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**Bluejackets open season with win against Fleming Co.**

The Bluejackets of Nicholas County opened their 1993 season by thrashing the Fleming County Panthers Friday. See inside for details.

**UK report urges farmers to the tobacco bales properly**  
According to a report from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, tobacco farmers should avoid packing synthetic bales to their bales. Industry representatives are concerned bales from the bales may dilute the final tobacco product. For more information, call George Duncan at (606) 257-3000.

**State jobless rate below national average for 16th month of last 17**  
According to the Kentucky Cabinet For Human Resources in Frankfort, Kentucky's unemployment rate fell to its lowest rate of 1993 in July at 8.3 percent. Seasonal losses decreased in employment, unemployment, and labor force.

**Area Weather Forecast**  
Thursday & Friday - Partly cloudy and very humid, scattered thunderstorms, highs in the nineties, lows in the lower seventies.  
Saturday & Sunday - Continued very hot and humid, highs near one hundred, lows in the upper sixties.

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**After long discussion... Council approves final tax ordinance; no changes made over last year**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
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CARLISLE - Carlisle City Council met Thursday, September 30, and voted to approve a tax rate of 16.7 per hundred dollars valuation on property, motor vehicle and watercraft.  
According to Mary Tapp, Carlisle City Clerk, the rate adopted is the same as last year, but because the amount of property which can be taxed has dropped, largely to Homestead Exemption as more citizens of Carlisle turn 65, the city will suffer a loss of \$18,000.00.  
Tapp receives a form from the Department of Revenue which helps to calculate what rate must be used depending on the tax base available.  
According to her figures, the rate should have been 30 cents per \$100 in order to avoid the shortfall of funds.  
According to House Bill 44 and Bill 19 you don't have to use the same rate as last year," Tapp said.  
"I really hate to lose that money, and I don't think it will be right to have to come back during the first of next

year and have to raise it to 35 cents or have to borrow a hundred million dollars for the shortfall," Doug Garrett, council member, said.  
Councilman Tommy Vaughn said, and Councilman Charles Fay agreed, they would never be in favor of raising any kind of taxes.  
"If we could stop giving away \$30,000 a year we wouldn't have a shortfall," Ronnie Clark, council member, said.  
According to Tapp, Clark is speaking of the \$22,000 divided between Senior Citizens Center, Community Action Council, Industrial Authority, Nicholas County Library and The Nicholas County Recycling Center.  
"I don't think that, these programs have to be funded, all I am saying is that I would hate to have to come back and raise it to 20 cents and we've got to have a public hearing after 4 percent," Garrett said.  
After a roll call vote, Fay, Clark, Vaughn, Betty Barton voted to adopt the ordinance.  
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Terry Doyle, local Walking Horse owner and trainer, showed several of his fine stock during the 11th Annual Lions Club Horse Show Saturday evening at the West End Park.

**Schools to form advisory board, provide counseling for students**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County School system will be coordinating and forming a Drug - Alcohol Free Advisory Council for the new school year on September 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the elementary library.  
According to J.W. Ballard, coordinator of Title V, the council has received a significant amount of funding from Title V to use in a drug and alcohol prevention and awareness program throughout the school year on many different grade levels.  
"We have several programs linked to drug and alcohol awareness and prevention including the Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE) program and the Teen Leadership Conference (TLC)," Ballard said.  
"For the most part the city or state police speak to kids in the elementary about DARE, they talk about situations to avoid and provide a listening ear for the children as well as providing instruction."  
During May, DARE holds a graduation for those children

who complete the program.  
"Another action group, TLC, is made up of students chosen by teachers and those who file applications and are reviewed by the council," Ballard said.  
"This year these students will travel to Cumberland State Park on November 7, 8, and 9, (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) and attend classes on leadership and on drug awareness.  
"When they return these outstanding students bring back their training with them, speak to other classes and hopefully steer their peers in the right direction."  
"If any child, especially one in some kind of trouble, can talk to someone they relate to and identify with, a lot of problems can be solved before they reach the critical stage."  
Ballard also said another student group, Peer Counselors, is a group chosen by other students in the same school system.  
"Now what the advisory council has to do with all this is to see that these programs Continued on Page 3

**Roger Womack, former teacher, attorney, passes away at 88**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
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CARLISLE - Roger Womack, 88, a retired attorney, historian and life-long resident of Nicholas County died August 30, 1993.  
Womack was the son of Clay Wade Womack and Marsha Davidson Womack Carpenter and was born in West Liberty, Morgan County on August 6, 1905.  
He was the graduate of Millersburg Military Institute and Davidson College.

Womack received his masters from the graduate schools at Transylvania and University of Kentucky and also his Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law, UK, in 1938.  
According to Sam Reynolds, Womack's long-time friend, one of his greatest interests lay in the young people of Nicholas and surrounding counties.  
He taught school in Bourbon County, was coach of the basketball team at North Middletown High School, was teacher and football coach at

Jenkins High School and generally practiced law during his career as a lawyer. Womack served as both city and county attorney in life, besides his wife Sara  
Office to be closed September 6  
The offices of The Carlisle Mercury will be closed on Monday, September 6, Labor Day.  
Deadline for materials to be published in the September 9 edition of The Mercury will remain the same, Tuesday at 12:00 noon. Deadline for advertisements is 2:00 on Tuesday.  
We appreciate your cooperation, and sincerely hope you enjoy the holiday weekend.

Clay Womack who passed on in January, 1991, was fishing.  
He served as director and past president of the Kentucky State Foxhunters Association and also as a director and secretary of the Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association.  
"Roger first introduced me to hunting when I was a young man. I, Nate, and Henry Young used to hold the dogs while he fattened their ears," Reynolds said.  
"He certainly enjoyed

horses, he enjoyed life in general, but hunting was one of his greatest loves.  
"He had planned to go this year. We had already made reservations, so he was active in the sport right up until his death."  
Womack was a member and elder emeritus of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), taught Sunday School and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cane Ridge Preservation Project.  
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**Recycling center open for business**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
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CARLISLE - According to Phillip Howard, Nicholas County Solid Waste Coordinator, the Nicholas County Recycling Center will now take newspapers as well as appliances for recycling purposes.  
"Nicholas County is one of 17 recycling center setups which has a long term contract with the recycling center in Lexington, they arrange the deals with various companies to reuse the materials," Howard said.  
"We are kindly like a spoke in a wheel which feeds one center."  
As of right now, anyone wishing to deliver their newspapers or even their appliances for recycling do not have to pay any type of transaction fees.  
"There is no payment required. Before we had no way to extract the Freon, but now we have a machine that does Continued on Page 3



Mike French, #3, junior running back and center and Wes Broderick, #5, junior tight end and safety, head toward the action in the second quarter of play during Nicholas County's opener against Fleming County. The Bluejackets' too-tough defensive line was instrumental in the humbling of the Fleming County's Panthers, 24-7.

**Disaster aid available for farmers**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
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CARLISLE - Tobacco producers who have suffered a natural disaster and may chart a loss of 20 percent or more of their tobacco crop during the 1993 season may be eligible to apply for Disaster Lease Eligibility through the Nicholas County ASCS office.  
"The producer must contact Jim Furnish at this office before harvesting begins, he will come and look at their crop to check for damage," Vickey Adkins, of the ASCS office, said.  
By disaster the agricultural office means tobacco which has been damaged by excessive drought, flooding, hail, rain or any excessive natural element.  
"Plus, a farmer may be eligible if it can be proven Black Shank is caused by excessive moisture and heat," Adkins said.  
Tobacco producers should contact Furnish at the Nicholas County ASCS office, 289-2224.