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Additional photos of the Nicholas County vs. Menifee County basketball game.

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Lexington man's body found near Carlisle

By Elicha Staff Writer

A Lexington man was found dead in a Nicholas County creek last Wednesday. At approximately 11:00 a.m. on December 21, 2000, the Kentucky State Police received a call that a body had been discovered off John Dunn Road. Kentucky State Police and Nicholas County Coroner Roy Gauce Jr. and Leon Harris, Sr. was found around 11:30 a.m. on December 21, in Scrubgrass Creek, approximately 4 miles east of Carlisle. Preliminary observations from the autopsy conducted on December 22 indicated that Harris died of hypothermia. Harris was found by a teenager lying face up in less than a foot of water. It is not yet known why the man was

in this part of Nicholas County, how long the body had been in, the creek or exactly when he died. The autopsy report including blood tests to determine whether alcohol or drugs were involved, won't be finished for another four to six weeks. Detective Tim Layne of the Kentucky State Police is heading the investigation. State Police have been assisted by the Nicholas County Sheriff, the Carlisle Police Department, Nicholas County Fire Department and Nicholas County EMS, and Carlisle. Various residents assisted with the use of all terrain vehicles. Officials are still investigating the death.

Don't make alcohol the centerpiece for holiday festivities

Alcohol can be a part of holiday celebrations, but it shouldn't be the highlight of the party. Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, for reaching out to others less fortunate and creating traditions. There are customs throughout the world, which are fun, interesting and don't involve alcohol. For example, in Australia a flaming Christmas pudding is a traditional dessert and in some parts of the country a small gold nugget is baked inside with the belief that whoever finds it will enjoy good luck for the coming year. In Germany, children decorate their Christmas lists with pictures and then leave them by windowsills overnight, weighted with a little sugar so Father Christmas won't miss them. There are many regional traditions in the United States. New Englanders serve lumburck pie which features a mashed potato crust, filled with meats, onion and cinnamon. Virginia boasts oyster and ham pie. Pennsylvania Dutch traditional confections are sand tarts, thin crisp sugar cookies. Southern states have long included hominy grits in one form or another in their holiday celebrations.

Parties can be festive without alcoholic beverages. Hosts can serve alternatives such as non-alcoholic beer, punches, soft drinks, or flavored coffee and tea. Creating other holiday traditions such as caroling, cooking special dishes, playing favorite games and other entertainment prevent people from overindulging. Establishing traditions that center around alcohol with children early in life may help keep them away from a dangerous pattern as they grow into adulthood. "Most people are getting the message that alcohol doesn't have to be the mainstay of a celebration, especially with the recent change in the DUI law which says that a blood alcohol level of .08 indicates illegal intoxication," according to Mike Townsend, director of the Division of Substance Abuse in the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services. "However, there are still some folks who think that a gathering isn't complete without alcohol." "Guests shouldn't feel embarrassed by refusing a drink and hosts shouldn't feel obligated to serve alcohol. People who are driving, see DON'T on 2



Denver Brown photo Nicholas County senior Josh Fryman (32) grabs one of his game-best 10 rebounds in Tuesday night's holiday tournament win over Menifee County, 73-57.



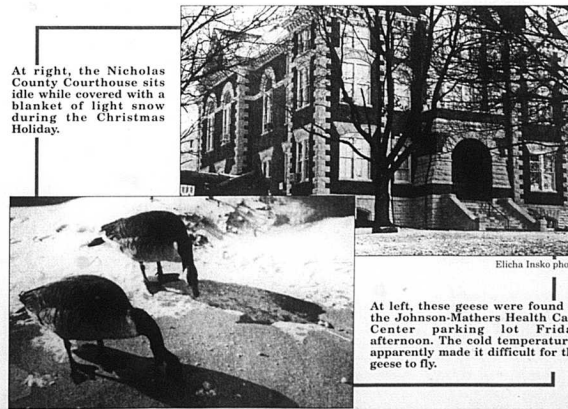
Denver Brown photo Jacket senior Jay Grant goes over Menifee County's Travis Birchwell (23) and John Lawson (3) in the second half of Tuesday night's win. Grant was in action for the first time this season after shedding the cast from a broken hand. Grant finished with eight points and six assists.

Second half run lifts 'Jackets' over 'Cats' in Holiday Tournament

By DENVER BROWN Sports Editor

After five quick fouls were called in the opening seconds of the third quarter in Tuesday night's holiday tournament clash in Owingsville, the officials pulled the Nicholas County and Menifee County players to midcourt to halt the excessive pushing and shoving. The game was locked in a see-saw battle at the time of the conference - but the basketball Blue Jackets used it as a springboard to make a 17-0 run and put the Wildcats away, 73-57. "We were all getting really physical at the start of the second half," Menifee County sophomore Travis Birchwell told The Carlisle Mercury. "And after they went on that run it was too late for us. The Jackets 1 held a 33-31 edge (after leading by double digits) after the first half. But the Cats tied it up twice on See 'JACKETS on 5

Cold Weather Scenes...



At right, the Nicholas County Courthouse sits idle while covered with a blanket of light snow during the Christmas Holiday.

At left, these geese were found at the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center parking lot Friday afternoon. The cold temperatures apparently made it difficult for the geese to fly.

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