

# Rudd's Christmas Farm opening for final season

It is with great joy and also much sadness that we are writing this letter this season. Joy, because God has blessed us to be able one more year to tell of the love that came 2,000 years ago to a lowly manger in Bethlehem, then walked away to calvary to suffer for the sins of the whole world. Not because he had to, only because he loved us. That's love.

Now the reason for the heavy heart? It has come to the time we all knew would come, when at the last book of Ecclesiastes tells us that our bodies would become old and nothing work as it did when we were young. So due to failing health, this will be the last year for the display. For the past 30 years here at Blue Creek, Ohio and 6 years before that in Dayton, Ohio, Carl and I have faithfully told the Christmas story. But we really didn't know the full meaning until we gave our hearts to the Lord on June 29, 1970, in a little country church near Versailles, Indiana. That's when we really learned the true meaning of Christmas. Carl was raised in Wolfe County, Kentucky, on a farm with poor parents, like so many had back in those days. He had a mother that was an invalid most of his early years,

not much to wear and very little to eat. But he was taught the rights and wrongs of life because of a God fearing, praying mother. Later in life his father also became a Christian. Because of his mother's illness, Carl only received a 3rd grade education. He was needed at home to help with the chores and younger children. Both of his parents have gone to meet the Lord, but many happy memories remain. As for me, I was raised as poor as Carl, in a hollow in Fleming County, near Maud Mills. I had a wonderful mother, who taught our family of six children the right way to live.

Carl and I started decorating in Dayton, Ohio in 1964 on Alden Street. In 1970, they started buying the children to different schools, so we moved here to Blue Creek (having previously bought the property in 1969), and began our display which grew year after year. Every year for many years we were at the city loan to borrow money, but God always blessed us and over the years who were won to the Lord. That has always been our goal, to be soul winners and a spiritual help to all who come

here. Together we have raised ten children, six of whom were deserted by their mother. The display is the only Christmas our four youngest ever knew. So the closing is going to be hard for them also. But who knows how God will use us, if we are willing. We never dreamed of being able to be a witness for Jesus in the capacity we have for the past 30 years, and we could have never accomplished this had it not been for the news media. Newspapers, TV and radio stations have been here to help every year and we just want to say thanks from the depths of our hearts. Many have contributed in different ways and

we say THANKS for every kindness that has been shown to us. As always the display will be open to the public the day after Thanksgiving, (November 26th) thru January 1st from 5:30-10:30, and then on April 7th and 8th, 2000, we will sell at public auction, the entire display and many personal items. More information will be available at the farm during opening season. So our prayer is that all of you have a blessed holiday season and please pray for us. It is the hardest decision we have ever had to make. God bless you all.

The Rudd's  
Carl, Judy & family

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According to John O'Halloran, general manager at INTERVU, "Cyber events are offering companies unique opportunities for instantaneous communication with customers, partners, suppliers, staff and others."

## Web Watch

Here are a few web sites you may find handy:

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# SECTION B Sports

The Carlisle Mercury  
Thursday, October 14, 1999

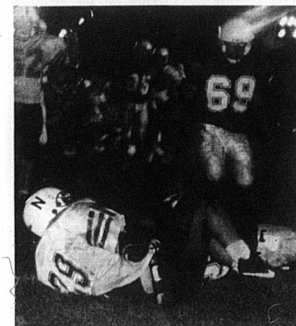
## Bluejackets still undefeated as they beat Lewis Co. 40-27

As the Nicholas County Bluejackets traveled to Vaneburg last week to take on rival Lewis County

Lions, they were undefeated and wished to remain that way. The Bluejackets played



Karina Jordan photo  
The Lions put up a good fight, but the Bluejackets showed what it takes to be a winner. The Bluejackets remain undefeated.



Karina Jordan photo  
#29 Weston Smoot makes it just in time to score the first touchdown of the night for Nicholas County. Smoot went on to score four more touchdowns.

before a capacity crowd on Lewis County's Homecoming night. The 4-3 Lions but as they the Bluejackets as a scare they jumped out in the first quarter 14-0. Weston Smoot ran 19 yards for the Bluejackets only touchdown in the quarter. Smoot then began the second quarter off to a better start by scoring on an 11 yard run. Dustin Hill then followed the play by scoring on a seven yard run. Ryan Hunter followed with the two points. The Bluejackets had finished the first quarter tying the Lions at 20. During the half coach Greg Letcher was able prep the guys for the second half. Scoring in the second half

on a 15 yard run. The Bluejackets held the Lions to just one touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Bluejackets will take

on Berea Pirates this week in Homecoming Action. The Bluejackets moved up on the AP Poll to number 11 this week.

## Junior Ladyjackets beat Clark Moores



Melissa Garrett photo  
#3 Tabitha Fryman shoots the extra point. Tabitha made a total of 12 points for the night, leading the Ladyjackets scoring.

Three cheers for NCMS  
Stephini Lyons, left, and Leah Hughes enjoy the Nicholas County Middle School Football game on Thursday night.

Five to be inducted Friday

Five individuals who made outstanding contributions to the Eagle athletic program will be inducted into the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame at Induction Ceremonies on Friday, Oct. 15 during the university's Homecoming '99 activities. Reservations for the 7:30 p.m. banquet, to be held in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center, can be made by contacting the MSU Alumni Association at 783-2080. The newest members of the Hall of Fame are Paul "Mouse" Gombas (basketball/football), Mike Gottrified (football), Tom Scott (football), Kelly Stamps (women's basketball) and Jarrell Vinson (football/baseball).

## GHOULS ON PARADE

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