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Jackets beat the clock, Raceland, 35-33

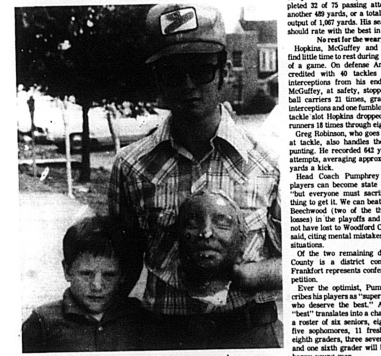


Last homecoming game for seniors

Six graduating seniors will say goodbye to the home folks Oct. 28 when the Bluejackets host Frankfort in the final regular season game. Homecoming festivities will highlight a special halftime show. Front row left, Eric

Time running out for six

By Emily A. West
It's time down and two to go for six Nicholas County seniors.
A home game with Bath County this Friday night and the season's closer here against Frankfort Oct. 28 will mark the final football appearance for backs Steve Anderson, Robert Hopkins and Eric McGuffey and lineman Greg Hammond, Terry Ledford and Greg Robinson.
Only six will be to graduation but consider these contributions: Through the first eight games (statistical game statistics not included) Hopkins, McGuffey and Anderson had accounted for 33 of the 115 total points compiled



Buried 'head' uncovered

What Danny Bishop and son Adam first thought was a human skull turned out to be only a plaster of Paris cast head, in near perfect condition. Bishop was dismantling an old stone fence on the Joe Willoughby farm on the East Union Road when he uncovered the head buried under the bottom layer of rock. Continued digging by Bishop failed to produce any other parts of a "body" much to the relief of young Adam. Bishop wonders how and why the cast got there. — Mercury photo

Set clock back, come Oct. 29

Incidents are reminded that Daylight Savings Time ends at 1 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. Clocks should be turned back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

By Rhonda Vaughn
Last Friday night, the Nicholas County Bluejackets won their first game ever at Raceland, a 35-33 thriller, with a 37-yard field goal by Eric McGuffey with two seconds to play.
Raceland had completely dominated the game with rattle-dazzle passes and trick plays from the outset. Raceland led 1-0, 7-0, 14-0, 14-6, and 21-6 before the jackets closed it 31-14 in the last two minutes of the half.
The Bluejackets took a 22-21 lead in the third quarter and saw it vanish on late push, double pass, and misdirection plays as the Rams went ahead by a score that apparently sealed their own doom with an interception that made the Rams' lead 32-21 with less than 10 minutes to play.
Nicholas County drove for a touchdown, failed on a two-point conversion, and missed two more scoring opportunities in the closing minutes of the game.
Raceland tried to kill the clock and the Bluejackets refused to quit. The Rams took two safeties rather than chance blocked punts. After the second safety, they got off a tremendous kick and an illegal block put the Bluejackets on their own 11-yard line with 1:47 to go,
no time-out left, and one point behind. Steve Anderson and Rocky Young teamed up for a 52-yard gain in a pass, and Eric McGuffey ran for 20 more, and a first down at the 19-yard line with 23 seconds remaining.
The clock was killed with an out-of-bounds pass. Illegal procedure produced a five-yard penalty. The next play was a pass to be thrown away if a timeout wasn't there, and there were seven seconds left. Delay of game produced another five-yard penalty.
Eric McGuffey, who led the victory with a mighty field goal from 37 yards out and two ticks left on the clock. It would have cleared the crossbar from farther out. It wasn't even close.
Nicholas County scoring included touchdowns from one and three yards by Robert Hopkins, touchdown runs of three and 33 yards by McGuffey, a two-point conversion on a pass from Steve Anderson to Kevin Wells, a two-point conversion run by Anderson, McGuffey's 37-yard field goal and two team safeties, compliments of Raceland.
Offensive stats: Hopkins, 20 carries, 149 yards; McGuffey, 13 carries, 121

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Nicholas farmers eligible for FHA emergency loans

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has designated 107 Kentucky counties, including Nicholas County, eligible for Farmers Home Administration (FHA) emergency loans because of recent crop losses resulting from excessive rainfall and flooding during the planting season followed by drought and excessively high temperatures beginning in May. FHA State Director Kenneth L. Seaton said.
Farmers have six months from the designation date (Oct. 7, 1983) to file an application. Seaton said, farmers should visit the local FHA county office to obtain the necessary application packet.
The farmer will need to file a written application which includes a financial statement and a time certification form plus a written proposal for his 1984 farming operation including projected expenses. Seaton said, when these documents are completed they should be returned to the local FHA county office as soon as possible.
Emergency loan employees are now being hired to assist each farmer in the most efficient manner possible, Seaton said. Training sessions for these employees are to be conducted within the next two weeks.
The establishment of a five percent rate for the first \$10,000 was announced Sept. 28 by the Secretary of Agriculture as a measure to help

farmers whose crops and pastures have been damaged by the extremely hot and dry weather. A rate of eight percent was also established for any amount in emergency loan less than \$10,000.
The five and eight percent interest is available only to farmers unable to obtain credits from a private commercial lender. Seaton said. Farmers who can obtain credit from a private lender but choose to borrow from FHA will continue to be charged the market rate of interest, currently 13.75 percent.
Farmers applying for emergency loans can borrow up to 80 percent of their actual production, but not to exceed a maximum of \$20,000 or that amount actually needed, whichever is less. Seaton said in qualifying for the emergency loans, farmers will need to provide adequate collateral and substantiate repayment ability.

Home computer info class set

Basic Home Computer Information will be the topic of the seventh in a series of adult classes. It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Nicholas County High School in the home economics department 10:00 a.m.

The class will be taught by Joel Dadd, high school math and computer teacher. Free tabulating services will be provided. For more information the high school number is 289-7111. A small registration fee will be charged.

Death claims former banker

Blake, who served as representative of Nicholas and Bourbon counties from 1980 to 1981, was a former president and director of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle. He had been a member of the bank for 30 years. After his retirement, he was made an honorary bank director.

Blake joined the bank as a bookkeeper in 1953 and was a 50-year member of the Kentucky Bankers Association.

His advice and guidance will be sorely missed by the present management, said Mr. Nathan Young, Deposit Bank president.

A Nicholas County native, Blake had been living at Edgemont Manor Nursing Home in Cynthiana.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Carlisle. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Pies aplenty in this Pinecrest pile

Travelers along Highway 68 at Carpenter Road are treated to this fall harvest scene, an annual occurrence on the Pinecrest farm of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Stephens. Mrs. Stephens has available all shapes and sizes of freshly turned squash, cutwans and gourds. Shirts after the

Mercury photographer was there, Mrs. Stephens headed for Mr. Sterling with a truckload of her produce to sell to weekend Court Day attendees, quite a few of whom were from Nicholas County, judging from the traffic on Moorfield Road. — Mercury photo



Trick or Treat night Oct. 31

Monday night, Oct. 31, has been designated as Trick or Treat night in the city of Carlisle.
Mayor Frank Hughes and members of council have set the hours of 6-8 p.m. as the official time for young gobies to make their rounds. The very young should be accompanied by an adult and motorists are asked to be on the lookout for more than the usual pedestrian traffic.