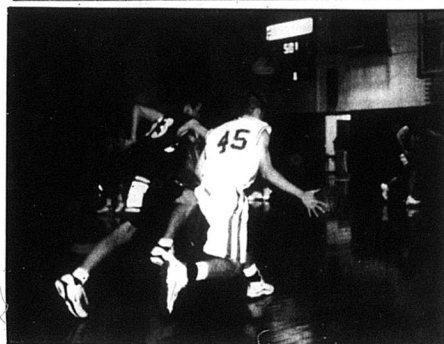


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**Flying Down The Court. . .** Senior Blue Jacket Davey Anderson #10, goes down the lane for two points against Berea last week. Anderson scored 14 points for the night and help give Nicholas County the win 79-39.

## Unemployment rates down despite Jockey's closing

Unemployment rates dropped in 85 Kentucky counties between September and October, rose in 27 and remained the same in eight counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

From October 1998 to October 1999, jobless rates fell in 81 counties, went up in 35, and stayed the same in Anderson, Boone, Jessamine and Mercer counties. In October 1999, four counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent. Ten counties recorded double-digit rates in September 1999 and eight in October 1998.

Bourbon and Woodford counties 1.3 percent jobless rates tied for the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in

Jessamine County, 1.5 percent, Fayette, Scott and Shelby counties, 1.8 percent each, Oldham and Trigg counties, 1.9 percent each, Mason County, 2.2 percent, and Franklin and Madison counties, 2.3 percent each.

Letcher County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 14.2 percent. It was followed by Harlan County, 13.1 percent; Taylor County, 11.1 percent; Monroe County, 11 percent; Magoffin County, 9.9 percent; Martin County, 9.6 percent; Hancock County, 9.3 percent; Green and Lewis counties, 8.8 percent each and Russell County, 8.4 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Nicholas County's civilian labor force is 3109, with 3000 people employed. The unemployment rate for October 1999 was 3.5 percent, which was 7 percent lower than September 1999.

## Clark appoints a City DES Coordinator

At Monday evenings City Council Meeting of the City of Carlisle, Mayor Ronnie Clark appointed James "Jimmie" Biddle as the new City DES Coordinator.

The mayor has made the appointment after much debate has been made over him not using the designation City DES Coordinator Gene Kelly.

Gene Kelly has resigned as the Nicholas County DES Coordinator, but is filling the position until Nicholas County Judge/Executive Larry Tischer appoints a new Coordinator in January.

Biddle is a member of the Carlisle Fire Department.

## Abnee arrested for bomb threats at three locations

An arrest has been made in connection with the bomb threats at Nicholas County Square Apartments, Foodland, and the State Barn and Carlisle Foodland.

Detective Steve Auvenshine who is investigating the case along with Nicholas County Attorney Donald Bromegan, gained enough evidence against Pamela J. Abnee of Bald Hill Road in Nicholas County to issue a warrant for her arrest earlier this week.

## The car choices for the new millennium

After evaluating 200 different vehicles for the AAA New Car & Truck Buying Guide, the nation's largest organization for motorists named the winners of 2000 Top Car Awards for 2000. Vehicles in a dozen different categories were honored.

Determining which vehicles deserve the AAA Top Car Award is as difficult as the choices many consumers face when shopping for a new car," said Dan Dickson, Public Relations Manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "In the end, AAA's selections hinge on which vehicles offer the best combination of performance, design, quality and value."

Eleven of the 12 Top Car vehicle classes are based on vehicle cost and type. The 12th category is new for this year "Coolest Car" and is judged by AAA editors based on unique characteristics.

The highest scoring Top Cars for 2000 are: Under \$15,000 - Ford Focus; \$15,000 - \$20,000 - Mitsubishi Galant; \$20,000 - \$25,000 - Buick LeSabre; \$25,000 - \$30,000 - Acura 3.2TL; \$30,000 - \$35,000

## Y2K is coming

Y2K is striking fear and feelings of uncertainty in many people. Some believe it's just a glitch, while others are heading for the mountains. No matter where you stand, join Calvary Assembly of God on December 5, 1999 as we examine from a balanced, biblical perspective what you can do to prepare and plan for the year 2000.

## Patton lifts burn ban

Governor Paul Patton signed an executive order lifting the burn ban across the state of Kentucky.

The executive order rescinds the ban put in place on November 18th as a response to extensive forest fires that endangered public health and safety, and threatened the natural resources of the Commonwealth. The ban has been lifted because the state of emergency created by a lack of rain fall no longer exists.

## Blue Licks Park hosting New Year's Eve Dance

The state's newest resort park, Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Robertson County, will celebrate the New Year with a dinner and dance.

A disc jockey will provide music and a sumptuous buffet will highlight the night's festivities. The buffet will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., followed by the music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The resorts guest rooms already are booked for the night.

Prices for the dinner and dance combined are \$75 per couple; for the dance only, admission is \$8. For more information, call the park at 606-289-5507.

## Governor Patton announces check for Nicholas County Health Project

Governor Paul Patton announced today that a check for \$275,350 is on its way to Nicholas County.

The funding will go toward the construction of a new public health facility in Nicholas County. The project will replace a 1960's facility, and will increase capacity for primary care, maternity, prenatal and health needs assessments.

Governor Patton said, "We're happy to be able to announce our support and this funding for this worthy project. Because of this project, the people of Nicholas County will have access to improved support for their health care needs. This is just another part of our continuing effort to all we can to bring a higher quality of life to all Kentuckians."

## Students expelled for bomb threat at NCHS

In a closed session last week the Nicholas County Board of Education voted 4-0 to expel the two juveniles who confessed to the Wednesday, November 24 bomb threat against Nicholas County High School.

One juvenile is expelled for the remainder of the 1999-2000 school year, while the other student will be able to attend alternative school classes after the Christmas Break.

The two students are also facing criminal charges according to Nicholas County Attorney Donald Bromegan. The case is being handled in coordination with the Court Designated Worker for juvenile offenders.



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**It's going in for two. . .** Junior, Jay Grant #45 fights against Berea to go in for two points. Grant scored 13 points for the night.