



Grade 55  
Championship game Saturday  
Gerald Thompson drives to the basket for a lay up during the championship game of the Nicholas County Invitational Tournament. Saturday night, Thompson, along with Ricky Hicks, was selected from the Nicholas County squad to the All-Tournament team.—Smith photo

# Nicholas captures N.I.T.

By Jimmy Smith  
Sparkling team play in the championship game of the second Annual Nicholas County Invitational Tournament pushed the Bluejackets to the Nicholas County seat of the N.I.T. Patrick, 70-67, for the Jackets' second straight tournament title. After advancing to the finals by defeating Menifee County 94-81 in the opening game, the Bluejackets captured the title by defeating the defending champions, Gerald Thompson and Ricky Hicks, paced the Jackets to the county's crown.  
Joe Ruddle came out tasting in the first couple of minutes of the concluding game and quickly popped in four points before St. Patrick could muster a score. But after a bucket by Gerald Thompson, St.

# Water Sports

By Donovan Smith  
FOR WOMEN ONLY: GIFT IDEAS FOR THE WATERSPORTS. THE MANY...  
With the holiday season approaching, many gifts are probably wondering what to buy for the man that enjoys water sports. Unless you participate in these activities, it's difficult for you to know what to buy for the man that enjoys water sports. It's a little and to watch an angler that fishes with plastic worms and heavy tackle open a package containing a fishing license are sold at tackle and bait shops. Boat licenses are available at the county court house.  
Happy Holidays.  
In this regard, the best advice I can give is to stay away from specialized tackle and gear. It's a gamble. You may not choose the right item (unless, of course, well placed hints have been dropped).

# Plan ahead before Christmas shopping

Think before you rush off to do your Christmas shopping—it will save you time and stress. Shopping for gifts for family and friends should be a pleasant task, not aching feet and frayed nerves. The best way to stay relaxed and calm is to plan ahead. Organize the list by stores so you won't have to walk back and forth for things you forgot to get the first time. Put names on your list so you won't have to guess. Try to decide on a sensible price range for each gift as you make your shopping list. Many people lose sight of the amount they're spending when they're fighting crowds and seeing displays of attractive items everywhere they go.  
Check through the newspapers to see what stores have the articles you want. You can compare prices through newspaper and magazine ads, too. Instead of walking to walk from store to store for the best buy. If you aren't sure a store carries exactly what you want, call the store to ask—it may save you a trip.  
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# Saltwell

by Mrs. Fred Holler  
Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Maffett and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holler visited Mrs. Gladys Kenney on Friday night. Mrs. Kenney has been confined to her home this week from illness.  
Mrs. Lewis Connelly of Mt. Sterling visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mattox and Mrs. Mae Ritchie who has been ill recently on Sunday afternoon. Miss Diane Ring of near Carlisle and Joanne of near Wickliffe visited with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox and their respective churches this Sunday night, Dec. 21 at 7 o'clock. The Mt. Pleasant Church will also observe their program at the same date and time.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Gaunce and children and Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Greg in Carlisle. Mrs. Vaughan Mattox visited with Mr. Earl Foeback and children on Thursday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Holler were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lora Gaunce entered Nicholas County Hospital the past week and remains a patient there.  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs and family attended a family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stone and children in the Lexington. Leslie Ann Riggs returned home with them for the night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Earlywine visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mattox and Mrs. Mae Ritchie on Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holler was in Lexington on Saturday.  
Mrs. Doris Doyle and children, Mrs. Bobby Lindy, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Florence were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Earlywine.  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Riggs and Jackie McDonald and daughter Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Gaunce and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaunce and Greg of Lexington.  
Rev. and Mrs. Howard Livingood and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson attended a Ministerial Dinner of Mayville District at Sedon Methodist, Mayville on Tuesday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blakeman and daughters were guests of Martha and David Kennedy for their Sunday in honor of Mrs. Blakeman's birthday.

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Senior center, Gary Greg, use the aid during Saturday's championship game of the Nicholas County Invitational Tournament. Saturday night, Thompson, along with Ricky Hicks, was selected from the Nicholas County squad to the All-Tournament team.—Smith photo

VFW potluck supper Dec. 20  
The V.F.W. Post #866 will have a ham and potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, followed by a dance with live music.  
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rather than risk buying gifts that will not be used, select gifts that are more general items that are useful in any type of fisherman or boater. Here are a few suggestions.  
A rain suit should be part of any water sports enthusiast's gear. Nothing is worse than to be caught out on the water in a downpour without protection. Prices range from \$5 to \$80. But a very dependable suit can be purchased at most sporting goods stores for around \$20. If winter fishing is done, be sure the suit is large enough to wear over heavy clothing.  
To go along with a rain suit, one of the hottest items in the tackle box is a pair of rubber boots called Totes. These little overboots fold to about the size of a bar of soap and take very little space. Believe me, on rainy days it is cold weather they are worth their weight in gold.  
I'm surprised at the number of fishermen that do not own a canner. Many memories are lost because pictures are not made—annual catches or a child's first bluefish, no matter how tiny. Canners come in all price ranges, as I'm sure you know. Some of the cheaper models are the Polaroid Swinger or the Kodak Pocket Instamatic take up very little space and make surprisingly good pictures.  
A fillet knife makes a thoughtful gift for a fisherman that does not have one. Repairs make a very good knife that I have used for several years. The model with a six inch blade sells for about \$4 at most sporting goods stores.  
If your man wears a hat, here's a good idea that could save his life. Called a hat switch, it is a power off switch, this little gadget hooks to the boat's ignition system. From a small coin the switch is then clipped to the driver's belt.  
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