

School lunch menus told

Nicholas County Elementary School menus for February are:

Feb. 5—Beef, brown beans, peach half, stew, corn bread, cookie.

Feb. 6—Fish, brown beans, peach half, stew, corn bread, cookie.

Feb. 9—Barbecue on bun, French fries, tossed salad, peach half, cookie.

Feb. 10—Chili, cheese sandwich, orange, crackers, ice cream.

Feb. 11—Ham, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, cookie.

Feb. 12—Spaghetti, peanut butter on cracker, green beans, slaw, mince.

Feb. 13—Pasta, tossed salad, buttered corn, peach half, Valentine cake.

Feb. 14—Chesapeake, baked beans, French fries, applesauce, cookie.

Feb. 17—Ham on bun, baked potato, green beans, peach half, cookie.

Feb. 18—Chicken, noodle soup, pimento cheese sandwich, apple, crackers, ice cream.

Feb. 19—Beef pattie, on grain potatoes, pineapple slice, buttered peas, roll.

Feb. 20—Fish, brown beans, slaw, peach half, brownie.

Feb. 21—Chili, pimento cheese, orange, crackers, cookie.

Feb. 24—Pasta, tossed salad, peach half, corn, brownie.

Feb. 25—Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, rolls.

Feb. 26—Beef stew, green beans, jello, cornbread, cookie.

Feb. 27—Wiener on bun, baked beans, applesauce, tossed salad, cookie.

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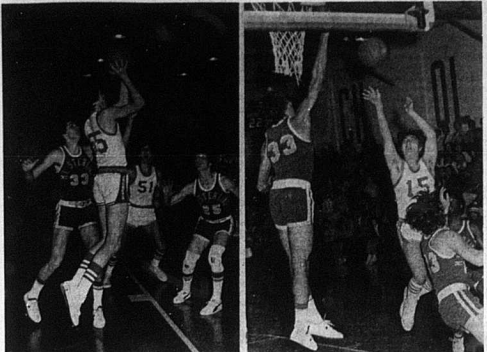
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Gary Gray twitches the net for two points during action of last Friday's game between Nicholas County and the Trojans of Mt. Sterling.—Smith photo.

Bluejackets lose 77-57

Second half fatal for Bluejackets

by Jimmy Smith

Despite playing one of their best first halves of the season, the Nicholas County Bluejackets fell wanting in the second half and wound up with a painful 77-57 whipping at the hands of Mt. Sterling.

In what had to be termed the most heated, intense first quarter of any ball game, the Bluejackets jumped out to an early two point lead but the hands of Mt. Sterling's premier center, Blevins, the Trojans soon came back to post a lead of their own at 8-6. But Nicholas County wasn't to be done in so easily, and by playing some super scrappy quarter, they wound up with the lead at the end of the first period 15-14.

The second period showed the spectators a basket-awaying exhibition as Prader and Blevins spearheaded the Trojan attack while Russell, Thompson, Gray and Letcher

willed the Jacket offense forward. The half ended in a tie, 24-24.

The second half was played over. Neither team could mount a suitable advantage. But somehow toward the end of the game Mt. Sterling received a shot of adrenalin and whopped out in front of the stunned Nicholas County squad by 20 points.

There was one or two good notes to salvage from this Friday's matchup. The 'B' team averaged one of its three losses of the year by destroying the Mt. Sterling squad by 12 points.

fought in opposition to the illegal acts of the British Crown. It was, as historians have long since understood, a war for independence. No matter how history is turned upside down by the FBC, it cannot avoid this reality.

It is precisely by such efforts to turn history upside down that we should judge the true motives of the People's Bicentennial Commission. However lofty its members may proclaim themselves to be the spiritual heirs of Sam Adams and Tom Paine, their deliberate attempt to pervert the real significance of our struggle for independence more clearly identifies them with Benedict Arnold than with the Sons of Liberty.

Little League scores listed

The Jaycee Little League basketball teams played four games Saturday night, Jan. 31. The scores are as follows:

- A Teams: Hawks 18, Patriots 12; Hawks—George Ledford, 5; Mike Howard, 6; Timmy Fryman, 2; Mike Woolsey, 5; Patriots—Jeff Sorrell, 2; Mike Curtis, 6; John Myner, 4; Robert Thompson, 1.
- Colts 21, Jets 18; Colts—Ronald Sadler, 18; Billy Parker, 3; Jess—Robert Sosby, 6; Pat Knappie, 4; Troy Bussell, 6; Tommy Biddle, 2.
- Demons 36, Hornets 11; Demons—Joe Randolph, 6; Mark Duncan, 5; Steve Lindlich, 14; Tony Howard, 7; Dwayne Baker, 1; Ken Baker, 2; Richard Mitchell, 1; Hornets—Darrin Dalton, 2; Todd Hedges, 1; Billy Doyle, 2; Brian Mattox, 1; John Gates, 6.
- Rebels 9, Raiders 18; Rebels—Steve Anderson, 4; Eric McGuffey, 2; David McCutley, 15; Raiders—Mark Taylor, 2; Kirk Matton, 15; Kevin Walker, 1.
- B Teams: Patriots 2, Hawks 0; Patriots—Brian Walkers, 2; Jets, 0; Jets—Billy Sosby, 2; Darrell Finch, 1.
- Demons 4, Hornets 2; Demons—Hendall Howard, 2; Dwight Purcell, 2; Hornets—Brian Hill, 2.
- Raiders 1, Rebels 0; Raiders—John Hunter, 1.

