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocution and electrical shock injuries. Do not overload the generator.

Use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord that is free of cuts or tears and has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

Install battery-operated carbon monoxide de-

tectors in your home according to the manufacturers instructions and replace the batteries on a regular basis. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and dial 911.

3. Tips on proper kerosene heater use

Properly follow manufacturers instructions carefully for you specific heater model.

Be sure that wick is set at proper level as instructed by manufacturer and is clean.

Operate a kerosene heater in a well vented area. Leave a door open to rest of the house or keep an outside window open

to ensure adequate flow of fresh air. (When operated properly under manufacture's operations, an open outside window is adequate for the flow of fresh air).

Install battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors in your home according to the manufactures instructions and replace the batteries on a regular basis. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and dial 911.

Use only 1-K grade kerosene fuel. Colored or cloudy kerosene will give out an odor and smoke when burned and will also gum up the wick.

Store kerosene in container intended for kerosene only. Don't store in a gasoline can or container that contained gasoline. This will avoid using contaminated fuel or the wrong fuel by mistake. Kerosene containers are usually blue and gasoline containers are red.

Never refuel heaters inside the home. Fill the tank outdoors, away from combustible materials and after the heater is turned off and allowed to cool. Do not fill the fuel tank above the "full" mark. This area allows the fuel to expand

without causing leakage when the heater is operated.

Never attempt to move a lighted kerosene heater. Even a carrying handle could cause burns.

To avoid risk of fire, place the kerosene heater several feet away from all furniture, curtains, paper clothes, bedding and other combustible materials.

Infants, small children and pets should be kept away from heaters to avoid serious burns.

Never use a charcoal/propane grill, camp stove or portable outdoor propane heater inside your house for heat. These devices put out carbon monoxide poisoning, which can be deadly.

4. Carbon Monoxide.

Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, odorless, tasteless gas and is highly poisonous. Depending on the level of exposure, carbon monoxide may cause:

Fatigue, weakness, chest pains for those with heart disease, shortness of breath upon exertion, nausea, vomiting, headaches, confusion, lack of coordination, impaired vision, loss of consciousness, in severe cases, death.

Nicholas County, KY Mounted Patrol Organizational Meeting Details

An Organizational Meeting for the Kentucky Emergency Management Area 11 Volunteer Mounted Patrol Unit has been scheduled for 6 pm on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010.

The meeting will be held at the Vice Community Center on Highway 36 off Highway 11 between Carlisle and Sharpsburg 40350. This meeting should be of interest for the following EM Area 11 counties: Bourbon, Nicholas, Fayette, Clark, Powell, Estill, Madison, Fayette, Jessamine, Woodford and Garrard Counties

Several Area 11 horsemen and women have expressed an interest

forming an All-Volunteer Mounted Patrol Unit to join the efforts of the EM Area 7 unit currently serving Mason, Lewis, Fleming, Robertson, Bath, Montgomery, Menifee, Rowan, Morgan, Elliott, Carter, Greenup, Boyd and Lawrence Counties

The mission of the Mounted Patrol is to support fellowship along with equestrian activities, horsemanship and to assist the business community and area Emergency Managers if requested. The unit will not self deploy. Areas of interest to be discussed will include the following items, with plenty of time for Citizen and

Government input :

- Mounted Search and Rescue Assistance MSAR
- 1st Aid, CPR, CERTS, Red Cross DAT, VIPS
- Area Goodwill Ambassadors, Tourism
- Festival and Parade Assistance,
- Local Trail Riding, Riding With A Purpose
- Equine Drill Teams, For Parades and Fairs
- Training Requirements For New Members
- Sensitivity/Obstacle Training, Making Your Horse Safer
- Uniforms and Public

- Image Issues
- Minimum Age Requirements
- Liability And Rider Responsibilities
- Funding and Financial Assistance

The agenda for the meeting will be:

- 6:00 pm - What is a Mounted Patrol Unit and Why Do We Need One
- 6:30 pm - Patrol Training and Community Programs Available to Members
- 7:00 pm - Sponsorship Commitments Announced (Government Agencies, Private Sector Commitments)
- 7:30 pm - Committees formed to meet immediately and take the Patrol Unit to the next level.



