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## Court clarifies stand on Blackberry Festival

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Nicholas Fiscal Court members clarified their stance on the Blackberry Festival last week, and received praise for their efforts by a man directly involved.

"I'm here to tell you that I sincerely thank you for the work you've done," Jim Galbraith said when he came before members of the fiscal court during the July 14 meeting, which was held in the Nicholas County Courthouse. Galbraith praised the efforts of all involved for their tireless efforts in improving the facilities at West End Park.

"I thought we had a good festival and I wanted to tell the court that," Galbraith said. Galbraith did say gate receipts were lower than had been anticipated, but all agreed that the down pouring of rain was a major contributing factor with that result.

"You just can't fight Mother Nature," Galbraith said.

Nicholas County judge

Executive Larry Tischer expressed his pleasure for Galbraith's participation in the festival and praised the efforts of the magistrates, particularly Jeff Randolph, who volunteered many hours to make improvements at the park.

Judge Tischer also clarified the court's stance on the festival.

"The court did not vote to move the Blackberry Festival," he said, to which several magistrates nodded in agreement. "The court simply voted to not allow carnival rides to set up in the courthouse yard."

Judge Tischer read the past minutes of previous court meetings, during which that decision was made.

Judge Tischer and magistrates cited safety concerns and other reasons for the vote on prohibiting carnival rides. Following the meeting, Judge Tischer was quick to point out that he had always enjoyed the Blackberry Festival and was aware of the tradition. He also pointed out that the earliest

Blackberry Festivals emphasized homecomings of family and friends and didn't even include carnival rides.

Tischer said he was hopeful that the Blackberry Festival would continue to be a well-attended festival, which helped lend identity to Nicholas County. He added that he was "very receptive" to future festival activities being held inside the courthouse yard.

"I'm absolutely in favor of that," he said. "We enjoy that during our Saturday in Carlisle activities and other events," he said. "We're very receptive to the idea of working with community leaders and other organizations to make future festivals enjoyable for all."

Magistrates clarified that although they may not have been spotted enjoying the festival, as was quoted from American Legion Adjutant Dorsey Watkins in the previous issue of the Mercury, many of them were indeed there. Magistrate Mike Webb said he was



Regardless of location for the rides, children certainly enjoyed participating in the 2009 Blackberry Festival.

## Dr. Hovermale offers second scholarship



Superintendent Greg Rekl and Dr. Ralph A. Hovermale

In honor of the grant or Margaret Hovermale, Dr. Ralph A. Hovermale of Columbus has continued the recognition with a second scholarship for Nicholas County residents. The trust will be called the Margaret Hovermale Scholarship Fund. The first scholarship is called the Badger Hoversmale Scholarship

## CORRECTION

In last week's article about the accident that closed Highway 68, we reported that the Nicholas County Fire Department helped contain the fuel spill. Although the Fire Department was on the scene, it was the Carlisle/Nicholas County Rescue/HAZMAT team that was responsible for containing the spill. We appreciate Calvin Denton for pointing out the error and apologize for any inconvenience caused by the report.

## Local church burglarized

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Burglars broke into a local Church Sunday evening and stole cash, candy and soda, as well as damaging furniture, according to police.

The Assembly of God Church, on Concrete Road had cash and other items, including candy and soda, removed

from inside the building after someone entered from the rear of the church. Before making off with the items, the burglars also damaged storage cabinets and refrigerators, according to police.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time the church has been broken into. Burglars have targeted the church in



Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett calls for additional emergency personnel as Nicholas County firefighters begin setting up equipment to extract occupants of a wrecked RAV4 SUV in the minutes following a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Miller's Station Road and Concrete Road, Monday.

## Accident injures two

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A two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Miller's Station Road and Concrete Road, two miles west of Carlisle Monday afternoon seriously injured a local lady.

According to investigators, Jackie Russell, her sister Suzie Sexton and Sexton's grandson were exiting Miller's Station Road at approximately 2:24 p.m., in a RAV4 SUV.

"I was just moving right there," the witness said as he shook his head in disbelief, as he pointed to the area where the vehicles traveled across Concrete Road toward Carlisle when the impact occurred.

One witness, who was moving nearby said the impact of the two vehicles was louder than the where it finally came to mow he was on.

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The Colorado Band-order Coors-Finch Baseball Team is ranked second in the state and 10th in the nation after a victorious season and outstanding tournament play.

The team consists of players from Booneville and Nicholas Counties, including Nicholas players Andrew Day, (front row, 2nd from left), son of Todd and Karrie Day, and standing beside him Isaac Fryman, son of Tip and Melissa Fryman, Coach Daniel Brown and his son, Keaton, standing in front of him (2nd row, far left), are the son the grandson of Denver and Neddie Brown of Nicholas County.

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