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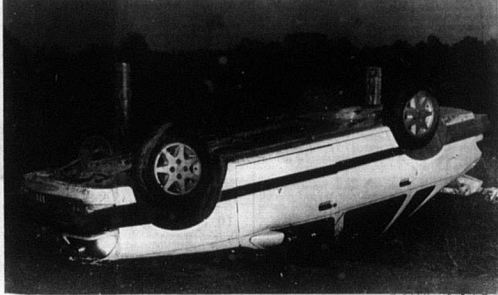
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School begins

By Melissa Hall
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CARLISLE — School started on schedule in Nicholas County on Tuesday, September 3.
We received our temporary occupancy permit to move into the Nicholas County Elementary School on Friday August 30," said Gerald Hammons, Principal of the Nicholas County Elementary School.
The only certificate we were lacking to receive our temporary occupancy permit was the electrical which we received last week.
We had previously met all standards required to receive certificates for above and below ground sprinkler systems, plumbing and fire alarm system," said Bob Hamilton, Superintendent of Elder Construction.
The school has been under construction for the past few weeks to change from the open concept teaching to private classrooms.
The walls in the classrooms are finished, but there are still some fixtures that have not yet been completed, said Hamilton.
In addition to the partitioning of classrooms, there is also a completely new section that is being built.
The new addition will be under construction during school hours and all work inside the classrooms will not begin until after 2 p.m. during the week and as long as necessary on the weekends," said Robert Gilbert, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools.
No workers will be allowed in the building during school hours, said Hamilton, we want to reach completion as soon as possible but we don't want to disrupt the classes in the process.
A tentative completion date for all work at the school has not yet been reached.



A wreck near the Bourbon County line sent two Nicholas Countyans to the Nicholas County Hospital on Monday September 2. The driver of the car Rodney Chew, 15 years old, and the passenger Jeremy Chew, 15 years old, both were wearing seat belts said Joyce McDonald, of the Nicholas County Ambulance Service. According to McDonald, the two boys suffered minor injuries. They were transported to the Nicholas County Hospital by the Nicholas County Ambulance Service.

Arnold says: lottery funds fall short

By Jack Shepherd
Carlisle Mercury Staff
FRANKFORT — According to recent reports on state revenue generated from the Kentucky Lottery, expectations of income are falling way short of their estimates.
Although State Representative, Adrian Arnold is only marginally concerned with

the amount of revenue the lottery is generating to the state, he expressed some reservations about how lottery funds coming into the state should be handled.
According to the Lottery Act passed in a special session of the state legislature in 1988, all proceeds of the lottery were first placed in trust until the 1990 regular legislative body met to determine where the revenue would go.
With the formation of the State Lottery Corporation, Arnold said the entire project was designed to be run as a business.
Lottery revenue would be divided into three sections. Fifty percent of the gross lottery revenue would be placed into the larger jackpot for winnings. 10 percent of the gross would be put into the administration and the remaining 35 percent of the gross sale of "would be funneled into the state general fund."
According to Arnold, the public got people to approve the establishment of the lottery included promises that the funds generated from the state game would be used to fund education programs, social services, and senior citizen programs. The public, however, was under the misconception that the lottery proceeds would be used solely for the support of these programs.
The lottery does indeed come into play to support education programs, but it cannot be the source of funding. Even in its biggest year, the 1989 year, when it generated \$90 million dollars in government revenue, the lottery would not have even scratched the surface of state expenditures on an \$800 million school reform bill," Arnold said.
It is premature, Arnold said, for the state legislature to target lottery proceeds for specific state programs. In the three fiscal years since the Kentucky Lottery was established, revenue estimates have become increasingly less accurate with less and less money coming in each year.
"We knew the first year of the lottery would see a considerably large amount of revenue. The games were new, public curiosity led people who wouldn't ordinarily buy a

