

**Look Inside For Pictures From The Annual Reenactment Of The Battle of Blue Licks**

**Bluejackets face Dayton at home**  
The Nicholas County Bluejackets will play their first home game against Dayton on Friday, September 2 at 8 p.m. Come out and support your team to victory!  
**GO BLUEJACKETS!**

**Community Calendar**  
• Saddle Up Trail Ride, Sept. 10, call 289-400 more in formation.  
• NCHS Site-Based Council, September 17, 7 p.m., NCHS library.  
• NCHS Site-Based, 4 p.m., September 7.  
• NC School Board, 7 p.m., Central Office.  
• NC Fiscal Court, September 13, 4 p.m.  
• Carlisle City Council, September 12, 7 p.m.

**Saturday & Sunday: Cool and rainy, with a 60% chance of precipitation on both days. Highs near 80 degrees.**

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## ASCS could close

**By Leigh Stone**  
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CARLISLE: A streamlining procedure to save money could mean the closure of Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), but a decision will be made soon.  
"I don't see anything happening right away. Not until next month," said Hampton Hinton Jr., executive director of the Kentucky ASCS Office, Lexington.  
Hinton was scheduled to be at the old armory in Carlisle Tuesday but had to decline because his injured back. Hinton apologized for not being at the meeting and talked with the Mercury on the telephone Tuesday morning.

Right-sizing  
The USDA, like lots of organizations are "right-sizing," going through a streamlining process for offices and personnel, Hinton said.  
Hinton explained "right-sizing" as the term for down-sizing. The "right-sizing" idea began in the Bush Administration and was carried over to the Clinton Administration. The current

administration created the "one-stop shopping" idea.  
"The first criteria for deciding closures is to determine location and service areas. When all three agencies are present, it is reasonable to say we would have a closure," Hinton revealed.  
Nearly Fleming and Harrison counties each have all three services at a central location.  
"One stop shopping" means in Nicholas County, the ASCS office is separate from the Soil Conservation Office. The Bourbon County agency comes to Nicholas County one day a week. Nicholas County no longer has a Farmers Home office. Placed at Cynthiana for a number of years, Farmers Home is now at Flemingsburg. Tom Fern, state director of Farmers Home Administration told the Mercury Tuesday afternoon the Flemingsburg office served about 25 Nicholas County farmers. "We will continue to outreach, provide vision and support for Nicholas County farmers," Fern stated.  
So, Nicholas farmers already travel out of county to get all

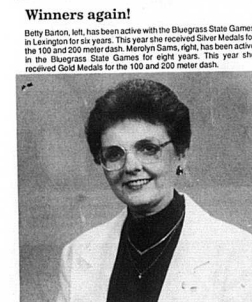
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## Nicholas farmers want ASCS to stay

**By Leigh Stone**  
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CARLISLE: "Final plans" to close the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Office at 605 Moorefield Road have local farmers banding together in an attitude of resistance.  
Hampton Hinton Jr., executive director of the Kentucky ASCS Office, Lexington, told Nicholas County ASCS executive director Jim Furnish late last Friday afternoon he would be glad to meet with him and local farmers at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the old armory. Hinton was to ask farmers where they wanted to go for farm record keeping services.  
Hinton called Furnish early Tuesday morning and said he couldn't come to Nicholas County Tuesday because of a back injury that also requires him to wear a brace. "I apologize for not being able to be there. I made a commitment to Harold Lettice (local farmer) and I will talk to farmers," Hinton told the Mercury Tuesday morning. Hinton also assured that the media would be given notice of the meeting in time to publish a notice to the public.  
Currently, the local Nicholas County ASCS Office keeps the records for approximately 1,600 farmers, Furnish said.  
The Nicholas County ASCS was one of 20 offices to be closed during Phase 1 of streamlining plan devised to save money, Furnish said.  
Nicholas County has been on the list since August 1993, he said.  
About 50 farmers attended the meeting. Furnish said Tuesday afternoon. They signed a paper stating they were in attendance and that they wanted the local office to remain open.  
Furnish said he hoped he wouldn't have to close. "The consensus from the farmers is that they don't want us to close," Furnish still wants to meet.

