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Hopes shattered

Nicholas County football players Steve Anderson and Mark Taylor collapsed in a state of shattered disbelief last Friday after the Bluejackets dropped a heartbreaker in overtime to district rival Raceland. — Mercury photo.

## Truck forced from highway

A Sunday evening accident that left one man with minor injuries and his wife hospitalized was apparently the result of a reckless driver who failed to stop after running the victims off the road.

Constable Ronald McDonald reported Monday that a truck driven by Roger Bowles, 45 East Street, was reported to be forced from the road at 5:15 by a small black car as the truck traveled east on Route 36 near Country's Gas Station.

McDonald said Bowles reported that he saw the car coming at him on the wrong side of the road and was forced to swerve left to avoid a head-on collision.

When he swerved, Bowles lost control of his truck and skidded 100 feet before running off the road and striking on earth embankment. The impact knocked him back up on the road, where he slid another 45 feet before finally coming to a stop.

Both Bowles and his wife, a passenger, were uninjured.

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Singing teachers

The Singing Teachers, a musical group composed of teachers in the Nicholas County School system, performed for the nearly 170 school administrators who were in Carlisle last Thursday for the annual meeting of the Central Kentucky School Board Association. Pictured above are (from left) Dana Lane, Brenda Lawrence, Judy Hawkins and Louise Curran. — Mercury photo.

## Jackets drop heartbreaker to Raceland in overtime

"If you have to make excuses for losing a game like that, you haven't got much class," said Bluejacket football coach Ben Pumphrey after his young squad dropped a heartbreaker in overtime to a feisty Raceland team.

The 14-12 loss kept the Jackets from winning the district title outright. They must now wait until Raceland and Fairview let it go Nov. 4 to see where they stand. If Raceland wins, it will capture the crown on the basis of its undefeated district record. If Fairview wins, all three district teams will have 1-1 records and the contest will be thrown into a point system which chooses a champion on the basis of how defeated opponents have fared.

If Fairview can beat Raceland Nov. 4, the Jackets are very much back in the running for the district crown. But with three games left on the schedule for each team, it's too early to tell just how the Jackets will come out should Fairview triumph in the first week of November.

The Jackets saw the hard fought thriller last week literally slip through their fingertips when Quarterback Rocky Young's pass attempt on the extra point in overtime slipped from the hands of receiver Steve Anderson. Young had completed eight of nine passes up to that point, and Anderson had hauled in seven of those for 73 yards. Quarterback Steve Anderson scored a touchdown and extra point in the overtime to jump out 14-4. The Jackets then scored on their first offensive play in the overtime when Young hit David McGuffey for a 39 yard score.

But Young and Anderson couldn't connect on the extra point attempt, which would have extended the overtime, and the Jackets lost one of their most emotional games of the year.

The fourth quarter expired with the two teams deadlocked 6-6.

The Jackets scored first on a 39-yard pass from Rocky Young to Steve Anderson with only 2:30 seconds remaining in the first half. The extra point attempt was good.

The second half saw the same hard-fought action as the first, with both going all-out, but failing to be able to punch the ball into the end zone.

Raceland finally hit paydirt on a 27-yard pass from quarterback Chuck Barker to receiver Larry Baston with 3:22 to go in the third quarter.

The Jackets moved the ball well throughout the game, alternating between Young and McGuffey at the quarterback slot, but Raceland always managed to put a lid on the end zone.

"The kids accepted it with a whole lot of class," said Pumphrey of the last second loss. "I think we just didn't think we would lose" after the high level of intensity throughout the game.

— David McGuffey was seen again Nov. 2. — See Jackets, page 12

## Ambulance grant proposal prepared

The City Council and the Fiscal Court joined forces again last Tuesday in order to prepare an application for matching funds from the state for the establishment of an ambulance service.

By the end of the meeting, the ambulance service's budget for next year was estimated to be \$100,000 on the request for matching funds.

The request listed the projected expenses as including \$10,000 for the purchase of two ambulance units, \$17,000 for personnel (including one full-time position), and over \$17,000 in operating expenses.

The grant could come from a provision in Senate Bill 111 that appropriated \$1.5 million per year for the 10-24 program to assist local governments in meeting the cost of providing ambulance service.

The grants are provided on a 50/50 matching basis, and can cover the cost of providing personnel, ambulance, and equipment costs. The grants cannot exceed \$50,000 per county for personnel and \$12,500 per county for equipment.