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History remembers, although Blue Licks well is dry

Introduction by Joan W. Conley

Information contained in the following article was submitted by Mrs. Helen Price Stacy with the idea it would be used to inform people about the efforts made by the Buffalo Trace Tourism Commission to obtain a lodge and other improvements at Blue Lick Battlefield State Park.

Had we known that the History of Nicholas County was going to be stressed we would have interpreted the recent corrections made in the history. These corrections, though small, have, therefore, been made in her article which follows. The errors were not her fault.

The latest information relative to Blue Licks is the fact that the Blue Lick Commemorative Commission has been incorporated with Nicholas county and nine other counties being represented. Nicholas is represented by Joseph H. Conley who was recently elected treasurer. The nine other counties are Robertson, Fleming, Mason, Bourbon, Montgomery, Bracken, Bath, Harrison and Lewis.

Gov. Julian Carroll included in his budget, presented to the Legislature last week, a request for \$76,000 to be used by the Blue Lick Commemorative Commission and the state Bicentennial Commission to present a four-day commemoration, Aug. 19-22, of the "Last Battle of the Revolutionary War" fought at Blue Lick Aug. 19, 1781.

The ten county group is actively planning this celebration which will include a reenactment of the battle site during 1976. The group is still making every effort to convince the State Parks Department that a lodge and other improvements are needed at the park.

by Helen Price Stacy

Water at this particular location was found to have medicinal qualities. The word spread and no time was lost in building a bottling house. Water was shipped throughout the United States and to some foreign countries.

Business flourished and soon two houses opened to make kegs and barrels in order to ship water in larger amounts. A hotel was built, cottages erected at the site and another inn rebuilt to accommodate visitors who came by the thousands.

Bands were hired to provide constant entertainment, a bowling alley, billiard room, even ballrooms were part of the improvements. Visitors came from throughout the country to drink the waters, bathe in it and enjoy the social whirl.

The year was close to 1860.

"To the astonishment of all," wrote Thelma Sampson Standiford of Nicholas County, "the famous Blue Lick Springs completely dried up in 1860!"

Catastrophe sometimes creeps in in soft-sided shoes, but at Blue Lick Springs it marched in suddenly, clatter-hooper boots kicking open the door.

Hotel owners, frantic at the disastrous turn, offered rewards of \$500 to any one who could find out what happened to the water.

In a book, History of Nicholas County, compiled and edited by Joan Weinger Conley and Joan Price Stacy in July, 1976, by the Nicholas County Historical Society, Inc., Mrs. Standiford wrote that different theories were made concerning the stopping of water at the springs. One was that drilled pressure that brought the water to the top; another was that pioneer William Bartlett had ordered one-half the mineral water be given to the public free of charge and since a charge was being made for each glass of jug of water, Providence had intervened.

Thomas Wilson Hunter, among those seeking an answer. He was aware of a new spring spouting suddenly across the river, and knowing about a geological fault at the springs, he was sure he had discovered the reason for water failure.

"Although he failed to discover the cause," said Mrs. Standiford, "he made an important discovery, one that was to take up where the water left off in the future of the springs."

Hunter dug trenches between what today is called Blue Lick Well and Licking River and found instead of water a depositary of bones.

At about three or four feet Hunter discovered buffalo, elk and deer bones and at about eight feet, "numerous bones of prehistoric animals."

Beneath this was a glacial deposit of pebbles, indicating an ancient change of course for the river.

Stones of various substance was found at still lower levels, a walk or floor and even a stone of a bluish-gray substance.

For Hunter at that time, the bones were not a puzzle for his work and a miserable substitute for the mineral water he had tried to find. He had two wagonloads of bones.

Despite the lack of mineral water, the area was historic ground.

In ancient days animals in their stream. When he was missed and searched for, he was found killed and scalped. Young Finley became the first to be buried in White Settlers Graveyard here.

On Aug. 19, 1782 an event at the springs destined it a place in history. Here on that date the last battle of the Revolutionary War was fought. Lives were ran red with the slaughter. Disaster had come early to the springs and the loss of lives spread grief "to practically every Kentucky home."

Col. Daniel Boone, experienced in fighting Indians, had observed signs leading him to believe Indians were actually hunting frontier fighters into the Buffalo Trace Territory, which was west in the frontier. Col. Boone went to the side of his son Israel, and later carried his body to a nearby cave to await the time he could return and properly bury him.

Mrs. Standiford's chapter will include many chapters in the history of Blue Lick Springs, as well as names of officers and other men who fought this battle in the way that misfortune and tragedy turn into blessings, Blue Lick Springs continued to be popular with visitors. Work started in 1931 to make the area a state park.

At a meeting, Aug. 19, 1973 of the Buffalo Trace Tourism committee, it was pointed out that more than 300,000 year the water in the well went dry.

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