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**LABOR DAY** Monday  
September 6th

**Mercury Memories** 50 years ago ...  
1000 Nicholas County children returned to school which opened on Tuesday, September 6.  
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**The Carlisle Mercury to be closed Labor Day**  
The Carlisle Mercury office will be closed on Monday, September 6, to observe the Labor Day Holiday.  
Our office will open on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.  
We hope that you and your families enjoy the weekend and see you on Tuesday.



**Ed Miller to hold office hours in Carlisle**  
Sen. Ed Miller will be available to meet with constituents at 1 p.m., September 3, in the Fiscal Court Room of the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle.  
Miller will answer questions or address concerns on state government issues.

**Carlisle City Council to meet**  
A special called meeting is set for the Carlisle City Council on Tuesday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m., at City Hall.  
The purpose of the meeting will be to accept bid on the City's sewer project.

**Annex meeting to be held**  
A special called meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education and the Carlisle City Council members will be held on Tuesday, September 7, at 6:00 p.m., at the Nicholas County Elementary Library.  
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the school system and surrounding area.

**City Council regular monthly meeting set**  
The September meeting of the Carlisle City Council will be held on Monday, September 13, at City Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

**N.C. Fiscal Court monthly meeting set**  
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14, at 4:00 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse.



**School's Now Open**  
School is now open in Nicholas County, almost two weeks behind schedule. Construction at Nicholas County High School will continue although students are back.

**Blue Jackets on a roll West Carter falls to Nicholas County 54-20**  
On Friday, August 27, the Nicholas County Blue Jackets took on the West Carter Comets. Nicholas County went on to the field, pumped and ready to go.  
The Blue Jackets went into Comet territory after a 36-0 victory over Bath County last week. This was a great opener to the 1999 season.  
The Comets came out strong with a 43 yard rush up the middle and a 40 yard touchdown pass.  
The Comets closed up the first quarter with a 12-8 lead, but they were unable to hang on to the lead in the second half.  
At the half the Blue Jackets headed into the locker room proud of their comeback, to have the lead at the half.  
In the third quarter, the Blue jackets took complete control as the Comets lost Quarterback

Larold Duncan to a leg injury.  
With the Blue Jackets leading 54-12 in the fourth quarter, the Comets broke for a 60 yard touchdown. The Comets added two more for the conversion.

**Governor provides tobacco growers help-line and other assistance**  
Several forms of assistance to tobacco producers eligible to apply for compensation from the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust will soon be available including a toll-free helpline. Governor Patton announced today.  
Starting Monday, August 30th, tobacco growers can call a toll-free number, 888-366-8098 and get a recorded message of general information about eligibility and the application process. Beginning September 13th, the toll-free line will be staffed by trained state government personnel to assist with the application process and provide other general information. On-line assistance will be available beginning September 3rd at [www.kytobacco.com/kyas](http://www.kytobacco.com/kyas).

**Gas prices to soar during Labor Day**  
Gasoline prices soared more than 8 cents a gallon in the last month and are now 18 cents above what they were just before the last Labor Day holiday, according to AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.  
AAA's Monthly Fuel Gauge report shows unleaded regular gas averages \$1.255 per gallon nationwide, 8.1 higher than in July. A year ago, the pre-Labor Day average was \$1.075 per gallon.  
"The increase was the biggest in August since prices rocketed 11.4 cents in 1990 following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait," said Dan Jackson, spokesman for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "Prices are inching back up to where they were a few years ago."  
This was the second major increase in gas prices in 1999. This month's spike in prices comes on top of another jump back in April and has resulted in gas prices rising from about 98 cents a gallon in January to \$1.25 in August.  
In Kentucky, the average price for unleaded regular gas jumped 8 cents in one month to \$1.19 per gallon. The Bluegrass State has the nation's 16th cheapest gas prices. California has the highest average gas price at \$1.55 a gallon, while Georgia has the cheapest fuel at \$1.09 per gallon.  
In Lexington, a survey of 30 gas stations showed the average price for unleaded regular gas to be \$1.17 a gallon, up two cents from a month ago. Gas prices in the Lexington survey ranged from a low of \$1.09 to a high of \$1.23.  
AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky is a not-for-profit auto club.

**Officials to discuss annex**  
A special called meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, at 6:00 p.m., at the Nicholas County Elementary School Gymnasium.  
The purpose of the meeting is to allow Carlisle City Council members and the Nicholas County Board of Education an opportunity to discuss the annex issue that was tabled at last month's City Council meeting.  
The public is invited to attend, but to keep order, any one wishing to address the issue, needs to contact the Nicholas County Board of Education or the City of Carlisle prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Back To School Time**  
Tyler Watkins, 5, a kindergarten student at Nicholas County Elementary School and Ean Watkins, 4, a fourth grader enjoy some back to school shopping in Downtown Carlisle with their 22 month old sister Amelia Watkins.

**School's Open**  
After weeks of anticipation Nicholas County Schools are now in session.  
Students returned to class Wednesday after school had been delayed due to construction delays at the Nicholas County High School.  
Although construction is still being done, portions of the old school that have been renovated and portions of the new constructed area are open for students and faculty use.

**Dairy Mart ATM to no charge**  
Dairy Mart Convenience Stores, Inc. is continuing its commitment to customers by expanding its innovative No-Fee ATM program to more than 100 stores in Kentucky. Kentucky residents can now use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to withdraw their Federal payments at Dairy Mart's No Fee ATM. Guest logo stickers, which indicate to recipients that EBT cards are accepted, are now located on the ATM and on a highly visible location on participating store signs.  
"We are happy to provide this no-fee service to individuals who want to have quick and easy access to their benefits. With more than 130 Dairy Mart stores across Kentucky and more than 100 of those stores participating in the ATM program, we expect to see an increase in transaction volume," said Robert B. Stein, Dairy Mart Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

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