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**Summertime sittin'**  
Raymond Sadler, left, and Wilburn Fuller, right, were spotted Tuesday as they relaxed on the front porch of Neal's store in downtown Carlisle.

## New agriculture teacher promotes hands-on class

By KIM HAMILTON  
Staff Writer

The new agriculture teacher at Nicholas County High School said he plans on promoting hands-on experience for students in his class.

Alan Godbey, 22, replaces Doug Beckham as agriculture teacher, because Beckham was named principal of the high school at the beginning of the new school year.

"Right now, I want to try to continue the program Mr. Beckham started," Godbey said. "I would like to put more emphasis on FFA (Future Farmers of America) and I'm hoping I can get some of the younger students interested in it."

Although this is Godbey's

first year of teaching, he's no stranger to his subject.

He was an FFA state officer in 1993-94 when he served as Lake Cumberland Region Vice President.

Godbey got started right away with his classes by taking them to the state fair in August.

They participated in livestock judging, tobacco grading, floral design and seed identification.

Although he has known for a long time that he wanted to be an agriculture teacher, Godbey said he had a good role model to follow to reach his potential. When he was in high school at home in Liberty (Casey County) he recalled his agriculture teacher.

"His name is Jay Price and he had a really good influence on me. And I've also had a lot of people tell me that it's what I ought to do."

"I think I knew early on that this is what I wanted to do. The FFA and ag kids seemed to always identify with me."

"I grew up on a small farm and had a lawn care service that I ran. I think of myself as an outdoorsy person. I like to fish, hunt and play golf," he said.

Godbey said he hopes to get a greenhouse started at the high school for FFA students to run.

"It's something new for me. We'll see if I have a green thumb. I think I can hold my own, though," he said.

"I hope to have all types of flowers for spring and hope to have some primulas for our Christmas fundraiser," he said.

Godbey teaches three classes a day inside the classroom and plans to have a lot more work outside the classroom.

Right now, agriculture students are cultivating tobacco

## Courthouse workers evacuated following Monday bomb threat

By KIM HAMILTON  
Staff Writer

A bomb threat Monday caused chaos at the courthouse. Kentucky State Police Trooper Brett Kirkland said that a call came in Monday at about 12:25 p.m. to county clerk Doug Fryman's office saying that a bomb had been planted.

Alan Godbey answered the phone and heard a voice saying to the other and state, "You better get there a bomb, according to Kirkland said that at first, Fryman wasn't sure if the person was kidding or serious, but at the moment's thought, he decided he should take it seri-

ously and he called the police. Two KSP troopers and a city policeman were on the scene within 10 minutes after Fryman received the phone call.

Mr. Fryman said he was stunned to hear such a threat at first, then he took quick action," Kirkland said.

They then evacuated the building and searched all five floors, but didn't find anything that might have been an explosive, Kirkland said. "We did it ourselves, we didn't use a bomb squad."

As the search for a bomb continued, Nicholas County Judge-Executive Chuck Smith approved closing the courthouse for the remainder of the day on Monday.

About 25 employees were evacuated from the courthouse. Police alerted businesses in the area about the threat and some volunteered to evacuate their employees.

Kirkland said police do not make it mandatory that the surrounding area be evacuated during such an incident, but they do notify people who could be affected so they can volunteer to evacuate.

He said he couldn't speculate on who the threat may have come from, as the incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding who may have called in the threat should contact state police at the Dry Ridge State Police Post or contact city police.

## Record number of travelers to take to the road for holiday

Summer's last major hurrah should generate cheers from Kentucky's travel and tourism industry as a record 36.6 million Americans are expected to take a trip over the Labor Day holiday, according to AAA.

The total number of travelers who will take a trip of 100 miles or more from home represents a 1 percent increase from last year's 34.5 million vacationers. That's the biggest Labor Day jump in six years.

