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Up, Up, and Away

Scott Kenney lashes out with a swooping tackle on a Carroll County offensive player on Friday night as the Bluejackets entertained the Panthers in an opening night scrimmage.

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The Nicholas County Band performed Thursday night in a private exhibition of the upcoming season for friends and family.

The Bluejackets will travel to Bourbon County on Thursday, August 22 for a 7 p.m. scrimmage.

Bluejackets show strength

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Despite some rampant early scoring by the Carroll County Panthers, the Nicholas County Bluejackets displayed notable strength on the gridiron during a scrimmage on the Nicholas County field Friday night.

Nicholas County Head Football Coach Greg Letcher said he was satisfied Carroll County would throw some heavy hitting at the Bluejacket team, which is what he wanted his team to experience.

"I didn't want to do anything but run basic offense and defense. We didn't blitz or run any complicated play pattern. We played it straight and got everyone in to get their feet wet.

"Our secondary needs to work a little harder covering people. We did the job at times, but we're not where we should be often enough to cover the receiver," Letcher said.

Scrimmage began with the Bluejackets on offense. The Bluejacket's first team went to the ground for yardage, but big plays came few and far between to start although Raymond Brown shot into the Panther line twice for short yardage.

However, the Bluejacket offense suddenly went awry as its third off-tackle run produced a fumble and an attempted pass sailed far from a receiver's fingers.

A quick blitz shut quarterback Daniel Brown down, but the Bluejackets answered the set back with a lateral pitch to the outside that made up for some lost yardage before it used up its first set of plays.

The Panther's first offensive barrage proved difficult for the Bluejacket defense to start with but after making a considerable gain off a forward pass Carroll paid for the advance when Kevin McFris read the option play and shut a Panther running back down with a resounding crack.

The Panthers took to the left side with a large and surprisingly speedy fullback who charged through two Nicholas County defenders before gaining clear ground to the end zone. The Panthers' attempt at another sweep with the same man, however, was stopped cold.

But the Panthers were not finished with the end zone on their first scrimmage possession.

On its second march down field the Panthers scored once more with a quick pass up the middle that sent its receiver to the end zone.

The Bluejackets' second possession was a considerable improvement as the running and passing game started to take shape.

Morris went for 20 yards on a quick sideline pass from Daniel Brown. That run was followed by another five yard gain up the middle. Raymond Brown took the ball around the end and was almost in the clear before a sole Panther finally brought him down.

It seemed the Bluejackets were beginning to roll until an inside rush forced Daniel Brown to fumble and take lost yardage.

But the loss was only temporary. Senior Travis Sims pulled out a big gain with a picture perfect pass and reception. Sims, receiving deep in the flats, spun around one Panther defensive man and was nearly in the clear before a second Carroll Countian got to him.

A Carroll County interception followed the play, but the Bluejackets were not to be topped in this series of plays. Bluejacket secondary man, Nick Pope, snagged the Jackets first interception when a tip sent the ball into his hands.

Chris Jones thwarted the remaining plays in the Panthers' attempted scoring drive as he denied one receiver a catch and followed up with a backfield sack.

But the big moment came a few plays later when Morris batted down a pitch to the outside then scooped the loose ball up for a defensive score that left Nicholas County fans cheering.

In the next Panther series, however, Bluejacket secondary problems continued. A long 25-yard bomb landed square in Panther Lance Carr's hands and launched Carr into the open for a score.

The Bluejackets line defense proved they were nothing to underestimate, though, when Scott Kenney came into the backfield with a sack that knocked a sweeping Panther running back head over heels.

The game continued with the Bluejackets making uneven attempts to move the ball up field. They traded off inside running gains of four and five yards with sweeps that would swallow ten and twelve yards of the field.

But alternately, they had their hands full keeping the Panther line away from Daniel Brown. With each gain the Bluejackets made, there would come a loss.

Chris Compton displayed his ability as running back with an end sweep that left him with enough room to make the fifty yard line.

Constant gains on the ground brought the Jackets down to the Carroll County 30 yard line before they were stopped.

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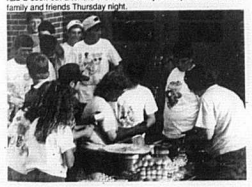
Above the Nicholas County Football Boosters serve the football players and families after the Nicholas County-Carroll County football scrimmage Friday night. Below the Nicholas County Band Boosters had a cook out after the Nicholas County Band performed for their family and friends Thursday night.



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solution would be to take address each situation on a case by case basis.

Sandra Durham, Nicholas County High School special education teacher, said the state of Kentucky requires the Nicholas County School System to provide an education until a student reaches 21 years of age.

A pep rally, parade, and dance was discussed by the council to have before the Powell County football game.

Since school will not be in session at the time of the first football game this suggestion was made to get students interest in the first game.

It was decided later to hold the pep rally and parade just prior to the first game of the Nicholas County football season.

Reid said since school will be starting one half hour earlier, teachers are expected to arrive at school by 7:30 and be on duty by 7:45 in their areas.

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Rep. Pete Worthington playing the part of Daniel Boone in the Simon Kenton Outdopr Drama August 15-18 at Blue Licks State Park was showing off a rifle to see which one of the actors would win the dance contest in the play. Jason Metcalf playing the part William Stewart was the winner in the play of the rifle.

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Phillip Rose was one of the braves in the Simon Kenton Drama at Blue Licks State Park. In the play the brave is about to scalp.

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Louise Zachery was a tour guide at Forest Retreat on Saturday and Sunday as tourist toured the Metcalfe home.

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Gladys Shrout was one of thepeople who greeted the tourist at the Daniel Boone cabin on Saturday and Sunday during the tours of the cabin.

Johnson says drama was success

By Melissa Hall
of the Carlisle Mercury

BLUE LICKS — "The Simon Kenton outdoor drama was a great success, it drew an approximate crowd of 1,650 people," Bob Johnson, Superintendent of Blue Licks State Park said.

"We had the support of the community behind us."

"Although we didn't get much rain, most of the surrounding counties did and I think this hurt us on Saturday," Johnson said.

"There have been no commitments made for next year on the program, but several people expressed that they missed the reenactment and wanted to see it again," he said.

"If we do this again next year, I would like to do something a little different. In addition to the nightly outside drama, we could have the battle reenactment at least one day, possibly on a Saturday," said Johnson.

"I would like to thank all of the park employees who helped prepare all of the props and also, all of the volunteers who brought the Simon Kenton story to life," he said.

The annual Halloween Blowout, the last weekend in October, is the last event we have scheduled for this year. We hope we have as good a turn out for it, he said.

Tourism hold open house

By Pam Bowles
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE— The Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism Inc. held an open house at Daniel Boone's cabin and Forest Retreat in conjunction with the Blue Licks celebration over the weekend.

"People came from California, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Georgia, West Virginia, Tennessee and parts of Kentucky," Gladys Shrout said.

Most people visited the Boone's cabin and Forest Retreat. Shrout said one group even brought a picnic lunch and ate outside the cabin.

The group from New York were just passing by and saw the sign, she said.

"We had a very big day on Sunday and I was very pleased with the people who came on the tour," Shrout said.

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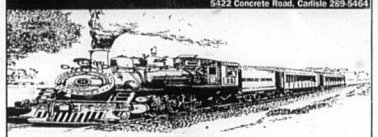

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