Compiled by Phyllis Brady

Get well wishes and prayers go to Vivian Richardson of Dog Walk Road, who had back surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Earlywine dined at Cracker Barrel last week for her birthday.

A nice group from Irvingsville Baptist Church had the 3:00 p.m. Service at Johnson Mathers Nursing Home on Saturday, with their new pastor, Rev. Brad Caudill and wife. The church has grown from being in the teens sometimes to 40 some and even more at times.

Among those that Phyllis Brady visited the past week were Jannelle Price, Leona Riggs, Meryle Patton and others at the Nursing Home and Jerry Doyle Cynthiana, Glen Thacker Headquarters Road, and Don Adams, Paris and Jerry Hughes Nicholas County Hospital.

Mrs. Betty Livingood spent a week recently in Harrison Memorial hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle were among a large crowd attending a Bridal

Shower for Justin Doyle and Katy Barnes on Saturday afternoon, held at the Living Waters Church near Georgetown. Justin is son of Julia and Mark Doyle and grandson of Melba and Donnie Doyle. He is the one who lost his dog in an accident when he was four years old.

The residents of Johnson Mathers are sure happy to have Sharon Beckett back to work.

Bobby Brady enjoyed a Oyster Soup Supper on Sunday night at the home

of nephew, Jr. Whitson and family near Shadynook.

Sorry to hear of the death of Billy Prather last week. He helped us in crops several years ago. Sympathy is extended to Linda and their children and others.

John Brady, Headquarters Road, went through several tests week before last in Lexington. He has not been well for a long while.

Thoughts and prayers go out to Betsy Cleaver who was in hospital last week, but she wanted to go to church Sunday and did.

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Bryan Lutz files to run for State Senate in District 28

Bryan Lutz, a Republican from Cynthiana, has filed the necessary paperwork to declare his candidacy for the 2010 Kentucky State Senate race in the 28th Senatorial District which includes Harrison, Bourbon, Nicholas, Clark, Montgomery, and Bath counties.

"I hope to bring fresh thinking to Frankfort by using my business management experience to finding ways to cut government spending and ensure taxpayer dollars are used more efficiently. This district has been hit hard by job loss and I will work hard to help attract businesses and create more, good paying jobs." said Lutz.

Bryan is a member of the management team at Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Georgetown and has been employed there for nearly 22 years. His experiences include managing and monitoring many aspects of production and budgets with the emphasis on controlling costs and increasing the efficiency of operations.

Bryan resides in Harrison County with his wife, Missy, and their 2 children, Zachary, 13, and Charmaine, 11. The Lutz family currently attends the Leesburg Christian Church.

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SPORTS

Nicholas County High School Basketball

Jackets complete regular-season sweep of Deming

CARLISLE – Nicholas County completed a regular-season sweep of Deming last Tuesday (Jan. 12) in a game played on its home floor.

Deming, facing the Jackets on the road in the district matchup, struggled to convert on the offensive end in more than one quarter. Host Nicholas County, competing in a regular-season contest for the second time in as many days, used a 21-5 run in the first eight minutes of the second half to defeat the Devils 64-43. Junior forward Charles Washington was a force inside for Nicholas County. Washington, a newcomer for the Nicholas County boys' basketball team, ranked as the game's leading offensive player, scoring a game-high 23 points for the Jackets. Senior forward Dalton Hampton joined Washington in double figures for Nicholas County, netting 13 points as part of a solid outing. The homestanding Jackets maintained a lead at the conclusion of each quarter.

Nicholas County outscored the Devils 16-10 in the first quarter. Deming, however, wouldn't go away in the opening half. The Devils outscored Nicholas County 15-12 in the second quarter. After carrying a 28-25 lead into the intermission, Nicholas County opened the second half red-hot on the offensive end. The Jackets also defended well en route to outscoring the Devils 21-5 in the third quarter.

