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**NCHS basketball**  
The Nicholas County Lady Jackets team is scheduled to play Fleming County at home Thursday night. Junior varsity begins at 6 p.m., varsity plays at 7:30.  
The Nicholas County BlueJackets team begins play in the All-A Class Tournament when it meets Monticello, Wednesday evening, 5 p.m.

**New tobacco law**  
Regulations have recently been passed on tobacco insurance and compliance. A meeting to discuss law changes is set at the Nicholas County Extension Office, Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. Knowledge of compliance will help with next year's price support protection.

**TICKETS FOR SALE**  
Class A tickets to see the Lady Jackets in action will be on sale to the general public beginning 8 a.m. Monday, January 30 at the Nicholas County High School Office. Tickets are \$6 each.

1 Thursday - Partly sunny, high 37, low 20.  
Friday - Mostly cloudy; rain and snow mixture, high 43, low 26.  
Saturday - Cloudy, rain, high 41, low 32.

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Nicholas County Lady Jacket champions are, front row from left: Tara George, Shanta McNabb, Becky McGlothlin, Jennifer Earlywine and Kassi Tubbs. Back row, from left: Assistant Coach Lisa Conn, Amy Sparks, Amy Hatfield, Kennetha Ishmael, Jennifer Livingston, Danita Livingston, Melanie Jones, Trana Ishmael, Kathy Schandling, and Coach Barbara Kenney. In back, center, is Mike Kenney, Assistant Coach. (Photo by Kim Hamilton)

## Lady Jackets take 10th Region title

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets won the 10th Region All-A Classic tournament Saturday night when the team defeated Bracken County 53-52.  
The win marks the fourth consecutive year the Lady Jackets have brought home the All-A trophy and it will take the team to the Sweet Sixteen next month.  
Melanie Jones, Tara George

## Over 500 from Carlisle go to cheer Denkins

Nearly 500 Nicholas Countians traveled to Lexington Sunday to cheer on freshman Kim Denkins, a Nicholas County High School graduate who plays center for the University of Kentucky Lady Cats.  
A large group of local support...



Kim Denkins

## Nearly 100 attend new county cattle association

By Kim Hamilton  
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff  
Nearly 100 people attended the first Nicholas County Cattle Association membership meeting and prime rib dinner held Thursday night at the county Extension building.  
Four officers and five board members were selected to serve as leaders and liaisons for the local association, a branch of the state association, with its own by-laws, written by many of the officers who spearheaded the effort.  
Jim Caswell will serve as president, with Frank Allen Terrell, vice president, Robert Becker, secretary, and Jamie Davis, treasurer.  
Sam Reynolds, Steve Duncan, Ann Hamon, Paul Judge, Sammie Vice and Everett Smith will serve on the board of directors.  
The purpose of the cattle association is to promote increased beef consumption, stimulate more efficient cattle production, support additional bovine research and provide more profit by effective marketing to all segments of the county beef industry by using all resources.  
"We want to improve cattle production and marketability in Nicholas County," Caswell said. "We're as good as any other county and our cattle are just as good as those in any other county."  
Many of the officers were the



John Stephenson with the Kentucky Cattle Association talks with Jim Caswell, president of the Nicholas County Cattle Association during its first meeting.

## McCalls enjoy building tractors from scratch

By Kim Hamilton  
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff  
Creating a masterpiece from spare parts could be difficult to imagine, but John McCall puts his artistic talents to practical ends by building tractors.  
An artist and machinist with no formal education, McCall uses his own blend of talent and passion to create what he loves: tractors of all sizes.  
His strong creative influence has caught on and sparked the participation of his wife, Regina, and their two sons Dwayne, 13, and Cody, 8.  
McCall is a carpenter by trade and builds tractors as a hobby. "I love it. If I could get down to where I could do nothing but this, I'd stay at home and do nothing but build them," McCall said.  
"I'm just a young, poor guy trying to go through this world and have fun doing it," he said.  
McCall, 52, began building new tractors from old bodies in the 1970s, around the age of 18. His first project was a modified Farmall brand.  
Now he works with old Minneapolis Moline brand bodies and uses engine parts he has bought and saved. (Minneapolis Moline went out of business in the early 1970s).  
He has built four different sizes (three horse power, seven horse power, 10 horse power and 20 horse power engines), from motorcycle motor parts to washing machine parts.  
The family takes the tractors to various tractor shows and parades in the area.  
McCall also built his own mobile home and hauling trailer to transport the works of art.  
The sign on the camper front of the truck reads: "McCall's Avery and Moline Express."  
"Use whatever I've got handy and ain't that looking good? It make run," McCall said.  
He said he doesn't really know why he got started with this menial hobby, saying, "It's an expensive habit. If I figured it out, I could have a million dollars."  
McCall was "discovered" recently when 4-H Extension Agent John Mark Hack was talking to a student who wanted to get a team together to build a tractor for a project at school.  
The student was Dwayne McCall, who helps his father build the tractors.  
"I put the wheels on, drill sand and buff, but I don't weld yet," Dwayne said.  
"Dwayne talked about making a tractor as a project and told me his father builds tractors. I didn't think anything about it at first, but now that I see what John can do, I'm blown away. You just don't see that often!" Hack said.  
"When I'm losing and turning at night, I just go out and put my restless nights to use," McCall said.  
Each of the boys has his own miniature tractor on which to ride around the farm.  
McCall's wife, Regina, paints the work onto the tractors. Her signs, painted on the sides of each son's tractor read: "Built by Dad, owned by Dwayne McCall, Carlisle, KY" and "Built by Dad, owned by Cody McCall, Carlisle, KY."  
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## The Weekend Workshop

Beginning this week in The Carlisle Mercury is a special feature, "The Weekend Workshop," which will become a regular weekly feature in each Thursday's paper.  
The Weekend Workshop by Edward A. Baldwin will feature a wooden craft project described in the text and shown in clear, easy to see photographs. Items range from birdhouses to porch gliders to tiny wooden toys to rocking horses, and Baldwin tells a little of the history of the project and something about construction techniques.  
Baldwin gives permission for anyone interested in making the projects to copy the design from the photo, but plans are also available by mail.  
Plans are \$6.95 each plus \$2 postage and handling.



Continued from page one The McCall family is pictured with one of the tractors they all had a hand in designing. Clockwise from back is John, Regina, Dwayne and Cody (on tractor).