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Right to the top of the hill...
Brian Ockerman comes ramming into the waiting arms of the Nicholas County Bat Jackets and pitcher Daniel Brown, right, after his circle of the bases in the final home run of the first round of the district tournament. Ockerman's eighth inning home run gave the Bat Jackets a berth in the region tournament beginning next week. Fans gasped as they watched Ockerman hit the ball well over the center field fence to land just on top of the hill berth.

Bat Jackets clinch region berth

By Josh Shephard
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — With one unmistakable home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, Nicholas County Bat Jackets first baseman Brian Ockerman sent Shawn Perrell's pitch over the center field fence and the Bat Jackets into the district championship and the 10th region tournament.

It was fitting Nicholas County would defeat the Bourbon County Colonels 3-2 in the first round of the 37th District tournament by a single home run.

Single home runs were in a baseball game that almost saw the Colonels make a last inning comeback.

In front of the largest crowd assembled at the Nicholas County field all baseball seasons, the Bat Jackets opened the district tournament with their "cardiac kids" trademark intact.

Daniel Brown, 7-1, took the mound at the top of the first inning and began the third chapter in one of the most hard-fought district rivalries this season. In the regular season, the Jackets and Colonels were 1-1, each losing big on the other's home field.

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New districts effective after May

By Josh Shephard
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CARLISLE — Redistricting of the Nicholas County magisterial districts was passed at the last meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

However, for the May primary, the county redistricting, with its obvious requirement to alter voting precincts throughout the county, will not be implemented until the November election.

All established voting precincts will be kept intact for the May primary.

According to Nicholas County Clerk Doug Fryman the only changes in voting booth locations will be in the Morefield and East Union precincts. Morefield voters will cast primary ballots at the Clark Funeral Home. For the East Union precinct, the voting booth will be located at the East Union Christian Church.

However, following the conclusion of the May primary this coming Tuesday, May 26, and a 20-day waiting period, the county election board will begin the process of re-drawing every county voting precinct to be in accord with new magisterial districts.

According to state and federal redistricting statutes, after the county fiscal court passed the redistricting bill Tuesday, May 12, a 20-day waiting period began. During those 20 days any citizen of Nicholas County can challenge the redistricting if they have proof the laws regarding voting districts has been violated. The deadline for such a challenge is June 1 and must be made with the Circuit Court.

The 20-day waiting period is a public check against violations such as gerrymandering, where lawmakers draw district lines in an attempt to

cut off the voting power of a particular group of people.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, this type of districting was used mostly against African-Americans, to divide them and therefore decrease their ability to affect public elections.

In more recent years there have been accusations that certain district lines have sometimes been drawn to cut off the power of a particular political party.

In any case, one probably could not make a case against redistricting because they are inconvenienced by the new district lines, Fryman said. The changes to come, though as predefined, concern Fryman because of the reaction a changing of voting precincts might have on the general public.

"Most people have not had a change in where they vote in

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Primary election to be held this Tuesday

By Josh Shephard
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CARLISLE — The 1992 primary election will be held May 26 and, aside from questions of voter turnout, Nicholas County and Kentucky voters will be asked to choose a presidential candidate and a candidate for a post as sixth district Representative for the United States Congress.

Even Nicholas County Republicans will have a significant voice in a fourth and sixth district senatorial race.

However, topping the list of candidates in the various political races in May will be the democratic nominee for President of the United States and for United States Representative.

Among the list of candidates vying for the Democrats nomination is Paul Tsongas, who abandoned his nomination campaign months ago but whose name remains on the democratic party ballot.

For those who wish to cast their ballot for former California governor Jerry Brown, his full name, Edmund G. Brown, Jr. is the name that appears on the ballot sheet.

Others on the ballot include current democratic frontrunner, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, Tom Harkin, and U.S. Senator Bob Kerry.

Conspicuously missing from the Republican side of the ballot sheet is President George Bush's only republican challenger, political commentator and McLaughlin group regular Pat Buchanan. Buchanan announced his candidacy too late to be included on the ballot box. However, according to Nicholas County Clerk Doug

Fryman, write-in ballots are acceptable in a primary election.

For those who wish to write in a candidate, a series of black tabs are located at the top of the voting machine, each with a corresponding number. Simply lift the cover on the appropriate spot and print the name on the paper inside it.

For Nicholas Countians in the sixth congressional district, the field is also wide open for U.S. Representative.

The incumbent, republican Larry Hopkins, decided not to run for re-election to his congressional seat following his defeat in the race for Kentucky Governor in 1991.

Vying for the congressional seat are the following, Lexington Mayor, Scotty Baseler, Georgetown native Roy Tudor, J.T. Underwood, Christopher Bush, and Harvey Carroll, Jr.

In informal polling, it appears as if Baseler may emerge as clear victor to the race. Following an impressive showing in his race for democratic nomination as Kentucky's Governor, in which he was defeated by Breckton Jones, Baseler turned to congress as his final term as Lexington's Mayor was nearing expiration.

The only candidate who appears to be throwing some opposition to Baseler's nomination is Roy Tudor, a native of Georgetown.

Tudor, whose primary stand in the election would involve an attempt to repeal federal tax laws passed in the late eighties, has been the only recently visible candidate during the primary race.

Nicholas Girls Softball tournament rescheduled

The 37th District Girl's Softball tournament has been postponed to this Friday, May 22 due to rain.

The tournament will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Washington Park in Mayeville with the Lady Jackets taking on Brecken County in the first round.

The tournament championship will follow the third game of the tournament, pitting the winner of the Mason County vs. Augusta game against Tollebores.

The entire tournament is expected to run the course of a Friday afternoon.

Memorial salute conducted Sunday

American Legion Post 17 and VFW Post 866 will conduct a memorial service at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, 1992 in the Carlisle Cemetery.

A wreath will be placed at the Veterans Monument and a 21 gun salute will be rendered. The public is invited to attend.



The Carlisle Mercury Staff Bureau Photo
State Police investigated a single vehicle accident at 8:40 a.m. on Myers Road four miles east of Carlisle. The driver of the car, Westley Finn, 19, of Bedford, IN, was treated for minor injuries following the accident after being transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance Service.