Deming, the preseason favorite to win the 38th District championship, couldn't recover from Nicholas County's early onslaught in the second half. Nicholas County outscored the Devils 15-13 in the final quarter.

Senior forward Kyle Campbell, one of the district's top players, pushed in nine points and senior center Zach Lemons added eight for victorious Nicholas County, which prevailed for the second time in three games. In other scoring for the Jackets, freshman forward J.D. Wagoner tossed in five points, senior guard Harry Fegan netted four and freshman guard Austin Allison added two.

Junior guard Kyle King carried Deming in the scoring column, posting a team-high 18 points for the Devils. King ranks as one of the state's leading scorers. Junior guard/forward Luke King joined his brother in double figures for the Devils, contributing 12 points. Other scorers for Deming included senior forward Matt Durham (four points), junior guard Jonathan Caldwell (four points), sophomore guard/forward Johnathan Pilosky (three points) and senior forward Austin Stitt (two points).

Jackets down Augusta for second straight win

AUGUSTA – Junior forward Charles Washington led a trio of Nicholas County scorers in double figures Friday night as he netted a game-high 28 points against non-district foe Augusta.

Nicholas County handled Augusta in the road game, prevailing 89-73. Nicholas County, a team which had defeated 38th District rival Deming for a regular-season sweep earlier in the week, improved to 7-5 after recording the win.

Senior center Zach Lemons scored 11 points and senior forward Dalton Hampton added 10 for the victorious Jackets.

Nicholas County broke free from Augusta in the opening quarter, outscoring the Panthers 27-15 in the first eight minutes. The Jackets then added to their lead in each of the next two quarters. Nicholas County led Augusta 47-28 at halftime. After the intermission, Nicholas County picked right back up where it had left off prior to the break, outscoring Augusta 24-16 in the third quarter.

The versatile Jackets thrived on the offensive end during numerous possessions. Nicholas County received scoring from nine different players in the road game. Senior guards Camron Dale and Harry Fegan were also quite productive for the Jackets. Dale dumped in eight points and Fegan added seven for the Nicholas County contingent. Freshman forward J.D. Wagoner scored five points and senior center Cody Fryman contributed two for Nicholas County in the winning effort. Nicholas County senior forward Kalep Brierly worked his way into the scoring column by connecting on a successful free throw attempt.

Junior guard Colton Fraysure led Augusta with a team-high 17 points. Jacob Kelsch, a junior forward, joined Fraysure in double figures for the Panthers, adding 15 points. Sophomore guard Dalton Appelman added eight points for the Panthers in the setback. Augusta, which featured a dozen different scorers, dropped its fourth game in five outings. Following the latest loss, Augusta slipped to 4-11.

Nicholas County entered the week ranked 10th in the 10th Region standings. The Jackets are set to compete in the 10th Region All "A" Classic.

Lady Jackets turn back Deming in district matchup

CARLISLE – The Nicholas County Lady Jackets owned a lead at the conclusion of each quarter Tuesday night (Jan. 12) in a home game versus 38th District rival Deming. Nicholas County ultimately pulled away and won convincingly as visiting Deming struggled to produce offensively in the second half of the district matchup, coming up empty on numerous possessions.

Nicholas County prevailed in the intriguing contest, defeating the Lady Devils 60-38. "The girls did a very good job getting after it," Nicholas County Coach Jennifer Cornett commented. "They ran the floor well and was very patient on the offensive end of the floor. We got good shots and was able to rotate about eight-to-nine players in when most teams cannot do that."

Deming had to try to stop more than one Nicholas County player in the district game. In all, three different Nicholas County scorers reached double figures. Senior Shelby Sosby led Nicholas County offensively, scoring a game-high 20 points. Senior Petrea Mitchell followed with 14 points for the Lady Jackets. In all, three different

Nicholas County scorers reached double figures. Seventh grader Megan Bretz chipped in 10 points for the Nicholas County girls' basketball team.

