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### Lady Jackets shock number one Clay Co.

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LEXINGTON — More than anything else, the Lady Jackets proved they are not a one player team. That much was evident when the final seconds of the fourth quarter expired and the Lady Jackets had defeated number one Clay County, 55-44.

It was even more evident in the fact that junior Kim Denkins was named for most of the second quarter with a possible 'strutted' rib. During those minutes, the Jackets exploded with a 13-7 run against Clay, relying on both their experience and deep bench strength to bring them back from a 14 point deficit to within seven at the end of the first half.

The big factor in the upset victory, however, was at the foul line. The Lady Jackets went to the line eight times in the last three minutes and proceeded to nail 12 of 16 shots to seal the win.

To start I think we were very intimidated by their size. And Clay really played defense well and beat us at every turn. We would drive and have the ball just completely blocked on us. That's completely true.

But there were a lot of keys that turned the game in our favor. Kim held her own against Clay's girls and in the second half she beat them. Smoot and Schandling were up against tough odds because of their height, but once they got over it, they played very smart basketball. They drew fouls and kept the ball from being turned over.

Linnelle hitting along the baseline in the second quarter was a big play. It got us going.

Hutton took the wind out of Clay with that 3-pointer in the fourth," an ecstatic Head Coach Barbara Kenney said.

Most significant, however, was the presence of the Lady Jackets bench.

"We had so many come in to play and contribute. We went to the bench and lost nothing on the court. Hopkins and Livingston especially took a lot of hard shots by Clay and gave us a boost when we needed it," Kenney said.

The Tigarettes brought a great deal of size against the Lady Jackets. It was one of the few games this year where Junior Kim Denkins looked small in comparison to Clay's four 6-foot tall players. Note: Clay's three big players are juniors, the fourth is a sophomore.

Clay brought size and strength to the court, but couldn't buy a free throw. They were four of 18 from the line for 22 percent. But despite the dismal shooting on the line, their field goals kept them in it. The Tigarettes tied the score, 49-49, midway through the fourth quarter.

Christie Hutton marked the Lady Jackets final rally with a three-pointer to break the tie, 45-49, a rally considering the Lady Jackets seem to rely predominantly on scoring inside the perimeter.

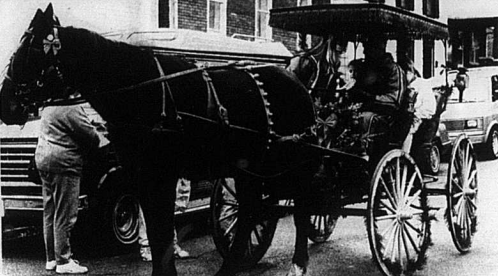
But field goals for the Lady Jackets didn't come easy. Of the 55 point total, 34 points came to them from the charity stripe. (The Lady Jackets hit just over 80 percent on free throws.)

They made their first field goal, by Hutton sending the ball to Denkins inside, with five seconds left in the first half.

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Although the Lady Jackets victory over Clay County was clearly a team effort, there were some who left the Jackets didn't have the team to go the distance against four six footers. For courts refer to top story.



### Come aboard the Carlisle Christmas Carriage

Dorsey Lynn Watkins offered mini tours for tourists awaiting the arrival of the North Central Antique Railroad last Saturday morning in the visit of the old steam engine to Carlisle for this year. The retrocity Carriage has received from the railroad has served the city well this year, and is expected to return to Carlisle on special weekends throughout the year, and is expected to earn Carlisle state wide recognition for its tourism program, of which Watkins' horse and buggy have played a very important role. Not only do Watkins offer rides but passengers also ride with Santa Claus, taking in some of the holiday sights before the big round the world ride in just over a week.

### Traffic light sought for Ky. 36-32 intersection

**By Josh Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — There needs to be a traffic light at the intersection of Old Paris Road and Main Street" was the message State Representative Jim LeMaster sent to the Secretary of Transportation, according to Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes at the regular meeting of the Carlisle City Council Monday night.

The KY36 - KY32 Intersection on the west end of Carlisle has, according to several people, been a difficult and dangerous intersection for several years primarily during the afternoon hours when Jockey International first shift employees and the school system were released at about the same time during the weekdays.

