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State foxhunters to hold 67th annual field trial here

"Foxhunting is done by hounds and observed by people." That's the first item on a list of reminders to field trial foxhunters, who will be meeting in force next week at the Clay Wildlife Management Area in Nicholas County for the 67th annual field trial of the Kentucky State Foxhunters Association, Inc.

The trial will cover four days and three counties, with the main events being hosted locally. Included in that list are the first cast of all age and derby hounds Tuesday, Oct. 17, at daybreak, a bench show at the Carlisle Armory Monday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. and the awarding of trophies on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 18 and 19, at the armory.

ASC committeeman voter list ready

A list of names of all known eligible persons to receive ballots in the upcoming annual ASC Committeeman election is available in the county ASCS Office, reports Eugene Letcher, Chairperson of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

ASC, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is responsible for farm program administration. On the local level, ASCS operates under a farmer-elected committee system. This year's election will be by mail ballot between Nov. 24 and Dec. 4.

Anyone who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote in these farmer committee elections: any individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm as owner, tenant, or sharecropper who is eligible to partici-

pate in any ASCS Program. Several general provisions relate to ASC voter eligibility. A wife who operates a farm with her husband can vote if her name is on the deed of conveyance. Any person under 18 years of age can vote if he or she is a legal guardian who runs a farm for a child can vote for the child. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, sex, color, religion, or national origin.

A person may cast a ballot in any county in which he is an eligible ASC voter, but he or she cannot vote in more than one community in the county. If an eligible voter has separate farm interests in more than one community in the same county, special care will be taken to see that only one ballot is issued.

There and at the Clay Wildlife Management Area. Horse stabling is expected to take place in Bath County and at 8 p.m., Oct. 18, the third of the four days, a round and square dance will be held at the Otago Valley Lions Club Park. Trophies will be given to each of the 18 hounds with the highest average in the field and one to the hound with the

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highest combined average of field and bench in the All Age class. The same combination of trophies will be given in the Derby class. The bench show will award trophies for first place winners in all classes and ribbons for each 10 places, rosettes and

trophies for best in show and best opposite sex and rosettes for best pair, best pack and natural carriage.

Local residents serving as field judges for the four-day trial are Sam Reynolds, L. E. Climbauer, Keith Hughes, Jack Ritchie and James Mitchell. Directors of the Kentucky Foxhunters Association, Inc. include Roy Blount and Roger Womack of Carlisle.

School board gets property insurance

The Nicholas County Board of Education ordered two new school buses and awarded a bid on property insurance at the Oct. 7 regular meeting.

Supt. Don Elder said Nicholas County received all the new school buses ordered by the first day of school this year, unlike other Kentucky school systems that are still waiting on some new buses. A rash of school bus accidents in Kentucky recently has

focused on the problem of school bus manufacturers not being able to fill orders, leaving older buses on the road. The two new buses for the local system are being ordered as regular replacements.

Property insurance for the school system was awarded to Pacific Employers Insurance Co. on a bid of \$4,199. The company is represented locally by M. C. Blair.

In other business the board accepted the resignation of Katherine Hardin as cook at the elementary school and employed Virginia Clay as cook at that school, effective immediately. Also, a work contract was approved for Patrick Workman, non-resident contractor were signed with Bath, Harrison, Fleming and Robertson Counties and the following uses of school facilities were approved:

- The Little League basketball program was allowed use of the elementary and high school gyms.
- The Rotary Club was approved use of the high school gym Nov. 4 and.
- The Nicholas County Elementary FFA was given permission to use the elementary school Nov. 11.

LL tryouts set

Tryouts for Little League basketball for boys and girls and tryouts for Little League basketball cheerleaders will be held this Sunday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. in the Nicholas County Elementary School gym. Cheerleader tryouts will meet in the school cafeteria at the same time.

Boys or girls trying out for the basketball teams must be seven years old by Nov. 1 and cannot be older than 12 by the same date. However, a child may be 12 on Nov. 1 and turn 13 before the season ends and still play. Cheerleaders must be in grades 3 through 6.



