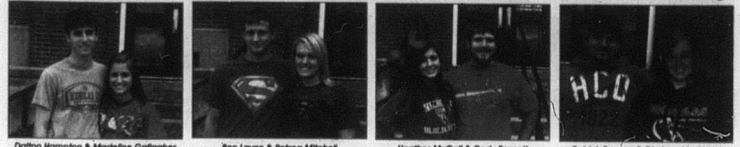


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Nicholas County Homecoming this Friday



Dalton Hampton & Madeline Gallagher
Madeline Gallagher is the 17 year old daughter of Denny & Linda Gallagher. She has been involved in cheerleading for 4 years, golf for 4 years, & student council for 4 years. She has also been vice-president of Hot shots/YES for 2 years and class treasurer for 3 years. She is also a member of Y club, FBLA, Youth Salute, FFA, Teen Pregnancy Coalition, Prom Committee, Who's Who Among American High School Students, & All American Scholar. In addition, she is an active member of the Carlisle Christian Church. After high school, Madeline plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University & pursue a degree in elementary education.

Petrea Mitchell is the 17 year old daughter of Darvin & Melissa Mitchell. Petrea is a member of the National Honor Society & Who's Who Among American High School Students. She has been a member of the basketball team for 5 years, softball for 4 years, student council for 3 years & the yearbook staff for one year. She has also been instrumental in creating the football program for this season. In her spare time, she enjoys texting, hanging out with friends and family, & watching movies & reading. After graduation, Petrea plans to attend college and pursue a degree in elementary education with a concentration in English.

Heather McCall & Cody Barnett
Heather McCall is the 17 year old daughter of Jennifer & Duane Osborne. During high school, she has been involved in cheerleading for 4 years, golf for 2 years, and track for one year. She is a member of FCCLA, FBLA, KYA & KUNA. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Student Council. Her hobbies include spending time with friends & family & going to truck pulls. After graduation, Heather plans to attend college & pursue a degree in nursing.

Patrick Fryman & Chelsea Markland
Chelsea Markland is the 17 year old daughter of Angie & Don Markland Jr. During high school, Chelsea has been involved in cheerleading, softball & FCCLA. After high school, she plans to attend college & major in pre-med eventually become a pediatrician.
Patrick Fryman is the 17 year old son of Steve Fryman & Ginger Shearer. He has been a member of the Nicholas County High School football team for 4 years & the FFA for 3 years. He enjoys hunting, riding four wheelers, and hanging out with friends. After graduation, he plans to attend Morehead but is undecided on his major.

Dalton Hampton is the 17 year old son of Scott Hampton and Cynthia Ritchie. Dalton has played golf for 5 years and basketball for 4 years. Dalton has served as an active member of Hot shots/YES club, Student Council, FBLA, KYA/KUNA, and Athletic club. He has been selected to Youth Salute, National Honor Society, All American Scholar, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Dalton plans to attend the University of Kentucky with a major in pre-med and then continue to the University of Cincinnati to obtain a PhD in orthopedic/sports medicine surgery.

Ben Layne is the 17 year old son of Tim & Tammy Layne. Ben has played football for 4 years, baseball for 3 years, & basketball for 1 year. He has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy, All American Scholar, & Who's Who Among American High School Students. He has also been instrumental in creating the football programs for this season. Ben plans to attend Morehead State University but is undecided on a major. He enjoys fishing, hunting, riding four wheelers, and hanging out with his friends.

Cody Barnett is the 17 year old son of Danny & Vickie Barnett. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Breakfast Buddies & 21st Century Program. He is a 4 year starter on the varsity football team and a member of the track team. He was a KYA representative & a Youth Salute representative. He has been recognized as an All American Scholar and also in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Cody plans to attend college after graduation and major in political science.

Go Bluejackets!
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Photo by Charles Mattox

Crystal Wilcoxson, 43, of Ahners Mills Road was involved in a single-vehicle accident in Fleming County on Friday.

Nicholas woman involved in accident

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A Nicholas County woman received non-life-threatening injuries following a single-vehicle accident in Fleming County, Friday Oct. 2. Crystal Wilcoxson, 43, of Ahners Mills Road, was traveling west on Ky. 32 near Elizaville at approximately 12:30 Oct. 2 when the vehicle in front of her abruptly stopped and turned into a farm, according to police. Wilcoxson, who was driving a 2007 Saturn, also applied her brakes, but due to recent rainfall, her vehicle skidded and she soon lost control. The vehicle left the roadway, overturned and came to rest on its top.

Fleming County Deputy Sheriff Gary Kinder was the first law enforcement officer to arrive on the scene and assisted in removing Wilcoxson from the vehicle. According to Kinder, Wilcoxson was wearing her seatbelt and had difficulty in freeing herself, following the accident.

Firefighters from the Flemingsburg Volunteer Fire Department were joined at the scene by firefighters from the Ewing Volunteer Fire Department. Fleming County EMS personnel also arrived quickly on the scene and treated Wilcoxson before transporting her to the Fleming County Hospital. The roadway was closed for approximately 16 minutes. Firefighters then worked together to direct traffic through one lane.

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Train derailment cleanup complete

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TTI Railway officials continue to process data and information gathered regarding the train derailment that occurred in Carlisle on Sept. 28, but the largest portion of the mess has been cleaned up and trains are running on schedule again, though they are going a bit slower. "Right now we're closely looking into the possibility of a broken rail, but we continue to examine all the data," said Russell Rogers, TTI President, in a brief phone interview Oct. 5. "We believe there was some type of structural failure, but our trains are back and running through Carlisle again at their normal schedule but as an added precaution they are traveling slower."

Rogers expressed his gratitude to everyone who assisted with the cleanup and thanked citizens for their patience. "The people of Nicholas County have been very helpful throughout this," Rogers said. "We proceeded carefully with the cleanup but we also tried to move quickly. We're going to try to have all the cleanup done that involves off track clean up. We deeply appreciate the understanding of every one in the trailer park and all the folks that were involved in this."

Rogers extended a special thanks to Sheriff Dick Garrett and deputies Bennie Buckler and Joe Herrington. Sheriff Garrett and Buckler arrived within moments of the reported derailment and worked for almost 24 hours straight from Monday afternoon to Tuesday evening. "We helped with traffic control, especially when moving equipment across the road from the armory to the site," Garrett said.

Rogers confirmed that workers with R.J. Corman provided equipment and manpower to help move the spilled coal from the 20 derailed cars. "We contacted R.J. Corman on Monday and by Monday night they had equipment on the site," Rogers said. Officials with R.J. Corman also expressed deep gratitude for Sheriff Garrett and his deputies for their assistance.

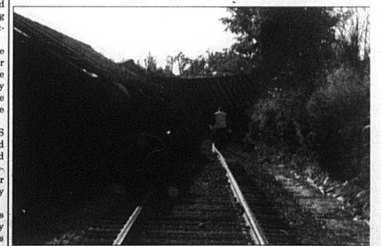


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A TTI employee inspects the wreckage minutes after the derailment last week.