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## Greg Letcher named head football coach at NCHS



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By Josh Shepherd  
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Greg Letcher, who played football as well as other sports at Nicholas County from 1971-1976, has been named head football coach at Nicholas County High School. Letcher said he did not anticipate Robbie Barr leaving to take in the summer, but he is pleased to accept the mantle of head coach. When he heard Barr resigned, Letcher said, he knew he would be in the running for the position and he gave the

promotion serious thought before accepting. "By taking this position, I knew I would have to give up other responsibilities I had. I wanted to give up being track coach, but with every change in responsibility means you have to give up some things, so I had to drop it," Letcher said. The only other team he will coach besides football is an assistant coach of the boys' basketball team, he said. "I thought the football team had 11 seniors. Letcher is optimistic about the season. "Of course I won't know anything until I see who comes out for the team, but I feel we will have a successful program," Letcher said. He still lacks a coaching staff and says he will need an assistant coach and especially need a good coach for the junior varsity. "But, I know the school board will choose a person

who is the best possible teaching candidate, which is as it should be," Letcher said. His experience playing for the Nicholas County team will help him in his role as coach because in his eighth, ninth and 12th grade years the team had losing seasons which helped sensitize him to loss and helped him deal with a team with small numbers. "However, my junior year we went 6-5 and my senior year we went 10-2. Those times I'll never forget. "Among my players, I want to give them a sense of pride in themselves, loyalty within the team as well as to the coaches and also loyalty from the coaches to the team. I also want to impress a strong level of self-discipline on the team. "I would also like to see community and administrative involvement with the program to become stronger," Letcher said. Those students, from grades 7-12, wishing to participate on the team need to report to the Nicholas County Elementary school at 8 p.m. July 27 for a free physical examination and issuing of equipment. The first practice will be on Monday, July 31 at 8:30 p.m. "My first priority at the high school are the moving classes I teach a day, that will not change," Letcher said. "In six years I haven't missed a day of classes or any game I've been coach. Knock on wood I won't while I am coach."

## Deposit Bank zone request is approved by commission

By Dan Bowles  
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Nicholas County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the request of Jim Brown to turn some portions of a residential district to a commercial district on West Main Street. Brown came before the commission with a diagram and picture of the proposed site. He intends to put in a full service drive-thru bank branch of the Deposit Bank. Brown said, "This is not to replace the existing bank. Allan Waugh and Baby and Carolyn Crockett made two stipulations to Brown before agreeing to Brown be. Brown said, "Waugh said it must be a financial institution for at least 10 years. "Crockett said, the property cannot be turned into a grocery facility." S.R. Barlow and Clarence Card were approached by Pauline Wasson who asked

if the bank's construction would affect her property. Commission members said the bank will not affect her property in any way. Brown said, "I plan to put up a chain after closing hours to cut down on litter and people driving around the bank. "Some trees will need to be removed so there will be enough parking and still have traffic flow. "Some of the trees will be for decorative purposes." Planning and Zoning Attorney Billy Hopkins said the fees had been paid to change the zoning and the sign was placed on the property 14 days before. The commission voted unanimously in favor of recommending the rezoning to the Carlisle City Council.

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## Carlisle is seeking status as Certified Kentucky City

Carlisle has entered the Certified Cities Program for 1989 in an effort to stimulate economic growth and vitality. The community will be evaluated on economic development, tourism, community organizations, community planning, utilities, downtown revitalizations, and community appearance. Sponsoring by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Certified Cities Program recognized Kentucky communities that meet strict requirements in community and economic development. The award denotes that the Certified Cities are among the best places in Kentucky to do business. According to Jeff Eger, vice president for economic and community development with the Kentucky Chamber, the Certified Cities Program is a systematic method for cities to prepare for the challenges of the future and remain progressive. The Certified Cities Program unites local leaders in a common effort to achieve economic growth, civic improvement, and a better quality of life," said Governor Wallace Wilkinson in support of the program. The Kentucky Program has received national recognition as the only program of its type implemented by the private sector. Evaluation team members scheduled to assess Carlisle on Wednesday, July 26 include: Economic Development; Carol Pfeiffer, Kentucky Utilities Company; Keith Roberts, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development; Carl Pfeiffer, Kentucky Utilities Company; Brenda Dickinson, GHW Engineers, Inc.; Jim Orr, Kentucky Utilities Company; Pam Mathen, Harrodsburg First; Duke Joe Gibson, Kentucky and Connie Riddell, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. This year's Certified Cities will be announced on November 16 at an awards luncheon in Lexington.