Nicholas County outscored the Lady Devils 14-10 in the opening quarter. Deming managed to outscore the Lady Jackets 15-14 in the second quarter, leaving Nicholas County out in front 28-25 at the intermission. Nicholas County did most of its damage in the second half. The host Lady Jackets outscored Deming 13-6 in the third quarter and concluded the game on a 19-7 run over the last eight minutes.

Balanced scoring helped Nicholas County pull away and claim the key win. Freshman Reesa Martin flipped in nine points and junior Mandi McLean added seven for the Lady Jackets.

Seventh grade guard Lacey Mitchell led Deming with a team-high 15 points. Lacey Mitchell was one of two Deming players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Senior forward Mary Case followed with 12 points for the Lady Devils. Only four players dented the scoring column for Deming. Sophomore guard/forward Jessica Mitchell scored six points and senior center Elizabeth Wright added five for the Lady Devils.

Nicholas County completed a regular-season sweep of the Lady Devils. Earlier in the regular-season, in a game played Dec. 12, Nicholas County traveled to Mount Olivet and defeated the Lady Devils 55-51.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Charles Washington

Deming - 25 points 12 rebounds 3 blocks 3 steals
Augusta - 28 points 16 rebounds 3 blocks



Reesa Martin

19pts vs Bourbon County



Photo submitted

Future Cardinal?

Jasmine Flowers, a nine year old 4th grader at Nicholas County Elementary School attended the University of Louisville Girls Basketball Camp in the summer of 2009. The Louisville camp had over fifty campers from across the state. Due to hard work and play during camp Jasmine received what she considers a great honor. Jasmine is a HUGE Louisville fan and was chosen, from many campers, by assistant coach Becky Bonner to serve as the Cardinals towel/ball girl during their Feb. 7 game when they host the UConn Lady Huskies. Connecticut is the team that defeated the Lady Cards in last years Final Four round. The Huskies are currently undefeated and the number one country in the country. This game is set to be televised on ESPNU at 8:00pm. Jasmine is the daughter of David and Susan Flowers.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

18 Health Department Closed

The Nicholas County Health Department will be closed Jan 18, 2010 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

February

8 Book Club

The Book Club held the 2nd Monday of every month in Worthington Lodge at the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park. The next meeting is Feb 8th at 7 PM. The book of discussion is Follow the River by James Alexander.

11 Nicholas County Republican Party

The Nicholas County Republican Party is meeting Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nicholas County Public Library Basement. Contact 859-473-2686.

2010 Relay for Life

Team Recruitment is underway for the 2010 Relay for Life of Nicholas County, which will take place May 21, 2010 at the Nicholas County Courthouse Yard in town this year. Business, Clubs, Families, Friends, Hospitals, Churches, Schools, and service organizations can form teams. Theme for this year Relay is Nicholas County Relay For A Cure, and members take turns walking or running around the courthouse during the relay. Games, activities and music will held during the event to make it a festive occasion. "We invite everyone in the community to take part in the Relay for Life", said Georgia Gilvin Chairperson and Team Recruiter. "Where else can you have so much fun and support such an important cause at the same time?" Money raised from the event supports ACS research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

To register a team call Georgia Gilvin at 859-289-5972.

Nicholas County Fix

Bluegrass Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Paul Pack, at 11 East Main, Paris is honored to be participating in the Nichols co. Fix spay/neuter program. The program is aimed at reducing the number of unwanted or homeless puppies and kittens born every year. Drawings for the free service are held each month and applications

Peanut Butter & Jam Session

Peanut Butter and Jam Sessions held the third Sunday of each month at the Neal Welcome Center. Bluegrass and old-time open jam session, all musicians are welcomed. Arts and crafts activities for the kids. Refreshments for all ages 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at no charge. Sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society and the Courthouse Square Arts Guild.

Dogs available for adoption

Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption. 473-2714 or www.ncaws.org.

