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Nicholas Co. wins, 16-14 Jackets, 2-1

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CARLISLE — Nicholas County defeated Mason County 16-14 in a tense, hard fought game at the high school football field last Friday night.
Played on a warm August night nearly perfect for football and its fans, Nicholas County turned in perhaps its finest game of the season.
Led on offense by the hard running of junior fullback Shawn Busell and the in and out moves of halfback Raymond Brown, the Nicholas County team was buoyed by a grim, determined defense which forced Mason County to turn the ball over three times on downs, once inside the five yard line.
The win gave Nicholas County a 2-1 record, the first
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The Carlisle Mercury/Pam Bowles Photo
Fire swept through this vacant house on KY 32, two miles east of Carlisle, at 3:30 a.m., Tuesday morning. The fire with unknown origin was reported by a passer-by. Nicholas County firemen responded to the call. The home, owned by Gary McCord was apparently unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Reading program planned for fall by Nicholas Co. Literacy Council

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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Literacy Council is planning a program to help adults with poor reading skills this fall.
The Reading Improvement Program is still in the development stage and is attempting to find more tutors to teach poorly skilled adults.
Margaret Hunter, chairperson of the Nicholas County Literacy Council, said the program is in the formative stage and has a coordinator to recruit tutors.
The Nicholas County Literacy Council receives money from the Kentucky Literacy Council and also gets money from private donations, according to Mrs. Hunter.
The Literacy Council was created in Nicholas County because it was noticed that adults in General Equivalency Diploma classes lacked ability in the basic skills, such as reading and writing. They are part of an estimated 20 to 25 million Americans who lack these basic skills.
The coordinator of the Reading Improvement Program is Elizabeth Ellington. Her job is to recruit tutors and match them with students.

Mrs. Ellington is the former supervisor of the dietary program at Nicholas County Hospital. She places a great deal of emphasis on education and even went back to school after 30 years to get her GED.
Mrs. Ellington said her mother emphasized education to her as a child but when her mother and step-mother both died she was forced to drop out of high school and take care of her younger brothers and sisters.
"I've always encouraged people to go back and get their GEDs," the literacy coordinator said. "I've had a couple who went on and got 60 college hours and became dietary supervisors."
The former dietitian first became interested in the Reading Improvement Program four or five years ago when the former coordinator spoke to her church group.
"I didn't volunteer then," Mrs. Ellington noted, "because at the time I was president of the Sunday School class and was involved in several other activities."
Mrs. Ellington is certainly involved now in the continuing education of poorly skilled adults in Nicholas County. These adults, who have a sixth grade reading level or less, face many uphill battles in their effort to make themselves literate.
Mrs. Hunter, the chairperson of the Literacy Council, noted the greatest problem was the low self-esteem most poorly skilled people had.
Jane Becker, instructional supervisor for the Nicholas County Schools and an advisor to Mrs. Ellington and her tutors, agreed with Mrs. Hunter.
"Most of these adults will have low self-esteem. They have a past experience with failure when it comes to reading and are prone to failure because of this," she noted.
Poorly skilled adults can also expect to face other problems in learning to read, Becker said.
"Some will have transportation problems and others will have attendance problems," the instructional supervisor stated, "many may not have the stamina to keep up and may give up easily."
This should not frighten tutors, however, Becker noted.
"There are plenty of materials for the teachers and they are trained to tutor these adults," Mrs. Ellington noted the training available to the tutors and aid tutors are scheduled to be held at Clark County High School in Winchester on September 14 and 15.
The Reading Improvement Program coordinator said there would hopefully be one tutor for every student. "I hope we have 14 tutors and 14 students," Mrs. Ellington said. "I already have three who have promised to teach and three or four more who think it's a good idea and are considering it."
Mrs. Ellington points out that tutors and students set their own schedules and places to meet, which takes care of most logistical problems. In addition, the one on one format allows for more communication between tutor and student and hopefully a better learning environment.
Mrs. Ellington said she hopes to begin the program in September but if there are not enough tutors the program will be held up until more tutors can be found and trained.
"I think this will very rewarding if successful," Mrs. Ellington noted, "but if it isn't it is disappointing."