"Low gas prices and a good economy seem to be the two main reasons why people are likely to take off on a long holiday weekend," said Dan Dixon, spokesman for AAA Blue Cross/Kentucky.

Of those traveling, 33.1 million will head out in a automobile, light truck or recreational vehicle, a 5 percent increase from last year's 31.5 million motorists during the same period.

Holiday travel by air, rail or ship will top 2.8 million, a 1 percent increase compared last Labor Day holiday.

A majority of travelers - 24 percent - will head for towns or rural areas with another 23 percent visiting family or friends. Other popular destinations include cities, 21 percent; mountain areas, 12 percent; lakes, 9 percent; theme or amusement parks, 3 percent; state or national parks, 2 percent. Four percent are undecided and 2 percent will be elsewhere.

All family and friends are welcome.

## No trash collection on Labor Day

There will be no city trash collection on Monday, Sept. 7, collection of Monday's trash will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

## Better Breathers Club will meet

The Better Breathers Club will host the program "Infection Control" with guest speaker Treva Miller on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. at the New Hope Pulmonary Rehab at Harrison Memorial Hospital.

## Moorefield Homemakers will meet

The Moorefield Homemakers will meet with Lucille Clark on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

## — Briefs —

**Democratic club to hold bake sale.**  
The Carlisle Democratic Woman's Club is holding a bake sale this Friday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. at Crockett's Shopping. For more information, call Joan Morris at 293-7878.

**JMHC Auxiliary to meet.**  
The Johnson-Mathers Health Care Auxiliary will meet Tuesday morning, Sept. 8, at the library at 10 a.m.

**Fiscal court approves Mathers fund.**  
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court held a special meeting Wednesday, Aug. 19 and voted to approve the Mathers Fund.

The approval was the only item on the agenda and, by law, the only item that could be discussed at the special meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for fiscal court is Sept. 8, according to meeting minutes recorded at the county clerk's office.

**Mathers committee helps students.**  
The Mathers education committee met Aug. 19 and Aug. 22 and approved clothing assistance for students ages 6-18, according to minutes recorded in the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

The committee agreed to give \$20 a piece to 100 students for clothing. The total given was \$33,200.

**Blue jackets lose first game.**  
The Nicholas County Blue Jackets football team took a loss to Fleming County last Friday night during their first game.

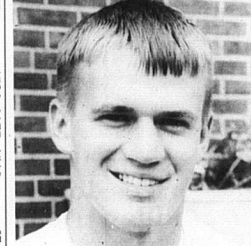
The score was 28-8.

**High school has web site.**  
Nicholas County High School can be tapped into on the Internet by accessing <http://www.nicholas.ky.gov>.

Information seekers can find photographs, calendar events, sports, organization information, teacher resources, site-based council and extracurricular activities.

## Mattox family plans reunion

The 14th annual reunion of the late Hester and Emmett Mattox family will be held, the second Sunday in Sept. (17th) at the 141 Center on St. 27 in Harrison. All family and friends are welcome.



Kim Hamilton photo  
**Student of the Week**

Weston Simoot is Nicholas County High School Student of the Week. The 13-year-old junior is the son of Renee and James Simoot of Mayville Road. Weston likes to be active, participating in football, basketball, track, FFA, KVA and KUNA. In his spare time, he likes being with friends, going out and having fun and watching competition for World Championship Wrestling and the World Wrestling Federation. A current 4.0 student, Weston's favorite subject is history, because, he says, "I like to learn about the nature of things today and how they relate to the past." He is currently undecided about his plans after high school, but says possibilities lie in farming, business, law and teaching. Principal Doug Beckham said Weston is a hard worker, eager achiever, a well rounded student and a good example for other students. Weston helps his dad on their 90-acre tobacco, hay and cattle farm. He likes to romp with his dog, a Doberman named "Booger." He has one older brother and an older sister.



Kim Hamilton photo  
**There they go!**  
Agriculture students at Nicholas County High School headed toward a warehouse Tuesday with some of their cultivated tobacco.