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# No injuries, two-vehicle accident

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Dick Garrett reports that Michael McGlothlin, 29, of Ewing, was traveling in a 1999 Toyota Corolla, along US 68 near the Nicholas/Bourbon County line when he began procedures to pass a slow moving vehicle in front of him in a passing zone, but subsequently struck a vehicle that was alongside his

vehicle and was also in the act of passing. That vehicle, a 2008 Chevy pickup truck, driven by Darren Gates, 36, of Carlisle, and the McGlothlin vehicle collided with the Toyota's mirror striking the Gates truck door, causing damage to the passenger door of the truck. McGlothlin quickly swerved back into his lane, but according to Garrett, overcorrected his steering, and this led to the McGlothlin vehicle leaving the right side of the road and overturning once before coming to rest on its tires in a wooded area near the road. McGlothlin and Gates were both the sole occupants of their vehicles. Garrett reports to "The Mercury" that Nicholas County Fire Chief responded very quickly to the scene where he found McGlothlin outside of the vehicle suffering from no injuries. McGlothlin was wearing a seatbelt.

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**Photo submitted**  
This 1999 Toyota Corolla, driven by Michael McGlothlin of Ewing was destroyed following an accident on US 68 last week. McGlothlin was wearing a seatbelt and suffered no serious injuries.

## Vandals continue destructive behavior throughout town

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City police officers are reporting a rise in acts of vandalism in recent months. Vandals struck Crockett's, Suzie's Flowers and Tracks Restaurant, during Labor Day weekend. "I'm just afraid the vandals will keep on until the city imposes a curfew," Kiskaden said. "That will make it rough on everyone, especially young teens who don't break the law." Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton has joined Kiskaden and fellow officer Brad Weaver in investigating the destructive acts. "Vandals caused damage to two soda machines and one of the light fixtures at Crockett's," Denton said. "They caused damage to Suzie's, which is located behind Marathon, by throwing rocks. It looks like the same individuals also threw rocks at Tracks Restaurant." Denton, Kiskaden and Weaver, ask that all concerned citizens of Carlisle contact their office at 289-3710 if they see any act of vandalism or to report suspicious activity. Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and Deputy Bonnie Buckler say they have seen no spike in acts of vandalism in the rural sectors of Nicholas County but continue to witness acts of petty theft and continue to receive reports of thefts of catalytic converters. Carlisle police continue to investigate an act of vandalism that occurred during the third week of July when vandals broke one side of glass from the display case that houses the historic school bell near the entrance of the Nicholas County School campus. No arrests have been made thus far with any of the above listed crimes.

## Blue Jackets win 25-20

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The Nicholas County Blue Jackets defeated a strong West Carter Team Friday night 25-20 at Ben Humphrey Field. "I was a little concerned when we were down 14-13 at half time," Head Coach Robert Hopkins said. "But our kids came out and played a strong second half and we had good consistent play from our defensive line." Senior defensive tackle Jacob Frederick had seven solo tackles and one assist to lead the defense. "He's one of our leaders on the line," Hopkins said. "He's strong and he plays with a lot of heart." Senior quarterback Jordan Mynear not only led the Jackets offensively, but played strong defensively as well, racking up seven solo tackles and one assist to join Frederick in an outstanding performance. "Jordan's got a lot of talent and is a good all around athlete," Coach Hopkins said. "We may spread him around a little as we expect some great time at quarterback from

Zach Lemons." Mynear also completed four passes in eight attempts for 52 yards. One of those completions was to senior Andy McCarty who ran 29 yards for a TD. Senior Shane Sweet carried the ball 21 times for 145 yards. Nicholas County had a 352 total yards offense as opposed to West Carter with 247. Coach Hopkins said he has been very pleased with the motivation and enthusiasm his team has exhibited thus far and expressed deep appreciation for the fan support. "Our fans are great and we hope they continue to show up and support us," he said. "Our team is showing a lot of aggression right now and we took it to West Carter pretty good Friday night. We hope to repeat that again this Friday night when we face Fairview."

## Teacher "overruled" in probation motion

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A Nicholas County woman formerly employed as a Deming Math teacher, who pled guilty to charges related to having sex with a Robertson County minor, had a motion for shock probation overruled last month in Robertson Circuit Court. "Having given due consideration to the written report of the pre-sentence investigation prepared by the Division of Probation and Parole, to the nature and circumstances of the crime, and to the history, character and condition of the defendant, it is hereby ordered that the defendant's motion is overruled," Honorable Circuit Judge Robert McGinnis stated as part of his Order on Motion For Shock Probation in the case of Commonwealth of Kentucky versus Crystal Wells. The order was filed August 6 with Robertson County Circuit Clerk Martha Workman. Wells was arrested December 11, 2007. Wells, 34, signed a Motion To Enter Guilty Plea on March 5 of this year to the amended class D felony charges of unlawful transaction with a minor, second degree. The facts of the case, as stated in that motion, which was also signed by Wells' attorney John Dutton and Commonwealth's Attorney Doug Wright, were "as per the indictment." Wells was indicted by a Robertson County Grand

Jury on December 10, 2007 on six counts of rape, third degree, when, according to those indictments, she allegedly "engaged in sexual intercourse with another person less than 16 years of age." Petitions continue to circulate throughout communities of Nicholas County beseeching court officials to grant Wells probation and many argue strongly that she is a prime candidate for such consideration. She has never had any other criminal violations in her past, and has very strong support from family members, church leaders and many friends, according to letters submitted to the court. Dr. David L. Feinberg, a licensed clinical psychologist of the Lexington counseling firm of Feinberg and Associates, signed documents following approximately nine hours of interviews with Wells and Emily Lee of the Beaumont Behavioral Health firm in Lexington stating that she (Wells) "seemed truly remorseful for her behavior," and Lee further reported that she did not believe that Wells was a pedophile according to court documents. The psychological evaluation for Wells prepared by Feinberg and Associates revealed detailed details of the relationship between Wells and the minor. Although, according to court documents, the minor had been a student of Wells' no sexual activity occurred on school grounds between them. The evaluation, which was



**Photo by Charles Mattox**  
Attorney John Dutra, left, and his client Crystal Wells, right, are shown in an earlier appearance in Robertson Circuit Court.

included in the public records of Wells' case, did state that according to interviews with Wells, the two did have sex once in Wells' house in Carlisle. "He was my best friend," Wells was quoted in the evaluation when discussing the relationship she had with the minor. "I told him things I couldn't tell my best girlfriends because he didn't judge me." Commonwealth Attorney Doug Wright and Assistant Wells told counselors that she "has not had any liaisons

of any type with any other underage person," according to the evaluation, and told evaluators that she and the minor were in love with each other, according to page 6 of the evaluation report. Judge McGinnis received dozens of letters of support pleading for Wells to be granted probation, according to court documents. Commonwealth Attorney Doug Wright and Assistant

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