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Break-ins at Lake Carnico

Nicholas water district office and Lakeside Cable are burglarized

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CARLISLE - A few thousand dollars worth of equipment was stolen from the Nicholas County Water District Office over the weekend, according to Kentucky State Police Trooper Tim Layne. The burglary occurred sometime between 8 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday, Layne said Tuesday. More than \$3000 worth of property was stolen from the office located in the C section of Lake Carnico, he said. Most of the stolen items were copper and brass water fittings, but a telephone and answering machine were stolen as well, he said. According to Water District Chairman Garvey Curtstinger, a \$1000 water pump recently purchased as a standby for East Union Road was also stolen.

"They got a case of new meters and some pumps and an answering machine. The only thing I can say is I lost a whole lot of valuable stuff," Curtstinger said. "It makes it kind of rough," he said.

During the same period, Lakeside Cable's office was also burglarized, Layne said. More than \$3200 worth of property, including a 19" color television set, copper wire and a toolbox with tools was taken during the cable office burglary, he said. The burglars broke into the water district office by sawing off a piece of a chain link gate and prying a lock off the building, Layne said. At the cable office, the suspects kicked the door in to gain access, he said. Layne said he suspects the burglaries were related. He does have some leads on who

the suspects involved are, he said. No one was working at either site during the burglaries, Layne stated. Layne and other officers present at the sight Monday photographed and studied tire prints at the site. They also dusted the area for other clues, Layne said. He said it was ascertained from tire tracks the vehicle involved in the burglaries was a truck. "At this time, we're trying to match up the (evidence) with the subject's vehicle," he said. He said he believes the stolen objects will be taken to an area with a market for the stolen items. "The TV they'll probably keep. The brass and copper they will probably try to sell,"

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Unemployment rate in county was average at start of 1993

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CARLISLE - The Kentucky Department for Employment Services has released its 1992 and preliminary 1993 labor force statistics for Nicholas County. The unemployment rate for the county as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and recorded by the Bluegrass Area Development District in January of this year was average compared to other rates in the district. The preliminary rate for the county in January 1993 was 7.1 percent. The number reveals 228 of the county's civilian labor force of 3202 were unemployed in January of this year.

Nicholas' unemployment figure was more satisfying than those in some other counties, such as Estill, which had an 11.7 percent unemployment rate at that time. It wasn't quite as positive, however, as rates in other counties in the district such as Woodford, which had a 3.2 percent unemployment rate in January. Nicholas' rate was slightly better than the national unemployment rate of 7.9 percent in that month. It fell slightly below the state rate of 7.1 percent. The county's unemployment rate has improved tremendously since the last statistics were recorded in December of 1992. Nicholas was listed with an

11.2 percent unemployment rate in employment service's state labor force estimates for that month. In December of 1992, according to the estimates, 262 of the county's civilian labor force of 3231 were unemployed. The national rate was 7.0 percent for the same period, while the state rate stood at 6.2 percent. The January 1993 rate is also better than what it was a year ago. In January 1992, Nicholas County's unemployment rate was reported to be 8.5 percent by the government. District-wide in the Bluegrass, the jobless rate rose

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Lumber company to give away free trees to public

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CARLISLE - Tomorrow is Arbor Day, a day to look toward those trees that keep us cool in the summer and decorate our landscapes. In the northwest, there have been a lot of people driven out of work because of environmental efforts to keep supposed endangered species free of harm, such as the infamous spotted owl. Because of these well-meaning protests, other species in our country, humans, have lost jobs, according to Jewel Vise of Reid and Vise Builders Supply in Carlisle. "Thousands of people are out of work out west because operations have been shut down. This is a national problem," Vise said. "Prices have doubled in the past few months (because of

these campaigns). Housing is affordable, but lumber is going up." "We're being shown as the bad guys, when really we're just messengers. People think we're just raising prices," Vise said. He said starting 20-30 percent increases in lumber prices every few weeks will affect the housing industry in Nicholas County and nationwide, making it difficult to buy a home. In an effort to show the community and state his company cares about the environment, Reid and Vise is giving free white pine seedlings tomorrow at its 101 Broadway Street store. The giveaway is part of the public education effort "Trees are America's Renewable Resources," he said. Although trees are cut down

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A wonderful burden to bear...

The Lady Jackets and their coaches, Head Coach Barbara Kenney and assistants Mike Kenney and Penny Bretz, were finally recognized last Saturday night as being the champs they are as they brought home this beautiful 1993 Girl Scout Sweet 16 trophy by beating four tough teams, including formerly top-ranked Clay Co. and Whitesburg. The team now has a four-year record of 112-19 and a 1992-1993 record of 37-2. Mrs. Kenney walked 19 years for this to happen. That makes this heavy trophy a wonderful burden for her, her team and her assistants to bear.

Dirt dam constructed at fire site

By Rebecca Mullins
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CARLISLE - A dirt dam has been constructed at the site of the raging fire which occurred March 8 on an Elkhaville hilltop. The dam is being used to prevent ash and tire residue runoff. The residue was created by the more than 200,000 tires which burned at the Iron Peddler Recycling Corporation that night, according to state environmental enforcement officer Jim Kirby. "It's just a preventive measure to catch anything in the event of rain," he said. Kirby stressed the ash and residue is unharmed to human and animal populations at present, if it is contained at its source on the hill. "The stuff that is left is fairly inert (inactive)," Kirby said. "There will probably be some tarry, oily material left as well." He said the possibility of the ash and other residue leaking into the groundwater supply is highly unrealistic.

"There is nothing in the groundwater at present," Kirby said. "The water table (where water lies under the earth) is variable. If you had something like a pocket in the rock, the threat would be greater. But from what I've seen, this is fairly unspoken terrain." He said the cabinet is still in search of Jeff Jones, the owner of the corporation which rests on the site. He said the cabinet has had some leads on his whereabouts, but none of them are certain. "I've heard he's probably not in Alabama or California. But sometimes someone will call and say they've seen his truck, so I don't think he's commuting." The cabinet will take Jones to Franklin Circuit Court for breaking environmental regulations. He was ordered to follow by a judgment in that court October 16, 1991.

It also ordered Jones to pay several thousand dollars to the state for his mismanagement of the fire. The order was never followed. Approximately 800 tires remain in the gullies of the hill where the mass of tires burned, Kirby said. Because a few tires remain, the cabinet hasn't taken any action to remove them, he said. He also said because Jones can't be found, he doesn't know who would be contacted to get permission to remove the tires. He said a regulation approved in Frankfort last month for a waste tire trust fund may help the situation. "There has been some talk about getting into a waste tire trust fund to clean up that right," he said. "I don't really know who we could make do anything with those 800 tires right now."



Renee Livolin puts the ball into the net as the Whitesburg Lady Yellowjackets surrounded her in the first round of the Sweet 16.