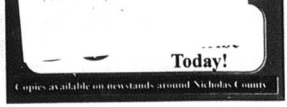




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## Briefs

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## Veterans to meet Thursday

Montgomery Post 22 of The American of The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Thursday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the Post Home on Winchester Road, Mt. Sterling.

All veterans, and their spouses, from Bath, Clark, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas, and Powell counties are invited to attend. Fish Fry at 6 p.m.

## Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Fish Fry

A fish fry will be held on Saturday, September 25, at 11:00 a.m., by the Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Missionary Society. Fish dinners are \$5, fish sandwiches are \$2.50. Pies may be bought by the slice or whole for \$5.

Proceeds benefit the budget. Everyone is welcome.

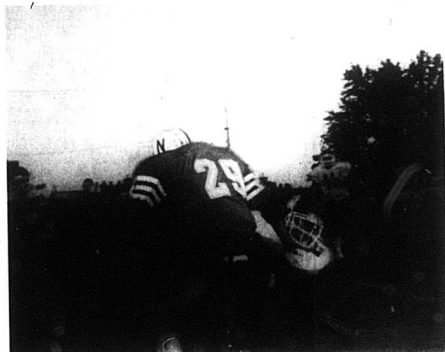
## Little Rock Vol. Fire Department Yard Sale

The Little Rock Volunteer Fire Department will be having a yard sale Saturday, September 25, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Cane Ride and Little Rock Road, across from the Little Rock Christian Church.

## Little Rock Vol. Fire Department Pig Roast

The Little Rock Volunteer Fire Department will be having a Pig Roast on Saturday, September 25, starting at 5:00 p.m., at the Little Rock Christian Church located on Cane Ride and Little Rock Road.

Everyone is welcome. Paul Lyons will be the chef for the evening and dinner cost \$5 per adult.



Josh Fryman ran for six yards to help Nicholas County win Friday night against Ludlow. The Blue Jackets take on Fairview this week.

## Blue Jackets on a roll . . . Nicholas County defeats Ludlow 14-13 in a close game

In High School Football action Friday night the Nicholas County Blue Jackets took on Ludlow, hoping to keep their winning streak alive. Nicholas County defeated Ludlow 14-13, which kept the Blue Jackets undefeated. Ludlow dropped to 3-2. The Blue Jackets will take on Fairview Friday night as they travel to Ashland in hopes keeping the dream alive. Homecoming is set for October 15, against Berea.

## Nicholas County hit hard by lack of rainfall

Nicholas Counties drought of 1999, has added another first to its record. In almost six decades Nicholas County has not seen this much dryness. Nicholas County hasn't been in extreme drought since 1941.

Nicholas County is in the extreme drought with a record of 4.51. To be placed in the extreme drought you must be a 4 or higher.

With in the past 13 months only three months have had above average rainfall. According to meteorologist it will take several months to climb out of this drought level.

There was a nice shower that fell on Nicholas County Sunday evening and early Monday morning, but not enough to bring September up to par with other years. The lack or rain is already being seen in the grocery stores with prices of dairy products, and fruits and vegetables rising.

The Nicholas County Democratic Executive Party Sunday evening and early Monday morning, but not enough to bring September up to par with other years. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. For more information check out next week's edition of The Carlisle Mercury.

## Largest mailing ever marks new Social Security service

### . . . . Statements to show how your Social Security us looking

On October 1, the largest customized direct mailing of information the U.S. government has ever sent to the public is about to begin. The Social Security Administration will begin mailing Social Security Statements to approximately 125 million workers who are age 25 and older and who are not already receiving Social Security benefits. About 500,000 Statements will be issued each business day.

You can expect to receive your Social Security Statement each year about three months before your birthday. Therefore, if you were born in February you can expect to receive your statement each November.

"Statements were available in the past at no charge, but you had to request it," according to Lyman Russell, District Manager of the Mayesville Social Security Field Office. Russell stated, "If you didn't know this statement available, then you didn't even know you could apply for it."

The four-page Social Security Statement will put "your future in your hands" by providing estimates of Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits you and your family could be eligible to receive now and in the future. The Statement will also provide you with an easy way to determine whether your earnings (i.e., wages and/or self-employment income) are accurately posted on your Social Security record. That's important because your future benefits will be based on your lifetime earnings record. The statement also will tell you how to correct any inaccurately posted earnings.

Social Security encourages you to use your Statement to help you plan your financial future. Think of Social Security as a foundation on which to build a more secure future. Using the benefit estimates can help you make decisions about your financial needs that may occur when you retire, or if you become disabled or die and leave survivors.

"This service will allow you the opportunity to know how your finances are and what choices you need to be

making financially to supplement your social security," said Russell.

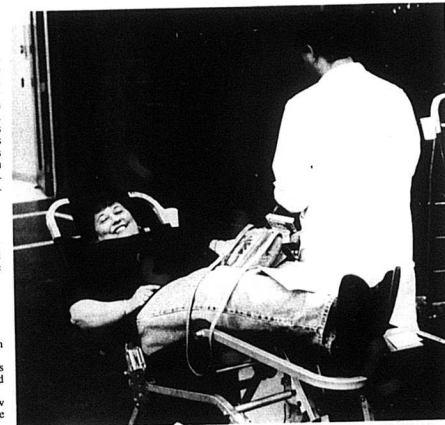
If needed you can still stop in at the office any time and request a copy of your statement.

If you have questions about Social Security benefits, call, write or visit your local Social Security office or call this toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778. You also can reach Social Security at its website [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

## 2nd Annual Gospel festival a huge hit in Nicholas County

On Saturday, September 18, a couple of hundred people from all over Nicholas County and Kentucky gathered at the Nicholas County Elementary School to enjoy a variety of great gospel music. Families enjoyed the sounds of The a cappella group of The Greater Liberty Baptist Church, The New Found 4, Blood Bought, King's Strings, Doc's Ology, and Billy and Donna Dixon and Family.

Joining in the event was the Central Kentucky Blood Mobile. Although the event drew less people, than last year, the event was still a success. The event was sponsored by the Nicholas County Cancer Coalition and Whittaker Bank.



It's worth it, to hear good gospel music" Linda Pickler, of Frankfort traveled to Nicholas County this past Saturday to here some good ole' gospel music at the Nicholas County Gospel Festival. During the festival the Bloodmobile was on hand to receive much needed blood as part of the Health Awareness Expo.