ticket to at least try the games. So we couldn't base any solid conclusions about the nature of lottery sales on the first year."
According to figures published by the Lottery Corporation, revenue estimates for Fiscal Year 1990-91 were set at about \$84.7 million. The actual revenue the lottery generated was \$73 million, a difference of \$11.7 million. The difference in lottery revenues versus actual revenues in the 1991-92 fiscal year reveal a more dramatic difference.
\$90 million was the estimated amount the state would receive in Lottery revenues. So far the actual revenue has totaled \$61 million, a difference of \$29 million. Although the final tally on this year's sales is not quite over, there is

a significant drop in sales over the last three years, Arnold said.
Nor should the proceeds be seen as additional funds added to the General Fund, Arnold said.
Though admittedly no economist, Arnold said it was reasonable to assume that some of the money spent in the lottery may have been spent in on taxable goods and services which would have also produced state revenue.
"Though it is doubtful the legislature would pass a bill that would mandate all lottery proceeds to go toward a specific area of funding, there has been some discussion toward that possibility," Arnold said.
Lottery proceeds, in Arnold's view, should continue to be funneled into Kentucky's General Fund where the legislature has the flexibility to use the money where it is most needed.
If you remark that revenue toward a specific project or fund, then it cannot be removed and used elsewhere. Say, for example, the funds are used for funding some branches of the state's social services, but later we find some surplus funding after the session is concluded, although another program in education is in need of additional funding, the earmarked money is locked into the program. It cannot be removed. Then our spending is wasted," Arnold said.
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Jockey accident

By Melissa Hall
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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Ambulance Service and the Carlisle City Fire Department responded to a call from Jockey International Inc. Sewing Plant on Wednesday August 28 at 8:30 p.m.
Louise Burton, an employee of Jockey, had gotten her hand caught in a piece of machinery.
Joyce McDonald, of the am-

balance service, said, "When we arrived Burton's hand was still caught in the piece of machinery. After a couple of minutes, an employee was able to release the machine which enabled Burton to free her hand.
The ring finger on her left hand was smashed and she was in a great deal of pain.
We then transported her to Nicholas County Hospital where she was treated and released."



Carlisle Police Officer, Darrell McFarland investigated several possible pellet holes in the front window of First Chance Clothing Store on Friday morning. Three small holes were discovered in the window of the shop by Eric Hurt, 10 years old. When he arrived at the front of the store, McFarland suspected the holes may have been caused by a pellet gun shot at long range. Investigation is continuing McFarland said.

Darlan chosen new family resource representative

By Pam Bowles
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CARLISLE — Melissa Darlan of the Kentucky Department of Social Services was chosen as the second service provider representative at the Nicholas County Family Resource and Youth Services Center advisory meeting on August 29.
The following people have been chosen to the advisory council: Bill Guthrie, Nicholas County Schools; Ron Baker, Nicholas County High School Site Based Management; Wilma Dunathan, Nicholas County Elementary Faculty / Administration; Betty Ballard, Nicholas County High School Counselor; Brenda Anderson, Nicholas County Elementary School Counselor; Charles F. Canapp, Family Resource and Youth Services Center Coordinator; Brian Canapp, Nicholas County High School Student Council; Cindy Glass, Nicholas County Elementary School Student

Council; David Hardin II and Melissa Darlan, Service Provider Representative; and Margaret Hunter, Carlisle / Nicholas County Community Action Center Advisory Council.
Other member to be chosen are two Nicholas County High School parents, two Nicholas County Elementary School parents, two parents of preschool children and a representative from the Chamber of Commerce.
The service providers discussed the 30 Minute Day Care and not picked up by a p.m. will be transferred to Tender Loving Day Care and parents will be charged for both providers," said Canapp.
Service providers represented were Sally Watkins, Nicholas County Circuit Clerk; Carla Grimes, Kentucky Department of Social Insurance; Margaret Hunter, Community Action Center; and Pam Bowles, the Carlisle Mercury. Terri Salles was a guest observer and Canapp Family Resource and Youth Center Coordinator.
Care will be provided in the school cafeteria under the supervision of a suitably trained adult. If demand requires ad-