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**Winners again!**  
Betty Barton, left, has been active with the Bluegrass State Games in Lexington for six years. This year she received Silver Medals for the 100 and 200 meter dash. Maureen Sims, right, has been active in the Bluegrass State Games for eight years. This year she received Gold Medals for the 100 and 200 meter dash.

**Deposit Bank welcomes Haney**  
**By Leigh Stone**  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE: Deposit Bank of Carlisle welcomes Malinda Haney to its staff.  
Haney is the bank's new assistant vice president and will be a loan officer for the bank in the area of commercial, real

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## Governor visits Carlisle, awards CDBG funds for water project



Kentucky Governor Brenton Jones, left, met with Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, right, during the Governor's visit to the Nicholas County Courthouse Friday, Aug. 19 to present a grant.

**By Leigh Stone**  
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CARLISLE: More than 100 Nicholas Countians greeted Kentucky Governor Brenton Jones at the Nicholas County Courthouse Friday, Aug. 19 as he announced that Carlisle had been awarded a \$290,000 grant.  
The federal grant will be used to install approximately 2.5 miles of water main and replace 22 fire hydrants within the city limits.  
Jones held the attention of those in the courtroom at little after noon as he praised Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, city council members (Sandra Busch, Charles Fay, Doug Garrett, Libby Earlywine, Tommy Vaughn and Sharon Paulson) and other county officials and Bluegrass Area Development District.

"It is always a pleasure to announce a grant that will citizens of the community with improved services," said Jones.

It is always a pleasure to announce a grant that will provide the citizens of the community with improved services," said the Governor. "This project more efficiently serve the needs of its citizens with new lines that are dependable and deliver a supply of clean, safe water. I congratulate your local officials for their support and efforts on behalf of the project. State government is pleased to be a partner in this public facility improvement."  
The Community Development Block Grant program is funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Kentucky Department of Local Government.

Mayor Clark said the city applied for the grant at the end of last January/early February. Construction of the lines would occur this fall or by spring at the latest. The total project is \$715,000 with \$410,000 bonds and the grant assuming up the total.

Mayor Clark said the water



**Water District groundbreaking to be held Aug. 25**  
CARLISLE: Groundbreaking for the Nicholas County Water District's \$1.7 million water line extension project is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 on Old Paris Road near the Apex building, said NCDW Secretary Sue Kirby.  
NCDW members include Chairman Garvey Curtininger, Sue Kirby, Sam Reynolds, Jim Caswell and Jim Simons. Bougie Hall is the office manager.  
The NCDW met Aug. 18 approved the papers necessary for water district waterworks revenue bonds series 1994. The \$650,000 principal of revenue bonds and the \$442,000 of revenue bonds will help pay for water line extensions and improvements.  
Bids were scheduled to be received by the NCDW for the bonds at 7 p.m. Aug. 23.

**St. Jude's Sept. 10 to help children**  
BLUE LICKS - The more miles participants of Saddle Up Trail Ride rack up, the more St. Jude's Medical Research Hospital will be to help an ill child.  
This year's organizers, Marty and David Hunter, owners of Elk Creek Stables, ask participants to get their sponsors now and get ready for horseback day, Sept. 10.  
Riders collecting \$125 will receive a T-shirt, sports bag and sweat shirt. Riders collecting \$75 will receive a T-shirt and sports bag. Riders collecting \$35 will receive a T-shirt. Everyone collecting any amount will receive a blue ribbon.  
Before the ride, check riding gear for safety and dress comfortably. Bring sponsor forms. These under 18 will need a parent alone.  
Marty Hunter said the hoped following the ride participants will join her at Blue Licks State Park for hamburgers, hot dogs and "all the fixin's."  
For more information about Saddle Up Trail Ride, call the Hunters at 289-4003 or call 1-800-449-9447.

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lines at Deroyville are a part of the project. New lines should create better water quality and better water pressure in the area, he said.  
Don Haaxell of Bluegrass ADD, assistant director, wrote the grant, Clark said.  
"We had some good people behind me," the Mayor emphasized, mentioning Gayle Vanlandingham, city superintendent, and Mary Tapp, city