Old Jailers Home Luncheons

are held the second Thursday of each month. Reservation necessary, Call Gladys Shroat 289-5174 or 749-7986 or Martha Taylor 289-5592 or 749-1948. Sponsered by Tourism Inc.

JMHC Auxiliary

Johnson Mathers Health Care Auxiliary that meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month to the Nicholas Co. Health Dept. at 10:00 a.m.

Dougherty Lodge #65 F.A.M.

Dougherty Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Gaunce Funeral Home. All masters mason are welcomed to attend.

Blue Lick Lodge #495 F. & A.M.

The Blue Lick Lodge #495 F.& A.M. meets the last Saturday of each Month at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

Orient Lodge #500

The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are welcomed.

N.C. Adult Learning Center News

The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instruction to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and on their own schedule. Interested persons may stop by anytime. between the hours 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Diabetes self-management classes

The WEDCO District Health Department will be hosting Diabetes Self-Management education classes, each month. They will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center, Dr. Robert Sparks Community Room. For more information and to register contact Crissy Culbertson, 866-75WEDCO, or 859-298-4899.

AA meetings

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., except the third Tuesday of the month is at 7 p.m. in the Sparks Room of the Nicholas County Health Department.

If you have a community announcement, please bring it to The Carlisle Mercury at 218 North Locust. You can mail it to P.O. Box 272, Carlisle, KY 40311. You can email it to editor@thecarlislemercury.com. You can fax it to 859-289-4000.

COURT NEWS

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- BT = Bench Trial
- CT = Court Trial
- FTA = Failure to Appear
- GP = Guilty Plea
- INV = Inventory
- JT = Jury Trial
- MH = Motion Hearing
- MOC = Motion of Counsel
- NG = Not Guilty
- OH = Other Hearing
- PD = Public Defendant
- PH = Probate Hearing
- PTC = Pretrial Conference
- REV = Review
- SCD/IP = Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment

Nicholas County District Court Hon. William D. Probus January 13, 2010

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 Ashley D. Beaty. SCD/IP. SC By mail 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
 Ashley A. Bond. SCD?IP. SC 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
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 Jeffrey A.Glass. SCD/IP. SC 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
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Cynthia Leigh Hunt. SCD/Ip. SC 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
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 Jessica Lynn Hunt. SCD/Ip. SC 2/10/10 at 1:00 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
 The wounds of war are not always easy to see. In addition to the physical injuries sustained in conflict, countless servicemen and women have experienced psychological symptoms directly related to their deployment. Recent studies estimate that 300,000 men and women have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with severe depression or post-traumatic stress. And there are 18 suicides on average each day among America's 25 million veterans. Here in Kentucky, Fort Campbell's suicide rate is currently the highest in the Army. An average of one soldier per week committed suicide there between January and mid-March, 2009.

ing one hour of free counseling services each week to our returning troops and their families. Give an Hour™ provides separate and personal services to this highly vulnerable population, offering options to service members who might otherwise fail to seek or receive appropriate care. The number of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans seeking treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder jumped by almost 70 percent over the 12 months ending June 30, 2007, according to VA records. Give an Hour™ hopes to supplement the psychological services

es the military offers. Kentucky's goal is to enlist at least 400 clinicians, just 10 percent of our licensed mental health providers. Caring for those who serve our country must be one of our highest priorities. For more information or to sign up to volunteer or receive services through Give an Hour™, please visit www.kentuckysuicideprevention.org.