## Carlisle man charged following TTI break-in

Carlisle City Police have charged Wesley Shroat, 24, Carlisle with receiving stolen property. The arrest occurred at 1:32 a.m., July 19 on Market Street in Carlisle. According to a police report Carlisle Police Officer Jay Smith spotted Shroat walking behind the old pool room on Broadway in Carlisle, allegedly carrying something. At that time Smith approached Shroat who was near several items of property. The items apparently came from the TTI office on Market Street with a value of nearly \$10,000 according to an inventory available from the arrest report filed by Carlisle Officer Jerry Bloomfield. Bloomfield said he circled

the block to look for anyone who may have been involved in the alleged break-in, but found no one. He then returned to assist Smith. The inventory listed chain saws, jacks, walkie-talkies, and other items apparently taken from TTI and stacked in a parking lot across Market Street. Plus, some change from the pop machine at TTI. According to Bloomfield, Shroat was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer to be lodged in the Montgomery County Jail. Arrangements for Shroat has been set for Monday, July 24, in Nicholas County District Court, according to a spokesperson in the Nicholas Circuit Clerk's office.



Matt Ball, visiting from Lexington, brings in a small bluegill from Lake Carnico, while Shane Kimberling and his grandfather, Glenn Kimberling, prepare to cast. - Josh Shepherd Photo

## Ecton put on probation

By Josh Shepherd  
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Nicholas County Fiscal Court, after an hour and a half of executive session de liberation, has placed the Nicholas County road supervisor, John Ecton, on probation for the duration of an investigation of allegations concerning misappropriation of funds. The action took place at the regular meeting of the fiscal court last Tuesday morning. According to Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley, one of the magistrates on fiscal court brought up these allegations before the court in executive session. Conley declined to discuss the matter in detail until the booth location moved to investigation into the alleged misappropriations has been completed. He did say, however, that the matter will be investigated by state police Conley said the alleged amount of the misappropriation in question has not been determined. The terms of the probation are simply that the accused will simply be watched closely, nothing more," Conley said. Ecton could not be reached for comment.

In the regular meeting, Inesque Greene had the district recipients approved by the court. Continued on Page 3

**Election board is considering precinct move**

By Josh Shepherd  
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The Nicholas County Board of Elections said if problems continue to arise from the Myers Station precinct, they would vote to have the booth location moved to Carlisle. Tom Hensley, who said he came before the board representing several interests in Myers Station, said the voters in Myers Station have no problem with moving the location of the voting booth as long as it remained within the precinct. Paul Donavan said the board is considering moving the booth to Len Bowles' place, but there is little talk of making it from the precinct. How- Continued on Page 3

## At old Army in Carlisle . . . Lottery drawing to be held this Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

Charlie Measner of the Kentucky Lottery Commission will be in Carlisle, Wednesday night, July 19, to hold a 3 For The Show Lottery drawing. The event will be held at 7 p.m., at the Old Army on East Main Street in Carlisle. Five names will be drawn out of the 1000 tickets entered in the 3 For The Show, Million Dollar Preliminary drawing. The final drawing for \$1 million will be held September 3. The first 300 people attending the drawing with a losing 3 For The Show ticket, will receive a free Lottery T-Shirt. There will also be a compact disc player offered as a door prize during the event. Registration will be available to anyone attending the drawing. As with all of the drawings, the event will be broadcast on statewide television, which can be seen locally on WTVQ-TV, Channel 36 (Cable Channel 4) in Lexington.