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Last season for these Bluejackets
Six NCHS seniors begin their final season of basketball for coach Mike Kenney. From left, Todd Hodges, Doug McCreedy, Darren Robinson, Carl Whitson and Greg Michels. Rocky Young was absent when the picture was made. The Bluejackets open on the road against Bourbon County Nov. 30 and will debut at home the following night, Dec. 1. Deming will provide the opposition. — Photo submitted

Jackets face season with question marks

Six seniors, three juniors and a pair of sophomores and freshmen comprise the 13-member Bluejackets' varsity basketball team for the coming season. Coach Mike Kenney and assistant Greg Leitcher will field a quick, but small squad in the early going, due to a slow-healing injury to 6'7" center Darren Robinson. His backup, sophomore Steve Ledford, at 6'7" is academically ineligible until after the Christmas break. Kenney must replace three seniors lost to graduation, including starters Steve Anderson and Eric McCreedy. Cliff Kenney was a top reserve who specialized in defense. Seniors Greg McChubb, Doug McCreedy, Todd Hodges, Rocky Young, Carl Whitson and Robinson, are joined by juniors Gary Deaton, Phillip Childers and Rocky Woadley. Sophomores Jeff Sams and Ledford and freshmen Chris Anderson and Tim Fryman are also listed on the varsity roster. Anderson and Fryman are members of last year's outstanding eighth grade team that also included Cannon Bryant, Todd Day, Kelly Breakabaker, Chris Bidler, Scott Allison, Thomas Baker, Kevin Hughes and Brian Brierty, among others. UNTIL ROBINSON is able to perform, Kenney has no other player over six feet tall, with the exception of Sams, a center of last year's JV team. McCreedy, a six-footer who has played mostly at forward, would probably be switched to center until Ledford regains his momentum for the first portion of the season. Candidates for guards include McChubb, Hodges, Deaton, Whitson and Woadley, with newcomers Sams, Anderson and Fryman expected to play key backup roles at both guard and forward positions. Young, who was expected to bail down starting forward spot, has had limited practice time, due to outside work. In his absence, Ledford "reimagined" Deaton, Hodges and McCreedy have all seen action in previous years. "Rocky (Young) hopes to get to more practices but we'll just have to see how he works out," Kenney said. Robinson's injury, on the other hand, is responding to treatment and the big man could be available for limited duty about the second week of the season. "BY THIS TIME, the year (1984) is over, or by early next year, we'll be all right," Kenney said. The Jackets face two of the region's best teams in their first three games, Kenney noted. Mason County and Bourbon County are ranked one-two in preseason polls. NCHS opens play at Bourbon County Nov. 30 and journeys to Mayfield for night league for a Dec. 4 date with Mason County. Scheduled in between is the home-opener against Deming, Dec. 1.

School forum attracts 123

Plans in works to hear replies from faculty, administrators

One hundred and twenty people were on hand here last Thursday at the Public Forum, sponsored by the Pritchard Committee for Academic Excellence. Dr. Tim Scott, chairman of the local committee behind the forum, said "very good but maybe a little lower than we expected." A second forum is tentatively scheduled for December, featuring a panel of school administrators and faculty to discuss the points raised at the initial forum. Twenty-five opinions were read at the meeting, moderated by Rev. Philip Hastings. Two others were later submitted in writing. They included calling for a higher grade-point average for athletic participants and higher educational requirements for school board members in the future.

THE FOLLOWING OPINIONS, in order presented, along with the names of those in attendance, have been mailed to Pritchard for circulation with those received at similar forums held throughout the district.

- (1) More concentrated effort on dropping. More thorough guidance and counseling.
- (2) Positive influence of athletics.
- (3) Child behavior and discipline.
- (4) More focus on basics in junior high.
- (5) Adopt a policy by board to emphasize basics (Chapter Section 1).
- (6) Identify and public college-bound students and provide appropriate curriculum.
- (7) One school should ability group at sixth grade.
- (8) More emphasis on science and math.
- (9) More accelerated computer classes and accompanying courses.
- (10) See to a sound financial base for any program needed.
- (11) Emphasize arts and humanities.
- (12) Focus on potential dropouts and prevent attrition.
- (13) Emphasize self-worth.
- (14) Give students a voice and responsibility in their own growth.
- (15) Lower classroom size.
- (16) Minimize paperwork for teachers.
- (17) School buildings should conform to the law as regards to handicapped.
- (18) Schools should have a check and balance system to have qualified teachers in all areas.
- (19) Provide special classes for gifted, no matter the class size.
- (20) See education provided to level elementary grades.
- (21) Careful screening of teachers before tenure sets in.
- (22) Improve the tenure system.
- (23) Make money available to get quality teachers.
- (24) Student-teacher ratio in grades 1-4.
- (25) Schools should encourage support groups.