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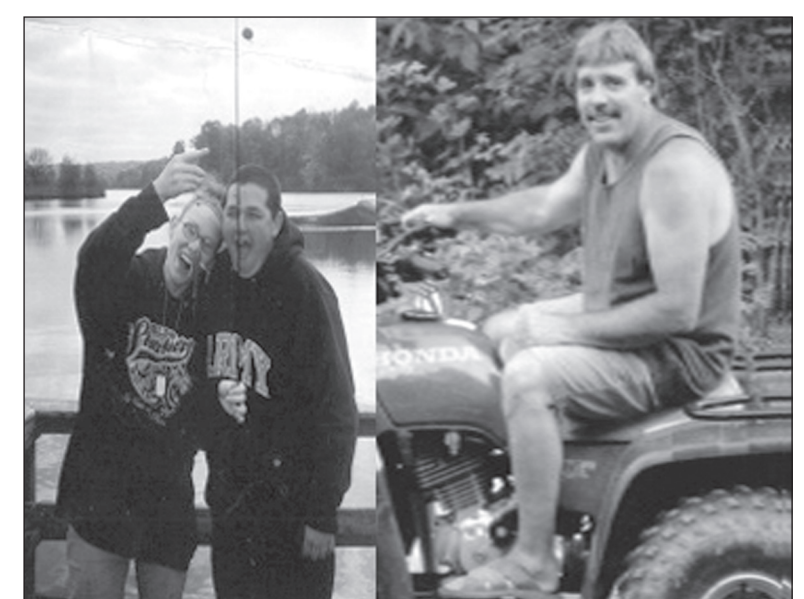


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Chase D. Puckett. SCD/IP. SC 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m. to be pd in full and have counseling report.
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Justin K. Willoughby. SCD/IP. SC 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
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Randy W. Zornes. SCD/IP. SC 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
Estate of James A. Barlow. PH. Order entered.
Estate of Billie Herrington. PH> order entered dispensing w/administration; will placed in file for record purposes only.
Estate of Margaret E. Howard. REV. review 2/3/10 at 12:00 p.m. clerk to mail copy of this calendar to atty.
In Re: Sarah Courtney Gum. PH. Passed at request of counsel on 1/27/10 at 12:00

for receipt of waivers.
In Re: Emily Brook Herrington. PH. Order entered.
En Re: Cameron S. Vance. Cont to 1/27/10 at 12:00 p.m.
Estate of Richard Weills Hilland. PH. Order dispensing w/administration; will admitted to probate for record purposes only.
Korie L. Krebs. OH. 1. failure to dim headlights paid in full. 2. failure to produce insurance card. GP \$100. 3. Failure to notify DOT GP \$25. FTA Recalled SCO 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
Capital One Bank vs. Danelle N. Evans. MH default judgment for plaintiff
Target Nation Bank vs. Tina Tolson. MH. passed to 1/27/10 at 12:00 p.m. clerk to check record.
Donald J. Derolf. ARR. 1. speeding 15 mph over limit. FTA.
James Edmond. ARR. alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd o. GP \$25 c. bond to be refunded to surety. SCO 3/10/10 at 10:00 a.m.
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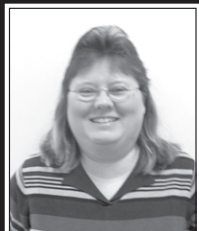
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GENERAL NEWS

Man who caused death of Commonwealth Attorney Wright sentenced

By Charles Mattox
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A Cincinnati pastor was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment at the conclusion of a trial in Pendleton County for the wanton murder of Commonwealth Attorney Doug Wright.

Daniel Keith Gabbard, 41, of Cincinnati, was found guilty last week of the wanton murder of Doug Wright, 48, the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 18th Judicial District, which includes Harrison, Pendleton, Nicholas and Robertson County, who was killed in a two-vehicle accident June 8, just north of Butler in Pendleton County. The same jury that found Gabbard guilty also recommended he serve a 20-year prison sentence.

Wright perished on June 8 when a semi truck crossed the centerline and struck Wright's vehicle, near his home.

Gabbard was driving while under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

Kentucky State Police officers led the investigation into the accident.