Lightly frosted

Jack Frost brushed by Nicholas County Sunday night leaving October 9 to dawn clear and chilly. Windshields in some areas were covered with a light frosting and jack edged the blades of this grass with his cool color. — Mercury photo

News briefly

Joanie Conley named to group

Joanie Conley has been named by Gov. Julian Carroll to the first Blue Licks Battlefield State Park Development Study Commission along with six other area residents.

Chairman of the commission is Rep. Pete Worthington (D-Ewing). The group will study and report on the best utilization of tourism in the Blue Licks area. It will submit its report to the governor by Dec. 1, 1979.

Industrial park gets funds

The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Industrial Authority has received a \$200,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for development of 30 industrial lots that will be offered for sale to manufacturing firms and warehousing operations.

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Surrounded by Hounds

Randy Hunter (43) is all alone in the midst of a pack of Paris Greyhounds as he races to the goal line for the deciding score in Friday's game. Hunter carried

the ball 17 times for 115 yards and gathered three tackles on defense. — Photo by Jeff Kerr

Jackets sting Paris with 4th quarter TD

by Kay Conley

Excitement filled the Nicholas County stadium last Friday night as the Bluejackets defeated their arch-rivals, the Paris Greyhounds.

The key to the Bluejacket's victory was a 26-yard touchdown run by senior Randy Hunter with only 6:30 p.m. left in the game. The touchdown was set up after Nicholas County was forced to punt on their own 37. A Paris player managed to block the punt, causing it to travel about seven yards. A Greyhound colleague attempted to scoop it up, but failed and instead Kevin Glickson recovered it.

That score left Paris panting and unable to recover from shock. Their two previous scores would remain untouched but their total points would lack enough to pull off the win.

Paris led the Jackets at the end of the first quarter 7-0. Their touchdown was a three-yard run by Brian Clark. Morgan Paris fourth down deep in Jack Judy tackled up the extra point to end the quarter.

The second quarter brought the

Bluejackets their first score with an 11-yard pass from quarterback Mark Ruddle to Gary Williams. The two-point conversion failed. A field goal attempt by Tim Moreland in the final minutes of the quarter also was unsuccessful. The half ended with Paris leading 7-0.

The Bluejackets came back after halftime ready to win. Freshman David McGuffey was proof of this by returning the third quarter kickoff 99 yards for a Nicholas County score. Moreland's extra point kick proved good.

Their determination didn't stop the Greyhounds; however, as Clark of Paris again plowed five yards for another score. Judy's kick added another point to end the quarter with Nicholas down 16-13.

A factor in stopping the Greyhounds was a one-handed tackle by Tom Moreland, for a loss of four yards, on a Paris fourth down deep in Jack Judy territory. This play led up to the comeback of the Jackets and Hunter's

run with only minutes remaining in the game. The win of 19-14 for Nicholas stabilizes their record at 5-2.

Randy Hunter was the offensive leader for Nicholas County, carrying 17 times for 115 yards. Ron Rozer followed carrying nine times for 14 yards. David McGuffey carried four times for 13 yards and caught three passes for 19 yards. Mike Sowell carried twice for eight yards, and Greg Willis carried once for five yards.

The Jackets completed five out of six passes for 54 yards. The Bluejackets' defensive leader was Rudy Randolph with 14 tackles. Ron Rozer had 12 tackles. Gary Williams had 10. Tim Ockerman had nine. Kevin Glickson had eight. Jeff Elder, Tom Moreland and Dale Carter each had seven. James Anderson had four. Randy Hunter had three. Greg Willis had two and Jimmy Dale had one.

The Bluejackets will travel on the road this Friday night to take on Scott County. Kickoff will be 8 p.m.

Oriental oddities



Kyle Allison visited the Mercury office last week with some unusual goods and a rarer gun. Allison says the goods are Siamese cutshaws of the good type. The gun is also Oriental in origin, being a fuse lock gun patented in China in the 11th century. Allison said he made the gun from plans he saw in a

dictionary plus some information he found through research. The barrel was made from a shotgun barrel and the gun fires black powder and lead shot called "pumpkin balls". He's promised to give a demonstration (using powder only) for a Future Mercury photo. (Photo by Jeff Kerr)