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Welcome, Dr. Dahan!
Nicholas County residents will have a chance to welcome a new physician to the area with a reception for Dr. Chuck Dahan to be held at Carlisle Christian Church on September 25, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited, according to Johnson Mathers Health Care spokesman Josh Shepherd.

Biking for a good cause September 17
A Bike-A-Thon will be held September 17 at 9 a.m. to benefit Saint Jude's Children's Hospital at Nicholas County Elementary. All ages are eligible to participate. Forms for the event are available at Carlisle IGA and NCES. For more information, contact Carolyn Terrell at 289-7448 for more information.

Incentives avail. for landowner
According to a news release from the UK Agriculture, landowners who wish to improve their forests may be eligible for a cost sharing program. The program reimburses landowners up to 75% of improvement costs, provided they meet certain guidelines. More information may be obtained by calling Don Graves at (606) 257-2906.

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Saturday & Sunday: Seasonably cool, partly sunny. Highs in the mid-seventies.

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The Main Street armory was packed with citizens wearing green faces last Thursday that told the whole story. Nicholas County farmers don't want the ASCS Office closed now or ever. U.S. Department of Agriculture director Hampton Henton Jr. of Lexington came to Carlisle to explain the closure selection process. No one knows when the closing will be or if Nicholas County can or will be taken off the closure list.

ASCS closing not final

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE: "The barn door's not closed," concerning the proposed closing of the Nicholas County ASCS Office.
More than 50 Nicholas County farmers and citizens gathered at the old armory on Main Street last Thursday morning to hear U.S. Department of Agriculture executive director Hampton Henton Jr. of Lexington.
Congressman Scotty Baesler, also a tobacco farmer, was in attendance.
"We looked at this from a USDA perspective. Not an ASCS perspective," Henton said of the proposed closing.
He explained that USDA encompasses ASCS, Soil Conservation, Farmers Home Administration and other agencies, not just ASCS.
"The government trend is to reduce spending, so a plan was devised beginning in the Bush Administration to 'right-size' another term for down-sizing and streamlining agencies."
With the help of ASCS, Soil Conservation and other agencies, not just ASCS.
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Nicholas farmers don't want ASCS office closed

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE: Nicholas County Farmers don't want the local ASCS Office closed.
"We really don't want to go anywhere," a farmer stated during a Sept. 7 meeting on the proposed closure of the Nicholas County ASCS Office.
Congressman Scotty Baesler doesn't want the office closed, either.
The decision's not final yet and so far, the USDA executive director in Lexington, Hampton Henton Jr., can't say when the closure decision will be made.
More than 50 farmers heard Henton and Baesler discuss the possible closure of the old armory last Thursday about possible closure of the Nicholas County ASCS Office.
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Court Days cancelled this year

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE: This year's Court Days has been cancelled.
Court Days, originally scheduled for the last weekend of September, would have brought arts and crafts vendors to the community Sept. 24-25.
Sponsored annually by the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce, only seven vendors informed the Chamber of their intended participation this year.
Rose Brady, Chamber of Commerce president, said the Chamber contacted vendors two months ago. But without confirmation from them, the Chamber couldn't hope vendors would show up at the last minute.
"Members of the Chamber couldn't see a way to have Court Days, not knowing if it was going to break even or not," she said.
Brady estimated it would take \$500 just to arrange Court Days. It would take more if the Chamber decided to go ahead and purchase liability insurance, something they've not had for Court Days.
Vendors pay a \$30 set-up fee. Neither organization is involved in funding, she said.
"When it started out, about 10 years ago, it made a profit. If we could have seen a way to break even, we would still have had it, but not knowing, we couldn't commit ourselves." The Chamber receives its funding only through membership.
Brady said the Chamber asked other organizations to help fund and participate in the project, but no one could this year. Brady hopes other organizations will chip in to make sure there will be Court Days next year.
"We debated a month before we decided to cancel. But we have to have help. We have to pay the bills and if you don't have the money..."
Court Days has traditionally been a way to attract people to the community. They come to
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The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture representative Hampton Henton Jr., far right, met with farmers following his talk at the armory last Thursday about possible closure of the Nicholas County ASCS Office. From left are Edgar Darnell, Stanley Alexander and Matthew Kennedy.



Several Nicholas County students took a trip to Europe this summer on an educational tour with teacher Phyllis Guthrie. From left are Kaitie Lawrence, Tamara Tipton, teacher Phyllis Guthrie, Ashley Van Meter and Kylie Smoot.

Nicholas students take European vacation

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE: The green of Ireland and an over-filled suitcase are among the memories of a group of Nicholas County teenagers who had a European vacation this summer.
Nicholas County Elementary teacher Phyllis Guthrie, in the classroom 16 years and wife of administrator Bill Guthrie, helped host the tour June 23-27.
"Everything was so beautiful," agreed four teens who talked to The Mercury about the trip.
Participants Tamara Tipton, Kaitie Lawrence, Ashley Van Meter, and Nicholas County students of Guthrie's, left Louisville for Detroit and ended up at Shannon, Ireland. Guide Robert Leyland first showed them Muckross House and Killarney.
For 11 days, it was scenic beauty, togetherness and of course, shopping.
For security reasons, England's former department store, Harrod's, wouldn't let the whole tour in at once. They had some bomb threats or
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Millersburg Chautauqua Days Sept. 16-18

By Leigh Stone
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MILLERSBURG
Chautauqua Days will be held in Millersburg Sept. 16-18.
Look for good music, good food, flea-market type booths, activities for the children and the ever-popular Mister and Miss Chautauqua and Little Miss and Mister Chautauqua, said Mary Lou Rankin, events coordinator for the past four years.
A parade kicks off the celebration beginning Friday at 7 p.m. The crowning will be at 7:30 p.m. at the city park.
At 6:30 a.m. decorated lake contestants line up at the elementary school. Ruby Osborne is the coordinator (664-3370).
Age groups for the Little Miss and Little Mister age group is 5-12. Miss and Mister age group is 13 to 18. Each contestant will place a quart jar with a photograph in local businesses. Votes will be tabulated on the money collected - each penny is a vote.
The following businesses will have the jars: Bridget's Kitchen, Kadee Inn, Fred's Barber Shop, Second Time Around, Stone's BP Service, Yesterday's Treasure's, Millersburg Coal and Lumber Company, Legion Hall, Millersburg Market, Bovine Veterinary Clinic, Main Street Antiques, The Bridge and Betty and Harry Standfield's Shop.
Containers will be collected Sept. 15. The winning outside of Millersburg are permitted to participate. Call Kim Clark at 484-2274 for more information.
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Baesler says "hang tough"

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE: Congressman Scotty Baesler asked Nicholas County farmers to hang tough because Kentucky tobacco will survive the rough times.
Baesler talked tobacco to farmers while awaiting a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture representative, Hampton Henton Jr., at the old armory last Thursday morning. Hampton would be there to discuss the proposed closing of the Nicholas County ASCS Office.
"The biggest threat is not the 45 cent tax. It's the import of foreign tobacco," he began his brief talk.
Imports from Africa, Brazil and Argentina are crowding the market, especially the African imports.
"Another threat is the controversy about nicotine content of cigarettes."
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IN BRIEF

Hamm reunion to be held Sept. 18
The Hamm reunion will be held at Blue Lake State Park Sunday, Sept. 18. The basket lunch will be at 12:30 p.m.

Hospital Auxiliary to meet Sept. 13
The Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary will meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Nicholas County Library.

New toll free number for soil conservation
A new toll free number has been installed for the Soil Conservation Office. To contact Gary McFarland in Bourbon County, call 1-800-727-2203.