"On Monday, June 8, 2009, at approx 1833 hours Troopers from the Kentucky State Police in Dry Ridge responded to a two-vehicle collision on US 27 just north of Butler in Pendleton County," states a Kentucky State Police Dry ridge Post release regarding the accident. "Daniel Gabbard was traveling southbound on US 27 while operating a 1998 International semi truck. Doug Wright was traveling northbound on US 27 in a 1990 Buick Riviera. Mr. Gabbard crossed the centerline and struck Mr. Wright's vehicle in the northbound lane. The Pendleton County Deputy Coroner, Gerald

Mudd, pronounced Doug Wright dead on scene. The Pendleton County Ambulance Service transported Mr. Gabbard from the scene to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. This incident remains under investigation by Trooper Chad Mills and Detective Scott Lengle."

The Kentucky State Police was assisted on scene by the Campbell County Emergency Management, the Northern KY Hazmat Team, Falmouth Police Department, Pendleton County Sheriffs Department, Butler Police Department, Butler Fire Department, Pendleton County Emergency Management and the Pendleton County Ambulance Service.

Wright was unopposed during the 2006 election when he became Commonwealth Attorney and had previously left a thriving private law practice to become assistant Commonwealth Attorney under Jack Keith.



Photo by Charles Mattox

Commonwealth Attorney Doug Wright, shown on the right, was passionate about the law and serving the communities of Harrison, Pendleton, Nicholas and Robertson County. He was always eager to assist a colleague. "Doug didn't take from the community. He gave," said Jesse Melcher, County Attorney of Robertson County. Melcher, who was a life-long friend of Wright, is shown on the left, talking to Wright at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Robertson County Justice Center in 2008. Wright was killed June 8 during a tragic two-vehicle accident in Pendleton County.

He was very well known and respected in the community; especially by those who knew him over the years and worked closely with him.

"Doug will be sorely missed," said Dawn Letcher, County Attorney of Nicholas County.

Letcher commented briefly about Wright im-

mediately following the accident, after returning from Wright's office to personally offer her condolences and assist his staff in any way.

"We are devastated to hear of this loss," she said with a heavy heart. "Doug was a devoted husband and father and he was a devoted Commonwealth

Attorney. We, in our office, always enjoyed a very positive and productive working relationship with Doug and we're still just in shock. Doug was always such a Kentucky gentleman. He worked tirelessly for the commonwealth and he truly worked to pursue justice for everyone."

Others who worked closely with Wright and knew him as a close and devoted friend also spoke of his dedication to the community.

"He was very passionate about the law," said Jesse Melcher, County Attorney of Robertson County and life-long friend of Wright's. "Doug was more than a Commonwealth Attorney. He was very active in the community and he was a person who believed in doing the right thing."

Melcher praised Wright's dedication to the communities he served.

"Doug was from Pennsylvania, but he fell in love with this area and this was his home. Doug

didn't take from the community. He gave. He believed in the judicial system and he treated people fairly. He made a difference in the communities he served. He was in the prime of his life and he was a great guy with a great family. This is a terrible blow; a good family has lost a dear loved one and it is a terrible loss to the legal profession and to the communities Doug served. Doug took his position as Commonwealth Attorney very seriously but he always had a very pleasant personality. He had a very positive impact on my life and many people's lives. I wish I had one last chance to say something to him. I'm still in shock. I just can't believe he's gone."

A wife and two children survive Wright.

Attorney Doug Miller was sworn in to complete Wright's un-expired term as Commonwealth Attorney.

Gabbard is scheduled for formal sentencing in March.

LETTER

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Editor,
This is in regards to the "Make-up Snow days schedule" for the Nicholas County School System. I am concerned about this because "Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday" will be observed in January but "Presidents Day" in observance of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln will not be observed in February, but used as snow day make-up. "Good Friday" in observance of Jesus Christ will also not be observed in April. Why is this? Is what one person did for our country any more important than the others? All of these Holidays or none of these holidays should be observed or used as make-up days with no exceptions. I do not intend to send my child to school on "Presidents Day" and I expect his absence not to be counted against him. Any other parents who agree should also keep their children home from school and observe "President's Day" on February 15. Discrimination is shown in many ways and is not always geared toward races other than Caucasian.

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