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## Happy Veterans Day!

Crylil Dalley, dressed as Uncle Sam, shows her patriotic spirit.  
The Carlisle Mercury joins with the entire community in expressing our heartfelt thanks to all who have served in the military.



Photo by Sandy Hamilton

County residents brave the cold to wait for flu shots on Nov. 7. Vaccinations will be available again on Nov. 14.

## H1N1 vaccination clinic made available in Nicholas County

The Wedco District Health Department will be hosting H1N1 flu vaccination clinics in each of their counties (Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties) on November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (or until the vaccine supply is depleted). The clinics will focus on the high risk target groups (emergency workers, pregnant women and children with chronic medical conditions or a weakened immune system).

These clinics will be in the community room at each of the local health departments in each county. Please dress for easy access to the upper arm or the upper thigh depending on age.

We will have the following available in each county:

- 225 LAIV mist doses;
- 570 injectable doses for ages 6 months and up with a preservative;
- 187 preservative-free doses for pregnant women and children above the age of 4;
- 67 preservative-free doses for pregnant women and adults 18 years and older;
- 80 doses for ages 6 months to 3 years that are preservative-free.

We will continue to schedule more clinics as more vaccine becomes available. We will eventually offer vaccination to all the public as we are able and your patience is appreciated. If you have any questions pertaining to these clinics please contact the Wedco District Health Department at 859-234-8760.

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## Hopkins named EKC Defensive Player of the Year

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A Nicholas County Football player has been named as the Eastern Kentucky Conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

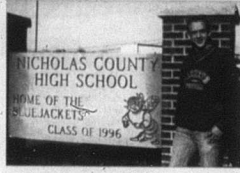
Wes Hopkins, 16-year-old son of Robert and Charlette Hopkins, was named the Defensive Player of the Year by a consensus of the coaches, but it is especially sweet when you consider that Hopkins is only a junior.

At the site of the BlueJackets' Football Coach, Hopkins said being a player under his father was a special honor in itself. His father had his own thoughts on Wes being named to the prestigious honor.

"I'm very proud of Wes as a father and I'm very proud of him as a player," Coach Hopkins said Monday.

With ten teams being in the conference and Hopkins receiving most votes as Defensive Player of the Year by a consensus of the coaches, the achievement would be considerable.

Hopkins said he is looking forward to gaining more strength and agility being named to the All-EKC Team as well as being named to the All-District Team.



about defense for the BlueJackets.

"I like to make the big plays on defense," Hopkins said. "And I like to make the hard hits."

Hopkins was additionally honored as being named a member of the All-EKC Team as well as being named to the All-District Team.

## Nicholas County gets weather tower after all

**By Stephen Scaff**  
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After Nicholas County cattleman Robert Berrioff read The Mercury's article about the Fiscal Court opposition to placing a new weather tower at West End Park, he decided to take matters into his own hands. He called State Climatologist Stewart Foster and invited a team from the Kentucky Climate Center to survey his property to find a suitable location.

"I thought having a weather tower was a good idea," said Berrioff. "We need the weather data."



Photo by Stephen Scaff

David Pedigo (left) and Steve Strubig (right) of Kentucky Mesonet begin assembly of the 20 ft. weather tower on a site donated by Nicholas County cattleman Robert Berrioff.

The Fiscal Court had rejected West End Park as a possible location, primarily because the site did not include a fence. A majority of the members felt this created too great a liability - either from individuals climbing on the tower or from damage to or possible removal of the solar panel.

A short time after Berrioff volunteered his property as a site, the Nicholas County Extension Office also contacted Western Kentucky University (WKU) to see what could be done to get a weather tower in Nicholas County and learned that steps were already underway. To help facilitate the project, Tara Duncan of the Extension Office called Steve Vice at the Conservation District, who agreed to provide the backhoe and the fencing.

A suitable site was seen TOWER Page 3

## Resident teacher pleads guilty to child porn charges

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A Nicholas County resident who taught at Paris High School, in adjacent Bourbon County, and who was arrested May 11 and charged with possession of child pornography, entered a guilty plea in federal court Monday.

Kenneth Shadon, 31, of Camp, Co., Ky., was charged with 25 counts of possession of child pornography.



Kenneth Shadon



Photo by Joshua E. Harper

## Firefighters visit Kindergarten

The Nicholas County Fire Department presented a fire safety program to the Kindergartners at Nicholas County Elementary School. An important part of fire prevention is education and the fire department serves as a valuable resource to the community by helping to teach our children how to be safe with fire.

Shadon's plea came after an intense joint investigation led by members of the FBI and the Paris Police Department.

According to a press release and comments made by former Paris Chief of Police Tim Gray, the investigation into Shadon began when Paris Police officers received a complaint from the parent of a 17-year-old male child about possible inappropriate communication between the child and a Paris High School Teacher. Paris Police, along with the Kentucky Attorney General's Cyber Unit, began an investigation, which continued and extended to include the FBI, Jack Conway, the Kentucky

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