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O'Hearn named basketball coach

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CARLISLE — Chris O'Hearn, assistant basketball coach for Barren County High School, has been unofficially hired as head coach of Bluejackets basketball for the coming season.

Official word from Nicholas County Superintendent Cobert Gilbert has yet to be given, but according to Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid, the meeting with Gilbert will be a formality.

O'Hearn has tentatively accepted our offer as head coach for the Nicholas County Bluejackets. With the hiring procedure Mr. Gilbert has installed, the offer is pretty much done. O'Hearn will be an alternative education supervisor and run the JTPA program at Nicholas County," Reid said.

The Wednesday night meeting of the site based committee was a joint meeting with a special school board appointed committee formed to recommend basketball coach applicant for council's consideration.

Their recommendation, according to committee representative Marion Sims, was deadlocked between John D. Norman, of Paris High School, and Chris O'Hearn, an assistant varsity basketball coach at Barren County High School.

"We find these two people to be the best choices. But either of us can decide which one to recommend as our final choice. In our mind, both would do well at Nicholas County," Sims said.

After deliberation of the merits of both coaches, the council recommended Reid to suggest O'Hearn for the position.

The search for a basketball coach has been an involved process, Reid said, expressing frustration over the complications of the selection process made by the sudden and unexpected resignation of Phelps High School coach Clay Campbell Monday of last week.

Campbell, who was hired to fill the position left vacant by the departure of former Blue-

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jets had coach Ed Oakley, was recommended twice by the high school site based council.

The first council recommendation offer was withdrawn on Campbell's request. He asked they withhold his hiring until he was able to find a home in Nicholas County in which to settle.

Site based council gave Campbell until the following Monday, July 6, to accept. They extended the deadline until Thursday, July 9 in the meantime, council and a special search committee met and interviewed four other candidates for the head coach spot.

On Thursday, Reid telephoned Campbell for a decision at which time, Reid said, Campbell tentatively accepted the offer.

He was officially hired on Monday, July 13. Approximately 11 hours later, Campbell resigned.

Campbell's sudden resignation, along with the departure of Franklin Smith, a West Virginia teacher hired as an eighth grade social studies teacher and assistant coach left little time to be wasted. By July 15, school systems were not obligated to let teachers out of their employment contracts.

To meet the deadline and fill gaps in the high school faculty, the site based council met and recommended O'Hearn.

An interview with O'Hearn, a 1985 graduate of Mason County High School, has been involved with plenty of championship teams and comes highly recommended from past associates.

During his four years as a member of the Mason County Royals under head coach Allen Fitchhouse, he saw the team go to the final eight of the state Sweet Sixteen twice in his freshman and senior years.

The same type of thing happened while he played for Georgetown College. /A, his freshman and senior years, the team went to the final four of the NAIA national championship.

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Members of the Nicholas County Garden Club celebrated the history of Nicholas County and the Garden Club at their regular meeting last Monday afternoon. Displaying authentic period dresses from the 19th and early 20th century, the women displayed several period pieces including jewelry and clothing articles from the time. Most fascinating is the parasol in Roberta Crawford's hands. Far left: It was the property of Elizabeth Caywood's grandmother and is adorned with an ivory carvings on either end and ivory leads to hold up the umbrella cloth. Beside Crawford is Elizabeth Caywood, followed by Helen Flora, Dorothy Neal, Naomi Dale, and Wanda Peddcock.

Blue mold outbreak is possible

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Airborne Blue Mold spores have been present in Nicholas County for weeks. Farmers should already be checking their tobacco crops for blue mold infestations, Nicholas County Extension agent Mike Phillips said.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, two weeks ago, approved the use of Dithane M45, a fungicide, for use in the control of an outbreak of blue mold in Kentucky tobacco crops for 1992, Phillips said.

According to Phillips, blue mold spores arrived quickly in the area at a half time. Crops are still fairly young and are likely to be infected with the fungus, he said.

Hardest hit by the fungus

has been sections of western Kentucky where the fungus has been reportedly widespread and damaging.

The reason for such an outbreak has been the recent pattern of weather conditions. Damp weather, young plants, and the presence of the spores have created a situation in Nicholas and adjoining areas where farmers need to be alert for an outbreak.

"All the elements are right for a major outbreak of the fungus. Farmers need to be monitoring their crops frequently to prevent the fungus from gaining a foothold in their crops," Phillips said.

