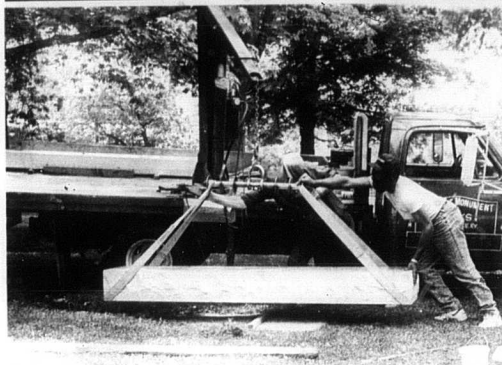


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Workers make ready the monument which will be dedicated Sunday, May 26, in the courtyard of Nicholas County Courthouse. The monument will honor those lost to wars and will be erected by VFW Post No. 5666. The service will be held at 2 p.m.

## Court approves little league plan

By William Millon  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court has agreed to let the Nicholas County Little League Program and the Nicholas County Extension Service use the old armory located on East Main.

The Little League will pay to remodel and put in rink and goals for use as a practice gym during the league's last baseball season.

Jim Galbraith, representing the Little League, told the court during the session, the teams did not have enough court time at the elementary and high schools.

Galbraith said the cost of renovation had been estimated between \$600 and \$800.

4-H agent Terry Prather said the extension office would help watch over the gym

and use the facilities when the Little League isn't for dances and other 4-H activities.

There will be no practice after 9 p.m. and the parking situation will be monitored by the Nicholas County Ambulance Service, which is below the gym, will not be disrupted.

The agreement will be finalized when County Attorney Jack Conley draws up a contract.

In other business, the court agreed to allow the Nicholas County Fair Board sublease the West End Park to the Nicholas County Lions Club.

The board will still have use of the property for the fair.

The agreement calls for the Lions Club to pay the lease, which is one dollar per year, and accept all unpaid balances on improvement loans.

The court also passed a resolution to join the Buffalo Trace Solid Waste

Area Designation.

The group will be made up of one representative of each county whose purpose will be to discuss the options of solid waste management.

The group is comprised of Lewis, Bracken, Mason, Fleming, Nicholas, and Robertson counties.

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heard from the Nicholas County Extension Office, requested by Prather, explaining the increase in budget the office has petitioned the court for.

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## Gabriel claims three first places

By William Millon  
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LEXINGTON — Nicholas County High School Track Team traveled to the Section 4 Boys and Girls' High School Track and Field Meet at the University of Kentucky and came away with strong showings.

In the boys' competition, Tom Gabriel dominated the 1A events by sweeping the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter races.

Gabriel, who has captured three state titles in nine months, posted a time of 9:53.1 in the 2200, besting rival Houston Barber of Frankfort by more than two seconds.

In the 1600 meters, the NCHS senior posted a time of 4:21.0, six seconds better than Brad Danleyev of Bishop Bressart and 14 better than Barber.

In the 800, Gabriel edged Barber with a time of 1:59.0.

Chris Compton also placed among the section's elite by placing fourth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 17.1

seconds.

The performance of Compton and Gabriel boosted the NCHS boys squad to a seventh place finish in the team competition with 38 points.

Bellevevo rolled to first place with 113 points, besting second place Paris by 54 total points.

In the girls' competition, Timie Freeman captured the 1A shotput best with a throw of 32 feet and 9 inches. Her throw was almost nine feet better than the nearest competitor.

Nichelle Hopkins hurled the discus 98 feet and two inches to capture second place. She placed behind Paris' Jenny King who threw a throw more than 160 feet.

The NCHS girls' team placed ninth with 21 points in the team totals.

Bishop Bressart edged Huston for the team honors, 71-68.

Top finishers in the Sectional move on to the State Championships this weekend.



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Brandon Pennington waits with his classmates backstage at the Nicholas County Head Start/Pre-K closing ceremony last Friday at Nicholas County Elementary School. The programs, graded to prepare three and four year olds for school, recognized 42 students for their participation this year.

## They're Back

The 17 year cicadas have returned to Nicholas County for all to hear

By William Millon  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE — They're back.

The 17 year cicadas have returned to Nicholas County. The periodical cicadas, officially known as Brood XIV, has emerged from its underground burrows and will show up in 75 Kentucky counties as well as parts of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania.

Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips said the cicadas will be here for five or six weeks.

There's not a whole lot we can do here at the office when people call in but extend our sympathy.

Contrary to popular belief, the cicadas do not eat plants. As a matter of fact, they will not eat during their life above ground. They only mate, reproduce, make a lot of noise, and die.

and hickory trees and grapevines.

The eggs will hatch in six to eight weeks when the nymph cicadas will fall to the ground and burrow beneath the surface.

They will stay there for 17 years, sucking the juices from tree roots until they come back to continue the cycle.

When cicadas emerge they are white, almost glowing. They shed their skins, the dark brown hulls that are found on everything from trees to buildings.

In 1987, Kentucky was plagued with 17 year cicadas, especially in the west and north.

The cicadas of 1987 were a different 17 year brood.

Brood XIV is found in the eastern two thirds of the state. The brood of 1991 is one of the largest, and the largest in this part of the state.

Entomologists estimate there are 50,000 to 100,000 cicadas per acre.

That means the numbers have yet to peak.

Before the brood dies out later in the summer, they will number close to 500,000 per acre.

The cicadas are not locusts. Early European settlers in America had never seen the broods of cicadas. They called them locusts because their numbers brought to mind the Biblical account of the plague of locusts.

Phillips said the cicadas are not threatening, but noise, is driving people crazy.

There is not much you can do about the noise but stuff some cotton balls in your hole of new shorts and by a row of eggs.

Cicadas prefer apple, peach, and pear trees for laying their eggs, but also lay eggs in oak leaves.

## Booth addressing NCHS Class of 91.

CARLISLE — USAF Captain Damon Kimball Booth, a 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School, will address the Class of 1991 Commencement Exercises.

Graduation is scheduled for May 26, beginning at 7 p.m.

Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Booth of Carlisle, now of Sherwood, Arkansas, was born in Carlisle, Kentucky.

He is married to Janice Clark AFB in the Philippines, and at Little Rock AFB he has two children, Leigh, 3, and Clay, 1.

Booth attended kindergarten in Carlisle from 1964-65, attended Nicholas County Elementary from 1965-72 and NCHS from 1973-1977. He graduated seventh in a class of 62.

He then spent one year of preparatory at Morehead State University in 1977-78 before entering the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He graduated from the Academy in 1982 with a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering and from the University of Arkansas in 1987 with a M.S. in Operations Management.

In high school he participated on the football team, basketball team, ran track, played golf, was a member

of the honor society, attended Boy's State, was on the student council, was class vice president as a freshman and senior class president.

In the military he was a Cadet at the Air Force Academy from 1978 through 1982. His flying training came at Columbus, Mississippi AFB.

His military airlift assignments have included service as co-pilot of a C-130 Hercules Cargo Plane at Carol McCall of Oxford, Mississippi and the Philippines, and as an Airmail Commander, Instructor Pilot, and Flight Examiner.

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