Field Day held at Vice farm

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — The University of Kentucky Agricultural Extension Office held its annual field day at the Steve Vice farm on Morefield Road last Thursday evening.
The centerpiece of the field day was the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Mobile Hay Testing Laboratory. The laboratory, a testing center which is built into vans used to find the nutrition and protein value of the hay farmers are feeding to their cattle.
Brady Lineaman, field representative for the Division of Hay and Grains in the Department of Agricul-

ture, explained the mobile lab worked basically through what is called a near-infrared scanner. A core sample is taken from the center of the bale and then ground into dust and run through the scanner. The scanner then sends the information through a computer and the computer prints out such factors as the nutritive content of the hay and the amount of protein the hay has per bale.
The van costs \$90,000, Lineaman said, and is designed to help farmers raise better hay and forage products, not only for their livestock but for a developing hay market as well.
Lineaman, and the Division of Hay and Grains, believe farmers can develop hay, especially alfalfa, into a profitable commodity.
"This is the farthest south that it's possible to raise good alfalfa," Lineaman noted, "and people further south know this."
Lineaman pointed to Florida as an example there are plenty of cattle raised in Florida, Lineaman said, but they get most of their hay from the Midwestern states like Michigan and Indiana. Kentucky is much closer and has the geographic advantage in getting alfalfa to market, he said.
The three county extension agents in attendance at the field day agreed with Lineaman's assessment.
Gerald Atkinson, Agricultural Extension Agent from Fleming County, Gary Carter Harrison County Agent and Mike Phillips of Nicholas County all felt alfalfa has the potential to be a cash crop for Kentuckians.
"Even with tobacco, alfalfa has to be treated as a cash crop. Farmers in the area just have to do a better job of management with alfalfa," Atkinson noted.
All three agricultural agents believe Nicholas County and this area can be

Renovated sewage plant receives final inspection

\$2 million project near completion
By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — Several members of the City Council and Mayor Hughes met at the new sewage treatment facility for a final inspection last Friday.
The \$2 million project is near completion, according to Gene Kelley, Sewer Plant Superintendent.
Kelley said there are a few minor details that the contractor must finish before the plant is complete.
He said the two biggest problems at this time are an unresolved utility bill and construction plans for the road that runs in front of the plant.
Council members Betty Barton, Charles Fay, Tommy Vaughn and Doug Garritt took part in the inspection.
Steve Howard, Vice President of London Bridge Co. of London, Kentucky, was present at the inspection. London Bridge Co. is the contractor for the project.
Walter Montgomery, the engineer from GKW Engineering Co. who is working on the project was also present to mediate between the city and contractual representatives.
Howard agreed to give the city \$8,000 for improvement of the road. Road work will not be done by London Bridge Co. to repair but the contractor is only responsible for putting the road back into the condition it was in prior to construction.
Mayor Hughes and members of the city council agreed that the city would pay for part of the repair since the road was not in excellent condition when construction on the plant began in March of 1989.
The issue of the utility bill, which Kelley estimated to be \$14,000, was not decided.
The construction contract said that the contractor would have to pay part of the utility bills while the project was under construction, Kelley said.
Council member Vaughn suggested the city pay what is determined to be normal usage of utilities and the contractor pay the difference.
Montgomery said he and Howard would meet and discuss approximate normal usage to decide what percentage of the bill the contractor would have to pay.
Kelley said the bill was high because water was wasted during construction. As a whole, Kelley was pleased with the way the plant is functioning.
He said the water runoff was very clear and he is looking for the way it looks small.
He said the plant is functioning at fifty percent capacity and that an increase in the number of homes in the city would increase the revenue from the plant.
"We need to grow. We need more people, we need industry," Kelley said the new plant will produce 300,000 gallon per day. The plant uses a process called aeration, which uses 30 million gallon per day trickling plant.
He said because the plant was so outdated, the city pay a penalty of \$20,000 in September of 1989.
Progress on the project is monitored by state environmental agencies which enforce environmental regulations, he said.
During the City Council inspection of the facility, Howard asked for city payment. Several Council members said they were reluctant to do until the plants are ironed out.
Council member Barton said she did not want to pay until the job was completed.
However, the council members and Howard decided the company would do partial payment, an amount of about \$35,000, with the remainder to be paid upon completion. The total amount owed to London Bridge amounts to about \$1,000,000.
Barton said the payment of \$35,000 would take a month because papers to be processed in Frankfort.
Kelley said he wanted the thing to be settled for both sides as the project is finalized.
"Everybody who works wants to get this completed," he said.

then every 30 days after the average alfalfa will yield four cuttings and possibly five, the yield should be four tons per acre, Atkinson said.
The Agricultural Extension Service and the Department of Agriculture are developing alfalfa and other forage products for the Department of Agriculture on market information for the alfalfa and grain and the fact of the Agricultural Extension Office is in the middle of May and