FORUM MODERATOR Philip Hastings fields an opinion. — Photo submitted

Free parking for shoppers! City must comply with EPA mandate to upgrade sewers

In an effort to boost Christmas shopping at home in Carlisle, City Council members voted Monday night to allow free parking during the month of December. The permits will be issued from Dec. 10-Jan. 1, 1985. Mayor Frankie Hughes voiced the hope that merchants and employees in the downtown area would take advantage of the free meters, leaving choice parking for potential customers. The Environmental Protection Agency is coming down hard on small cities to meet federal standards for sewer plants. Carlisle, along with other small towns in Kentucky, is feeling the pressure.

On Sept. 25 Gene Kelley, sewer plant supervisor, and Mayor Hughes attended a meeting in Frankfort where they learned that Carlisle has been placed under a new administrative order concerning the deficiencies at its local sewer plant and that Kelley is now required to submit monthly reports on the plant's operation instead of quarterly as in the past. He stated that they also learned that the city has 90 days from Oct. 29, 1984 to submit a Municipal Compliance Plan (MCP) to EPA. THIS PLAN must include identification of the deficiencies, an engineer's plan for addition to the deficiencies, the cost involved, a review of the city's financial situation, plus a feasible plan for financing the project which must be completed by July 1985. An engineering firm must be hired by the city to complete the MCP at an approximate cost of between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Bruce Dickerson and Bob Smallwood of G. Reynolds Watkins Engineers Inc. were present at the meeting to request that council members consider their firm. Smallwood suggested that the city seek two or more sources of revenue to aid in funding the project. He presently is working with the city.

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Snow Queen candidates

Five NCHS seniors have been nominated for the title of Snow Queen in connection with the annual Christmas Parade Friday, Dec. 7. Candidates include, Lt. Jewett Carter, Dawn Leitcher, Rocky Fryman, Ardonna Rose and Malaine Milton. The winner will be announced during the parade, which begins at 7 p.m. — Photo submitted

Second fire in 3 weeks forces grocery to close

The second major fire in just over three weeks hit Frankie's Grocery early last Thursday morning, however, revealed that a faulty fuse box may have triggered the business closure temporarily. Nicholas County firemen were called to combat the blaze at 2 1/2 a.m. Nov. 21. Major damage was reported to the grocery store and mobile home drive quarters adjoining the store. The owner, Frankie Davis, suspects the fire may have been a cover up for an earlier break-in that night in which \$1,000 is reported missing, along with cigarettes and other items. An arson investigation, however, revealed that a faulty fuse box may have triggered the blaze. Davis was spending the night with a relative, according to Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith, who investigated the break-in. The grocery, located on the Moorefield Road near the eastern city limits, was the scene of an early morning fire last night. Davis was hospitalized for several days suffering from smoke inhalation.

Carey awarded road contract

The state Transportation Cabinet has awarded a contract to place a bituminous seal coat on 15.3 miles of various Nicholas County roads. Carey Construction of Lexington received a \$1.25 million contract for the project in part of the state's 1984 reauthorizing program.



Thanksgiving service tonight
Rev. Bruce Sheffield will deliver a message of Thanksgiving at the annual Community Thanksgiving service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Carlisle Christian Church. Rev. Sheffield is the pastor of the Moorefield and Hawkspoint United Methodist churches. The service, sponsored by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, will include music for a community choir of voices from a number of participating churches.

Venison for Thanksgiving
Venison may well replace turkey on Thanksgiving in the homes of these hunters. Earl Mitchell, left, killed this 100-pound doe, while Ralph Evans got a 65-pound buck while hunting Nov. 12 in Carroll County. Between the two is Mike King, pictured with his kill in the Nov. 15 issue of The Mercury. — Photos submitted