However, Chris Smith from the Department for Human Resources, warned earlier this year that the \$1.5 million doesn't go very far when stretched out over 120 counties.

County Attorney Joseph H. Conley also said at the outset that the Court and Council should try to get together some idea of how the county planned to run the ambulance service, so taxpayers could have some idea of what they were voting on when they reach the ballot Nov. 2.

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## TTL plans \$70 million project near Maysville

Transcontinental Terminals Inc., which has been updating the railroad tracks around Carlisle for the past several weeks, is reportedly in the planning stages of constructing a \$70 million general cargo port on the Ohio River four miles west of Maysville.

According to a report by Doug Simbaugh in the Kentucky Post last week, the port would be the eastern shore of a 500-acre riverside industrial park project, long planned and sought by the Maysville-Mason County Port Authority.

Port authority chairman Joe Newell said the authority has an agreement with TTL to lease tax-free industrial lands for an estimated \$20 million once the company is ready to start construction on the port — possibly within two or three years.

In return for the authority's help on the lands, the Lexington firm will operate the port as a coal unloading facility for its own interests, as well as a loading and unloading facility for any other business that wants to use it.

Newell said several industrial firms have contacted him about locating on the riverfront property.

Transcontinental Terminals Inc. operates a rail transportation line from Paris to Maysville that is used to transport general cargo. The line connects in Maysville with the Chesapeake and Ohio line that runs along the river.

Bill Hughes, president of Transcontinental Terminals Inc., has refused government or his company's plans for the riverfront property. "When all the plans are in place, then TTL have something to say," Hughes said.

Hughes also refused to say who owns his company.

An employee of the firm, who asked not to be identified, said the company is building a temporary coal unloading facility on the east side of Maysville. The facility, which is expected to be completed in early December, will handle an estimated three million tons of coal a year from eastern Kentucky.

The temporary facility will be used until the port facility is completed on the west side of Maysville.

The plan for port came to light this week when the Lexington firm purchased 215 acres of riverfront land from Maysville businessman Andrew Duke for \$23,000.

Newell said the property already has been zoned for industrial use and has a purchase option with East Kentucky Power Cooperative.

Newell said the plan calls for Transcontinental Terminals Inc. to take the option from the authority, buy the land, then sell it and Transcontinental Terminals Inc. to the authority for \$1.

Such an agreement is necessary, Newell said, because the authority has to own the land to sell the tax-exempt bonds. Later, Transcontinental Terminals will lease the land it needs from the authority.

Newell's retired coal miner, said the Lexington firm has indicated it would need about 200 acres, which will include land for coal storage facilities. The remaining land will be used for other industrial firms, he said.

Newell said the whole port plan will not cost the taxpayer any money. "This is all private enterprise," Newell said.

## City amends zoning map

City Council passed an ordinance amending the map for Planning and Zoning on the first reading at last night's regular meeting.

In a letter from the Attorney General's office an opinion was rendered on the age limit of a radio dispatcher operator trainee in the Carlisle Police Department. A trainee can be 17 years of age. To be an employee of the city as a dispatcher the person must be 18 years of age or older. The question arose over Gary McFarland's part-time job as a dispatcher. Gary, who is 17 years of age, does not qualify for the trainee job.

John Hurke, Kentucky Utilities manager, submitted an engineers' report on new street lighting for Catherine Street and Sharon Way. The report was read by Councilman Vaughn. The report called for taking out some of the present lights and installing new ones to better illuminate the area. A resolution was passed on a roll call vote, accepting the report. Councilman Owsen voted negatively stating that Council had agreed several months ago not to install any more street lights until a Kentucky Utilities comprehensive city-wide lighting plan is submitted to Council for review. So far no such plan has been submitted to Council.

In a telephone conversation with Burke Tuesday afternoon, he stated, "Although a comprehensive city-wide plan has not been submitted, the two areas in question were designed such that they will fit into the overall plan presently being worked out."

Clay Hunt sent a request to Council asking that the City take over the street light behind his service station. Hunt has been paying the light bill on the light. Council agreed to do so, as the light does illuminate the alley behind the station.

Council voted to adopt the Property Tax Ordinance at 24-5 cents per \$100 assessment.

Council gave City Clerk Mary Tapp permission to order the city stickers now, so they will be ready for sale the first of the year. \$15.00 has been collected on the purchase of the stickers so far this year.

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Fight for yardage

Bluejacket runningback Keith Williams fights for yardage on a short-gain last Friday in the Jackets' tough loss to district rival Raceland. — Mercury photo.