

**Nicholas County Fair continues today!**  
**For more information, call the Nicholas County Extension Office at 289 - 2312 or 289 - 2323**

**Meteor shower expected tonight**  
 According to scientists, the Swift-Tuttle comet has made its 130-year circuit of the sun. The Earth will pass through the debris trail left by the meteor, on 4 days each August, generating a meteor shower for observers.

**U.S., United Nations poised to strike Bosnian Serb targets**  
 NATO approved plans to bomb Bosnian Serbs this week, unless the Serbs fit their siege of Sarajevo. The American would require approval of the secretary-general of the United Nations.

**Area Weather Forecast**  
 - Thursday & Friday - Scattered thunderstorms, highs in the eighties, lows in the low sixties.  
 - Saturday & Sunday - Humid, chance of rain, highs in the low eighties, lows in the sixties.

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Dara McCord pollinates tobacco plant blooms, sacrificing the shade of the wagon for the hot sun, one of three wagons operated by Clara Seeg in Nicholas County.

**Parent speaks out**

**By Heather Mathes-Harris**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
**CARLISLE** - Gladys Scott, mother of an eighth grade student, said Nicholas County Schools has used a double standard policy in passing on children to the ninth grade. The complaint was aired during the Nicholas County Board of Education's regular meeting on August 9, 8 p.m. "My child and two other girls were expelled from school. My daughter was expelled the whole year and the other two were expelled a semester," Scott said.

"My daughter was there for the first six weeks and her grades were not rounded. The other two girls did not have a yearly average, yet they were passed on to the ninth grade. I feel this is a double standard. "And I was told by Mr. Hammons (elementary principal) at the (elementary) state-based council that it would not matter if she went on to summer school, she would still not be passed on to the ninth grade. "I simply do not understand why my child, who will be a sophomore next year, was expelled for a semester," Scott said.

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**Tax first read**

**By Jason Hart**  
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**CARLISLE** - Carlisle City Council had first reading of an ordinance that will, if given final approval, carry over property tax rates from last year with no increase. The tax rate, which is 16.7 cents per hundred dollars valuation, applies to property within the city limits. The value of all property is determined by the property valuation administrator, Rose Brady. Carlisle City Clerk Mary Tapp gave council members figures reflecting changes in city revenues with an increase to 20 cents per hundred, but councilman Tommy Vaughan made a motion to leave tax rates unchanged. "If we can get by with the old rate, there's no need to increase it," said Vaughan. Charles Fay seconded Vaughan's motion, and after discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Second reading of the motion will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council September 6. Council heard from Mike Coriell of Municipal Equipment, Inc., on the subject of a new garbage truck for the city. Councilman Cartmell Lester has been investigating the costs involved in setting up a city sanitation department, and invited Coriell to address council on the subject. The standard 20 cubic yard pumper truck is what I would recommend for Carlisle," Coriell said. "This will serve your needs for now and into the future." Council tabled any action on establishing a sanitation department, and discussed costs involved. "I think we can run a sanitation department ourselves and save money," said Lester. "We could have two part-time employees and one

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**N.C. Site-based Council seeks cheering sponsor**

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**CARLISLE** - The Nicholas County High School Site Based Decision Making Council primarily discussed the dilemma of finding a sponsor for the girls' basketball cheerleading squad. "We cannot have a parent or anyone off the street be responsible for this, a parent cannot take responsibility for someone else's child, and you can run into a lot of problems with that," Principal Greg Reid said. Reid said someone must be found in the next few months in order for the program to remain in operation. "There has also been a request from teachers to split the computer and typing classes into separate rooms," Reid said. "I realize this is a bad learning environment with all the noise both computer and typewriters make together, two teachers and two groups of students, but we have no alternative. There simply is no room." The Council tabled a decision on qualifications for the Advanced Placement Program pending the receipt of information concerning implementation of the program into present curriculum and teacher training.

**N.C. Fiscal Court reads tax rates for new fiscal year**

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**CARLISLE** - Nicholas County Fiscal Court gave first reading to tax rates for the new fiscal year in regular session Tuesday night. Court voted to leave county tax rates unchanged from last year, at the rate of 12.4 cents per hundred dollars valuation. The tax rate also remained unchanged for other taxable property. Tax rates for automobiles and trucks will carry over from last year at 13.0 cents per hundred dollars valuation. For watercraft, the rate stays at 13.6 cents per hundred dollars assessed value. Tax rates for bank shares remains 20.56 cents per hundred dollars valuation. Values for taxable property is assessed by Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Rose H. Brady. "We can get by without raising taxes, so we should leave them the way they are," said magistrate Earl Lee Plunk. "No use making people pay more than absolutely necessary." In other business, court gave permission to the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce to use the courthouse yard for Court Days on September 25 and 26. Permission was also granted to George and Dick Garrett to utilize the yard for the annual car show to be held on August 15. Court voted to purchase five Keen radiators similar to the type presently in use in the courthouse from Bill Clark. "Mr. Clark will sell us these radiators for \$100 each," said judge-executive Reese Snook. "When we last had to buy one, it cost us \$200. So five

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**Candidates file**

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**CARLISLE** - The filing deadline for Nicholas County School Board, Carlisle City Council, Carlisle Mayor candidates who wish to run in the November election was Tuesday, August 3 at 4 p.m. According to the Nicholas County Clerk's Office, Betty Barton, 220 High Street, candidate for city council, was left off the list of Elm Street candidates and Sandra G. Richie, 103 Catherine Street, also a candidate for city council, was mistakenly not listed as a school board candidate. Other candidates for Carlisle City Council include: Elizabeth Earlywine, 103 Cardinal Lane; Sharon Faloner, 314 Walnut Street; Charles Fay, 303 Kennedy Heights; Douglas Garrett, 272 West Main Street; Cartmell Lester, 325 Kennedy Heights; Tommy Vaughn, 102 Emmert Drive. Candidates for Mayor of Carlisle include: Lee Beata, 440 Broadway; Ronnie Clark, 110 Sycamore Street; and Franklin M. Hughes, 214 Elm Street. Nicholas County School Board candidates are James W. Dale, 1271 Lake Road and Deborah Fryman, 8520 Mayville Road. Anyone wishing to vote in the November 2 election must be registered by October 5, 1993.



Tobacco blooms must be meticulously pollinated in order to provide seeds for next year's tobacco crop.