For years, officials in city government, as well as at the Nicholas County Board of Education and officials from Deposit Bank of Carlisle, have appealed to the government for some type of traffic control, but with no luck.

In recent months, however, the situation has worsened with commercial development. At the council meeting, council members said the situation was already bad enough with drivers using the parking lots at the former 76 gas station and Dairy Queen as an access to KY 36.

With the added traffic flow from the school, council felt the situation had reached a critical stage.

According to Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes a previous request to the state transportation department for the installation of a traffic light at the 36-32 intersection had been turned down after a study showed that the intersection did not meet the criteria necessary for a traffic light.

Aside from the hour in which Jockey employees and Nicholas County students buses, and faculty are forced to compete for driving space every weekday afternoon, there was not enough traffic flow to constitute a traffic light, according to the report

done several years ago.

"The study is outdated. When it was done the last time, the bank (Deposit Bank's west branch) and the new gasoline and food mart (Cherres) had not added to what was already a congested area," State Representative Jim LeMaster said.

Because both roads at the intersection are under the jurisdiction of the state, neither city nor county government has the authority to install permanent traffic controls, although it has been the city's practice to place a city police officer at the intersection to control traffic during its worst hour between 3-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the meeting Monday night, City Police Chief Sam Finch said several minor accidents do occur in the area.

though 36-32 intersection did not occur frequently, the remained a very likely possibility that one could happen. "I don't want to have to wait until someone is badly hurt before the state finally decides to install a traffic light," Council member Ronnie Clark said.

Concern for the improved safety of the intersection has prompted the city and the board of education to request the support of Representative LeMaster.

"There's no doubt in my mind that a traffic light is necessary. I've seen how congested the area is and I have sent word to Don Kelly, the State Secretary of Transportation, to go forward with a new study and have a traffic light installed," LeMaster said.

As of Tuesday, LeMaster

### Group discusses new school with board

**By Pam Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — Nicholas County Superintendent Robert Gilbert pledged he would not raise tax to build a new school to a group of concerned citizens Monday night at the regular school board meeting.

Billy Dixon a spokesperson for the group asked Gilbert has he planned to pay for the new school.

Gilbert replied he has made an buildings and grounds application to the state department of education, but has not as yet received a reply.

However Gilbert explained that part of the funding for the new high school would be paid by The One fund, which is a recurring money source to Kentucky public school districts.

"The group did not appear to be for or against construction of a new high school."

They were, however, concerned the Nicholas District would not have enough funds to support building a new school and force a tax increase.

"The state will not let you build anything unless they feel the district can afford the project," Gilbert said.

"Hence the reason the school board must submit a building and grounds application.

The applicants will state how Nicholas County School System intends to finance the high school construction," Gilbert said.

The state's reply will advise the school board if their funding plan will work, if the figures are sound, he said.

Mike Pryor asked if the Gilbert had provided a cushion for the bonded money in case of unforeseen emergency expenditures.

Gilbert said the submitted plan calls for just such a cushion. For example, the roof blows off the existing building.

Dixon, however, felt reliance on state money was risky. He said the Nicholas County fiscal court has lost about \$100,000 in state funding.

"The Department of Education has much stricter guidelines to follow when it comes to school funding. Frankfort agrees what a school can build and have never defaulted on a bond repayment," Gilbert replied.

The only way a public school system could ever go under is in cases of severe mismanagement of money. One example Gilbert cited was giving abnormally large salary raises across the board.

Gilbert fielded a number of other concerns about higher tax rates and the possibility of going too far into debt.

Gilbert said there is no plan to build the entire high school in one sweep. It would be built in phases, possibly three phases, and the debt service assessed after the completion of each phase.

"The first phase of the school will be classrooms. Room for classes must be our priority," Gilbert said.

It may be that it will take awhile before the high school is finished, he said. But if Nicholas County stands and does nothing today, knowing full well a new building is necessary for students new and students to come, I can promise you this county will have to pay a lot more down the road for the same thing, Gilbert said.

As discussion concluded and questions dwindled, members of the group left and the school board moved on to other matters.

The board tabled the purchase of a truck for classified employee Phillip Colford to carry and lock up tools with a lift at a cost not to exceed \$700.

School board member John Cleaver asked if there was a

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