

GENERAL NEWS

At the University of KY... NCHS claims state title; national event next in T.E.A.M.S. competition

By William Millon
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - The Nicholas County High School Academic Team continued their award-winning season with a state title on Saturday, February 6.

The NCHS team won the T.E.A.M.S. contest at the University of Kentucky.

The acronym stands for Test Engineering Aptitude Math Sciences. The contest is sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society, the U.K. Engineering Department, and I.E.M. The contest involved tests in the areas of math, science,



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State Champions
The T.E.A.M.S. team for Nicholas County High School are (left to right) back row: Todd Wilson, George Joseph, Jill Harlin, Aaron Judge, and Brian Dunn. Front row: Robyn Brookshire, Andrea Hall, Jill Harlin, and Anna Koury. The team moves on to national competition in April.

February Winner Of The Fleeting Mercury Contest and a 6' x 9' Oriental Rug from Garrett's Furniture.

Barbara Bach
Dorsey Ave.
Carlisle, KY

We thank you for your entries, over 1000 this month and urge you to enter often, in next month's contest.

Blood drive to be held

Nature comes alive in springtime. All around us life is renewed. But there is one resource that warm sun and blue skies cannot provide - human blood.

Blood used for transfusions can only come from volunteer donors, like the ones in Nicholas County. The Nicholas County High School Student Council will sponsor the next Nicholas County blood drive on Wednesday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nicholas County High School gym lobby.

Every day, at least 200 units of blood are needed by Central Kentucky Blood Center for patients in a 27-county area.

Blood drives like the one sponsored by Nicholas County High School help to fill those needs and a part of this life-saving effort by donating blood on March 6th at the Nicholas County High School.

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THE CARLISLE MERCURY SPORTS

Lady Jackets denied regional tournament Bourbon shocks Nicholas with 52-45 win in district

By Hank Bond
or the Courier News Staff

PARIS - It was a game of contrasts but when it was all over Bourbon County had vindicated two regular season losses to Nicholas County and took a 52-45 win in the opening round of the girls' 25th district tournament.

Bourbon County led for most of the first half, with only a 7-8 Nicholas County lead on two free throws by Kim Denkins with 2:06 to play in the first quarter stopping complete control for the Lady Colonels.

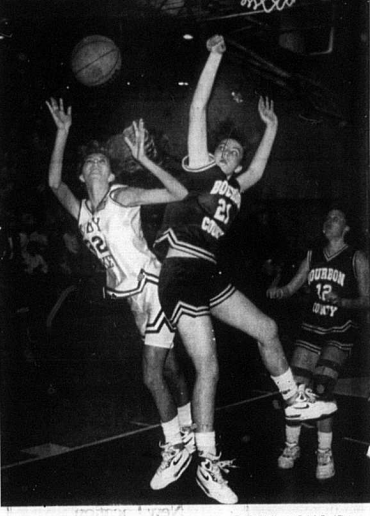
Denkins brought Nicholas to within 10-9 on a layup from the left side with 1:04 to play, but Bourbon County added five points in the final minute of the quarter to lead 15-9.

Nikki Smoot brought the Lady Jackets, who finished 21-6 on the season, to within four on a five foot jumper with 6:04 to play in the second quarter, but Bourbon County scored five straight to take a 20-11 lead with 5:29 to play.

Heverly Berry cannot a big three point play to spur the charge.

Smoot hit three of four free throws to bring Nicholas County within six, but Bourbon County countered with an inside shot behind the Lady Jackets' defense.

Smoot added a free throw with 4:32 to play in the first half, but Bourbon County made it 31-30, but Denkins



The Carlisle Mercury/William R. Millon Photo
Christie Hutton looks for a layup and draws the foul. The Lady Jackets' 1990 Region runners-up, lost to Bourbon County 52-45 in tournament play Monday night.

Bluejackets rally late behind Hilander, take win at Saint Patrick

By William Millon
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MAYSVILLE - The Nicholas County Bluejackets rallied in the final minutes to beat Saint Patrick 61-57 in a basketball game Monday night.

Brian Hilander led the rally with 16 fourth quarter points. Hilander had 27 points in the game.

Daniel Brown led the Jackets with a game-high 28 points.

Nicholas County capitalized the opening tip, and Brown hit a jump shot for the early 2-0 lead.

Jamie Whaley gave the Saints their first lead with a 7-6 foul three point shot, but railed from a ten point deficit to tie the game.

Nicholas County led 4-3 at the 6:03 mark.

Both teams traded baskets the rest of the quarter, but the Jackets quickly got into foul trouble.

Nicholas County was charged with five first period fouls, two for Simons, and the Jackets had problems staying on track the rest of the way.

The first period ended with the score knotted at 12-12.

Nicholas County weathered the foul penalties to jump out to a 20-14 lead with 5:27 showing on the clock, but the Saints outscored the rest of the quarter.

Turnovers and more fouls led to frequent Nicholas County substitutions. The Saints took advantage and ran up a 20-6 advantage to close the first half.

Nicholas County went into the break trailing 38-26.

Bluejackets end regular season cruise to 79-60 win at Deming

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MOUNT OLIVET - The Nicholas County Bluejackets closed out the regular season with a 79-60 romp over the Devils at Deming.

The Jackets ran out to a 2-25 lead at the end of the first quarter and called the rest of the way.

Nicholas County finished the regular season with a record of 18-7.

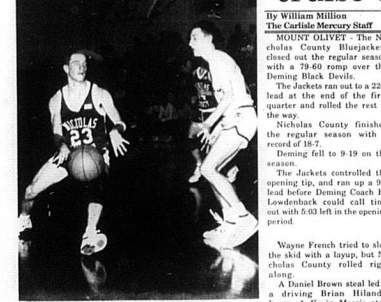
Deming fell to 9-19 on the season.

The Jackets controlled the opening tip, and ran up a 9-0 lead before Deming Coach Ed Lowndesford could call time out with 5:03 left in the opening period.

Wayne French tried to slow the skid with a layup, but Nicholas County rolled right along.

A Daniel Brown steal led to a driving Brian Hilander layup. A Kevin Morris steal led to a Jamie Simons layup.

In all, six Bluejackets scored in the game's first six minutes, and the Bluejackets



The Carlisle Mercury/William R. Millon Photo
Jarrod Wills looks for a baseline pass. Wills had 10 points and a game high seven assists in the Jackets' 79 win over Deming.

held a commanding 19-7 lead with 1:26 left in the first half.

Deming stepped the Nicholas County lead with a scoop shot in the line that drew a foul.

Todd Cooper ended the first half with a 3-0 foul three point shot, but Brown added a bucket for clock and his squad holding a 64-4 lead.

Nicholas County closed out the first quarter with a 22-5 lead, 39-17.

The Devils were able to keep pace with the Bluejackets' frequent substitutions for a layup.

After four minutes of play in the third period, Nicholas County held a 59-25 lead.

The Devils refused to give three point shots, but Deming outscored the Jackets 9-6 in the game's final two minutes.

A Black Devil layup at the buzzer concluded the scoring, and the Jackets claimed a 79-60 win.

Brown led the Jackets with 22 straight free minutes from the line.

Hilander and Jarrod Wills also scored in double figures with 10 points each.

Simons and Tibbs added nine points each, Shert, finished with the 7-29 mark six, and Sexton added to the effort with a four point performance.