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Giant of a gully...

Paul Swartz, landowner, is shown standing in a gully on the Paul Swartz farm near Blue Licks that reached a length greater than 100 feet.

Eroded, idle land made productive

Soil erosion can occur anytime, anywhere. Tons of soil may creep from fields without giving any sign to the naked eye. Erosion may occur in short, or more severely, gully form. If not treated erosion can turn the most productive farmland into barren wasteland.

Paul Swartz, landowner in the Blue Licks community, saw firsthand how fast erosion can take place. A few years ago Paul had constructed two diversions above his cropland fields. A combination of too much water concentrating in one area and a highly erosive soil produced a severe gully problem.

The gully spanned an area 110 feet across the top and a depth of five feet.

Swartz contacted the Soil Conservation Service for assistance in correcting the gullied area. Curtis Roser, District Conservationist, with the assistance of SCS engineers, developed a drop structure designed to correct this particular erosion problem.

With a combination of riprap, fertilizers, seeding and mulching the land was brought back into production. The landowner to mow and maintain for hay production. With the cooperation of the local ASCS, costshare assistance was made available.

Anyone wishing more information on this project or any soil and water problem may contact their local SCS office.



...now productive farmland

The completed project, as shown here, has brought this area back into production. The local SCS and ASCS provided technical and financial assistance.

Hildreth tours both days

Park celebration Saturday, Sunday

The Battle of Blue Licks will be re-created as part of a celebration scheduled for Aug. 18-19 at Blue Licks State Park.

Men dressed in authentic uniforms and wielding faithful replicas of Revolutionary War weapons will clash both days of the observance. The reenactors will give visitors an idea of what the scene might have looked like when 12 pioneer Kentuckians defeated 100 British soldiers against some 500 Indians and 50 British soldiers nearly one year after the British surrendered at Yorktown.

Among participants will be 40 members of the host group, Captain John Hilder's Company, which is named for the original militia that defended the area.

FRUITVENDERS start at 9 a.m. Saturday with the opening of the park museum. Starting at 10 a.m., the park will sponsor an arts and crafts fair and demonstrations of pioneer skills like market firing and cloth spinning. An 180-minute fashion show also is scheduled.

At noon the Department of Parks in the Tourism Cabinet will conduct

ceremonies observing the 200th anniversary of the state parks system. Then at 3 p.m., one of the two reenactments will be held. Following will be a square dance at the museum, starting at 5 p.m.

The museum reopens at 9 a.m. Sunday, and the arts and crafts fair resumes at noon. Following a laying of the wreath ceremony at 1 p.m., the battle will again be re-created, at 3 p.m. Two hours later, folk singers Dick and Anne Allen will perform.

TOURS to Hildreth School will be sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society from 10 both days. Shuttle service to and from the one room school originates in the parking lot of Blue Licks Christian Church near the park entrance.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Richard Clark, park manager, at 388-5007.

Schools open August 23; teachers report Monday

Food prices are the same as last year

Nicholas County School officials announced this week that the 1984-85 school year will open August 23 with teachers meeting at 9 a.m. at the elementary school. On August 21 and 22 teachers will be participating in joint insurance activities with James-Union and Scott counties.

Students will report for the first day of classes on August 23. Elementary school classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and classes at 3:30 p.m. High school classes will begin at 8:30 and classes at 3 p.m. School will be in session for the full day.

Lunch only will be served on the opening day. The breakfast program will begin on August 24.

Recent legislative action has mandated that students be in school the entire day on each instructional day scheduled.

Lunch and breakfast prices will remain at the same level for the coming school year. According to Bill Guthrie, school food service director, the prices of lunch and breakfast have been increased only once within the last 12 years.

Mr. Edler (superintendent) said 1 both came to Nicholas County in 1974. Since that time we have approached the Board of Education for a price increase only once and that was about four years ago when the state in federal aid re-education first began. Since that time, we have been able to hold our prices for reduced price and paid meals by careful use of government donated commodities and judicious buying policies," he said.

PAID MEALS are as follows: Paid breakfast, 20 cents; reduced price breakfast, 15 cents; paid lunch price, 50 cents (50 cents for high school students); reduced lunch price, 20 cents.

School officials will again be required by federal regulation to verify the income of three percent of all applications for free and reduced price meals. This process will begin Oct. 1. Using a random sampling method provided by the State Department of

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Wilson resigns 4-H position

Mrs. Sharon Wilson, County Extension Agent for 4-H here for the past six years, resigned that position Monday to become a teacher at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Mrs. Wilson taught three years at Irvine Elementary School prior to coming here in 1978. Her successor had not been named.



Last go-round for eight

Eight seniors began their final football season Friday night when Nicholas County hosts the Fleming Panthers in an 8 p.m. contest. From left: Kevin Wells, Brian Watkins, Darren Robinson, Rocky Young, Jeff Curtisinger, Deweyne Baker, Steve Kirby and David Allison.

County clerk to collect property taxes for city

City Council members learned Monday night that 13 units at Nicholas Square Apartments are being federally subsidized; and that starting January 1985 city personal property tax will be collected by the Nicholas County Clerk's office at the same time as or truck licenses are purchased.

Mrs. Carol Workman, president of Waterwood, a property management firm in Lexington which owns Nicholas Square, told members that Farmers Home Administration has granted subsidies on only 13 of the 36 units in the apartment complex. Eight or 10 of the 13 units can go to elderly people, with the remainder going to families. Most of the subsidy is already being used by persons presently residing in order that they can meet their monthly rent of between \$16 and \$26. Other present renters, mostly elderly, are deciding on whether to accept or reject the subsidy. Some 23 units are presently occupied.

MRS. WORKMAN stressed that everything possible had been tried by Waterwood and Lenora Curtis, manager of the apartments, to achieve total occupancy of the 36 units, but that "it just didn't work." She said that for many, many months there were only 13 units rented. Two income offers were one month's free rent, and stretched out, rent payments. She said the only thing left to

possibly do is keep it from becoming what you hear it might.

Waterwood does not have to seek permission from the federal council of the use of federally subsidized housing, according to Mrs. Workman, but out of courtesy to the council, she said this information should be relayed to its members.

CITY CLERK Mary Tapp made the announcement concerning the collection of city personal property tax by the county clerk's office. This is a new state law that must be adhered to starting in January 1985.

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Lightning-caused fire destroys barn, contents

A seven best barn and farm equipment owned by Carl and Mabel Gilligan and Elizabeth Cryer on Pleasant Springs Road were destroyed by fire Friday afternoon.

In addition, approximately 15 round bales of hay in a nearby field were burned.

Firemen were able to save another nearby barn and outbuildings on the property, known as the OGD farm. They were on the scene about three hours, Hughes reported.

Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes said that lightning struck the barn shortly after 1 p.m. An attached shed was also consumed in the blaze which caused an estimated \$10,000 loss.



Practice makes perfect
Cooley Seithers and Amy McFarland at band camp practice. (Story elsewhere in this issue.)