The path the mold spores have taken to reach Nicholas County this year has been unusual, Phillips said. Normally the spores move north-east, arriving in Kentucky

from Florida and eastern Tennessee. They usually arrive later in the summer and the lower leaves of the tobacco plant. In its early stages, it is fuzzy and bluish grey in color. More severe infestations cover the entire leaf, eating away and rotting the bottom leaves in much the same way as a parasite, he said.

However, new air sampling tests developed in use at the University of Kentucky agriculture department have tracked an unusual path.

"They have come into Kentucky from western Tennessee and have been caught up in the easterly jet stream. This may account for their having arrived in eastern Kentucky much sooner than expected," Phillips said.

If allowed to go unchecked blue mold has the potential to severely impact the weight and quality of a tobacco crop, he said.

Blue mold infestations can be located on the bottom side of the lower leaves of the tobacco plant. In its early stages, it is fuzzy and bluish grey in color. More severe infestations cover the entire leaf, eating away and rotting the bottom leaves in much the same way as a parasite, he said.

In its early stages it looks just like bread mold on the underside of the leaf. At that stage, it can be controlled, even wiped out, with a minimum of crop damage," Phillips said.

Most farmers use the chemical Ridomil as protection against the fungus. During pre-planting, an application of the fungicide works to protect crops from mold infection, he said. If used in the

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Myers water line to be district's priority

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CARLISLE — With assurances that the Myers water line would be the Nicholas County Water District's first priority, members of the Carlisle City Council said they would support the district's loan application with the Farmer's Home Administration for line extensions and a water tower into the Barterville area.

The council, however, refused to agree unless the district gave them assurances that the controversial Myers line be included in the district's proposal and also be the first line installed.

At the regular water district meeting, council members allowed the line to run through their property so county and city people could get water. It seems only right that Myers residents get water line, too," Fay said.

According to Lester, estimates of water consumption at the Carlisle Water Reservoir and treatment plant report that the system was not functioning up to its complete capacity.

According to Figures Lester cited, Carlisle consumes an estimated 44 percent of the total water consumption. Jockey International takes another 22 percent, and the district's consumes another 21 percent.

"On average, the city water plant is pumping an average of 600,000 gallons of water in a

24 hour period. It can handle more," Lester said. It was said that the water plant could handle another 522,000 gallons.

Gayle Vanlandingham said water supplies in Carlisle have been good in the last five years. Water has been abundant, he said. In drought years, water supplies were less, but reached emergency levels only a few times.

District members said they would require an additional 18,000 gallons to serve the proposed extensions.

Fay and Lester said the city would have no problem approving the water supply to the district, but the Myers line must be part of the proposal.

"The main water line runs through Myers. People have allowed the line to run through their property so county and city people could get water. It seems only right that Myers residents get water line, too," Fay said.

District chairman Garvey Cartwright agreed. He said the district is anxious to resolve the long standing controversy between them and has included the Myers line in its plan. It should be the priority of every governing body to get people a water supply, Cartwright said.

With their talk Wednesday, it appeared the district and council had settled their differences.

Gayle Snapp, a resident of the Law Estates, however, took issue with the water district over a \$1,000 charge he was

assessed to hook up to the Water District line in the Law Estates area.

According to Snapp, he declined to tap on to the line when it was originally laid because he had already installed a 16,000 gallon water cistern to supply him.

His cistern, however, developed a leak, he said. Instead of paying costs, Snapp said he decided to tap into the line. However, he took issue with the \$1,000 charge.

Snapp took his complaint to the Public Service Commission, he said. According to Snapp, the commission informed him that he should be charged \$200 for the tap and the meter fee of \$44.

Chairman Cartwright and former chairman Charles Watkins, however, said Snapp's fee was assessed according to the cost each Law Estate resident who wanted a water line originally paid to have a line extended to the area.

The district paid for 50 feet of line for each customer. The customers then made up the difference, which amounted to exactly \$1,000 each. That fee brought the line out to each resident and included the meter and tapping fee on the line, Watkins said.

"It has been the district's method of accounting costs to each individual who wants to set a lateral tap into a pre-existing line."

"Each new customer requiring a lateral tap into a



Former Lady Jackie, Tacy Earlywine, signs a national letter of intent to play basketball for Union College this fall on Thursday night in the lobby of the Nicholas County High School Gym. Pictured from left to right: front row, Josh Earlywine, Kay Earlywine, and Eddie Earlywine. Back row: Debbie Bowman head basketball coach at Union College and assistant Sarah Ederbrock. See related story on page 3.