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**Briefs**

**Carlisle City Council monthly meeting set**  
The Carlisle City Council will have its regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Building.

**JMHC Annual Health Fair**  
Johnson Mathers Health Care will have its annual Health Fair on Saturday, October 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Disabled American Veterans to hold for-get-me-not drive**  
The Disabled American Veterans of Chapter 12 in Paris, KY have rescheduled their forget-me-not drive that was set for this past Saturday, but was cancelled due to rain for this Saturday, October 16.

Veterans and volunteers will be on Masonfield Rd. in front of the ACL Laundrymat, and the Marathon Station across from Nicholas County Schools.

To pledge a donation contact Henry Williams at 606-987-4338.

**N.C. School Board meeting set**  
The Nicholas County Board of Education will have its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, October 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Nicholas County Board of Education Central Office.

**Nicholas County Bicentennial Committee**  
Are you great at planning parties? Then the Nicholas County Bicentennial Committee is looking for you.

The next meeting for the committee will be held on Tuesday night, October 26 at 7:00 p.m., at the Nicholas County Jail.

Come help us plan the biggest party of the century.  
For more information contact Emily Gaunce.

**Obituaries**

**Deaths, Page A-3**  
• Donald Dixon  
• Bonnie Glass  
• Bro. Harold Rice



**Fall is in the air**



Residents in Carlisle and Nicholas County are in the mood for fall. Children are already planning their halloween ritual. This apartment at Nicholas Square shows just some of the decorations marking Nicholas County colorful.

**Paris police officers injured in accidents**

Early Sunday morning around 2:30 a.m. on the Paris By-Pass patrolman Mark Perry of the Paris Police department was injured when Robert Blakeman, 40, of Carlisle, reportedly drove his 1983 monte Carlo toward the police vehicle where Perry was standing.

Blakeman was treated for minor injuries and was held in the Bourbon County Detention Center.

Perry was controlling traffic near the intersection of U.S. 68 and U.S. 27 North, due to an accident involving two fellow police officers.

According to Kentucky State Police, police officer Bruce Fish-

ers made a U-turn on a two-lane section of the bypass. He appar-

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**Gov. Patton dedicates new lodge at Blue Licks**

Last Thursday, October 7, Governor Paul Patton officially dedicated the new lodge at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, located on the Nicholas County and Robertson County boundary about 1/4 miles from Carlisle. Blue Licks now has the Kentucky state park system's 17th resort lodge.

Patton praised the efforts of Rep. Pete Worthington in secur-

ing funding for the Blue Licks lodge over several legislative sessions. He noted that the region would be enhanced through the economic impact of a new lodge.

"With the development of this lodge, the park even offers more reasons to visit an area that's been

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**Photo at right:** Those participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new lodge at Blue Licks State Park were from left: Pete Worthington, Governor Paul Patton, Robertson County Judge Executive Bradley Gifford, State Representative Carolyn Belcher, Senator Ed Miller, Kenny Rapier, Kentucky Commissioner of Parks, and Eddie Philpot.

**Photo at bottom:** Several residents from Nicholas County attended the dedication ceremony. Some of those in attendance took time out to pose for this photo. They are from left: Senator Ed Miller, Robertson County Judge Executive Bradley Gifford, Allen Stone, Doug Garrett, Sally Davis, Dr. Robert Sparks, Governor Paul Patton, Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tincher, State Representative Carolyn Belcher, Dorsey Watkins and Dr. Leon Riggs.



**95 percent of Nicholas County to be provided with adequate water**

**Karina Jordan**  
Managing Editor

On Tuesday afternoon, the Nicholas County Fiscal court approved a transfer of \$10,000 from the general fund to the Nicholas County Water District for the Phase V water project.

The Nicholas County Water District has applied for grants with Frankfort to make Phase V a reality.

Roads that are scheduled to be in the project are Scrubgrass Rd., Persimmon Ridge Rd.,

Ishmael Chapel Rd., Mint Ridge Rd., Hog Jaw Taylor Store Rd., upper Jackstown Rd., Lower Concord Rd., Burns Pike, Burns Pike, Ox bow Rd., East Union Rd., Loop Carpenter Pike, Loop, Concord Rd., Salswell Brunker County Water District for the Phase V water project.

Taylor's Creek Rd., Smith Lane, US 57 (off Burns Pike), Cooked Creek (1244), Loop Collier Rd., Loop, SR 648 Walnut Grove - Loop, and Lower Jackstown Rd. Loop.

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**Rainfall improves Nicholas County's drought conditions**

**Karina Jordan**  
Managing Editor

For the first time in months Nicholas County has improved from extreme drought conditions to severe drought.

The slow long rain that fell in Carlisle and many other parts of the state improved most of Kentucky's 112 counties.

According to Tom Priddy, a University of Kentucky meteorologist, says that the Bluegrass still needs 9 inches of rain above normal to end the drought.

The Bluegrass area had 1.6 inches of rain Saturday and Sun-

day as reported from the Blue Grass Airport.

Although some may want to go out and wash their cars or water their lawns, now that most water advisories are lifted, Water Districts in the area are still asking customers to use water wisely.

Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tincher in an interview earlier this week with The Carlisle Mercury said, "The rain was much past due, but Nicholas County hasn't been in as much danger as other areas in the state, but he hopes that everyone continues to practice smart water usage."