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No charges filed yet from wreck

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No charges have been filed against the driver of a 1990 Chevy pickup that struck a utility pole during the evening of July 18 in downtown Carlisle, however police say the investigation is continuing.

Carlisle police officers searched for the driver immediately following the accident. According to Carlisle Police Officer Brad Weaver, the first officer at the scene, the truck hit a utility pole along East Main Street at approximately 10:22 p.m. Witnesses told Weaver that the three occupants had exited the vehicle and left the scene on foot. Carlisle Police Sergeant Darrell Layne, and officer Dennis Jackson, who was off-duty, joined Weaver at the scene. The trio quickly secured the scene and directed traffic to ensure other motor vehicles proceeded with safety. Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and

Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes also responded to the scene and provided assistance. They also began to search for the three occupants of the truck. "One of the passengers, Chris Mitchell, was the owner of the truck," Weaver said. "The truck was perfectly legal. The registration, the tags, insurance, every-

thing was legal. We believe the three were under the influence of alcohol and just kind of panicked and left the scene after the collision. The truck received damage to the passenger side and front of the vehicle." Weaver said Sgt. Layne found two of the three, Mitchell and Heather Buckler, nearby at the home of a Buckler family member. "Neither of the two had been wearing seat belts and both had sustained injuries to their head and face during the collision," Weaver said. "Sgt. Layne requested dispatch to notify the ambulance service and Mitchell and Buckler were immediately transferred to the Nicholas County Hospital. Both were treated with non-life-threatening injuries and later released. As of 9 p.m., July 19, the driver had still not been located, and the search continued. "Thanks to witnesses at the scene, we are almost 100 percent sure we know

the identity of the driver," Weaver said. "Our investigation continues and charges may be pending." Weaver expressed praise to Jackson, Garrett and Hughes, for their assistance during the incident and especially praised the efforts of the witnesses at the scene. "I'm very thankful for their help," he said. "When you have a collision and injured people that you can't find, well, it makes a big difference when witnesses come forward and help you. "I'm real grateful for the assistance of the community, and I'm glad none of the injuries were any more serious than what they were." County Attorney Dawn Letcher commented on the incident. "No charges have been filed against any of the three occupants of the vehicle," she said July 21. "Officer Weaver has obtained statements from two of the passengers and the case is still viable."



Photo by Mike Bond

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Citizens urged to attend CORE meeting

Do you want to make Nicholas County and Carlisle better places to live? If so then you are cordially invited and urged to attend an organizational meeting sponsored by the Nicholas County-Carlisle Industrial Authority Board. The meeting will be held Thurs. Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Carlisle United Method-

ist Church. The meeting will focus on moving the community forward and capitalizing on positive steps identified from the results of report stemming from the recent community assessment survey conducted March 12-23 by the Kentucky Association for Economic Development. According to the report, "an

overwhelming majority of the survey respondents (81 percent) are dissatisfied in varying degrees with the growth and development of the community, and 73 percent are dissatisfied with the future of Nicholas County." Everyone who attends the Aug. 2 meeting will have an opportunity to help move the community forward.

"We want all of the citizens of Nicholas County to participate," said Mike Poye, who is the chairman of the industrial development authority board. "We'll be dividing into several groups to work together to meet attainable goals established by the state's association for economic development." See CORE Page 3



Photo by Charles Mattox

I solemnly swear . . . no duels
Kriti Morris, a local environmentalist for WEDCO Health Agency is being sworn in by Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher. Morris was appointed as a board member of Lake Carnico District 2 Sanitation Board. "It's a good choice," Tincher said, "especially considering her background as an environmentalist and the fact that she is a resident of the Lake Carnico area."

Even with light rainfall county gripped in drought

Scattered rain showers fell across sections of Nicholas County last week, lifting the county's drought status from severe to moderate, according to area and state officials.

"The center portion of Nicholas County, right around Carlisle, has been the hardest area hit," said Mike Phillips earlier this month of the severe drought. Phillips is the agriculture agent for the University of Kentucky Nicholas County Extension Office. Even as the county was gripped in a severe drought at the beginning of the month, Phillips said the severity of the

drought to the county was not full blown. "We do have some areas along the fringes of the county that have received some rain and the crops aren't hurting as bad as some other areas, but we're going to be short on hay production and we'll be out of pasture if we don't get some steady rain soon." Phillips was asked about the damage suffered thus far to the number one cash crop for the county, burley tobacco. Tobacco that has been recently planted may have

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Guard unit coming home; fundraising is a major help

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Members of the Carlisle-based National Guard unit will have five days at home thanks to the efforts of the unit's Family Readiness Group, and outstanding support from the community. "We've put in a lot of long days of training. First Sgt. Rob Hughes, one of the platoon sergeants of the company, said last week from Camp Shelby, Miss., where he and approximately 180

members of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, have been training since June 6. "Our training has gone really well, our morale is high and we are ready to go to war. Thanks to the efforts of the Family Readiness Group (FRG) and outstanding support from the community, we will be able to visit with our families before being deployed to Iraq." The Guardsmen, many of whom are Nicholas County

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Photo by Charles Mattox

A ride for the troops to help raise money for the trip home generated nearly \$7500 over two days.

Students get schedules early

Nicholas County High School Counselor Kacey Miller has announced students in grades 10 thru 12 will be allowed to pick up their schedules before school begins. Seniors should pick up schedules on July 31. Juniors on Aug. 1, and Sophomores on Aug. 2. New students may pick up schedules on Friday, Aug. 3. Freshman schedules will be distributed at student orientation. Upperclassmen will have an opportunity to change portions of their schedule before school starts.

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