

# Viewpoint

For what it's worth...



By Elicha Insko

## Try, try again

The Carlisle Mercury ran an ad last week advertising a subscription drive for Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4. The deal was if you purchase an \$18 yearly subscription then in return you receive a \$10 gift certificate to Carlisle Foodland.

When you think about it as much school and community as we try and print in our paper, it's not a bad deal.

We are a very small paper with room to improve. Slowly but surely the paper is moving its way up.

People have told me that we need to get the Morthead stuff out of the paper. That is what we have done.

We have a very good sports editor, Denver Brown, who does all he can to cover all sports areas. We are trying to get the school and students more involved by letting them write their own articles.

I sat at Foodland Friday morning selling the subscriptions. We didn't do as well as I had hoped.

All of us at the Carlisle Mercury work very hard every day, so excuse me if I take it personal when someone makes the comment that the paper is not worth buying.

We are very much open to any suggestions and ideas that anyone may have to help improve our paper.

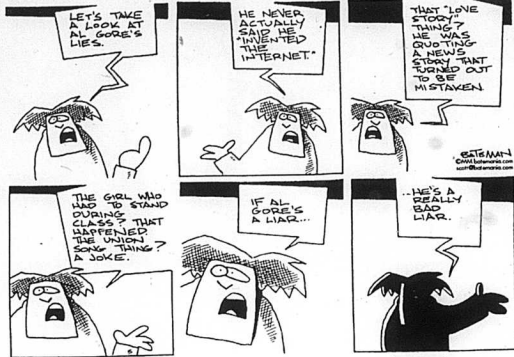
There are only two of us here full time and it is very hard to get everything covered that needs to be covered.

Just because we may have missed it doesn't mean that we do not think it was an important event. If it was important enough for you to let us know then it is important enough to cover. It is just hard to get to everything and for that we apologize.

There has been many times that I have walked into local businesses and seen people standing and reading the paper only to lay it back on the counter. Needless to say, without buying it. We don't publish this paper for free. If it caught your attention enough to pick it up why not just buy it?

When you think about it you are actually only spending \$6 on a year's subscription. A lot of people spend that just in buying the paper throughout the year. So my final two cents...

For what it's worth... Don't knock it until you have tried it. If you have tried it before, try it again. Things are getting better and with time and much effort and support from the community, we can help build a bigger and better paper together.



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# Sports

## JACKETS from front

and then connected with junior Darrin Herrington on the 70-yard touchdown pass. Fryman's kick made it 7-0.

That play was probably the difference in the game, junior back Seth Saunders told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "Whoever fires off the ball first and makes something happen, that can be the difference the rest of the game - and that's what we did."

And if that play was not enough to fire up the home team and sink the spirits of Dayton, the muscle of the Jackets on their first defensive stand did.

With the Dayton quarterback scrambling deep in his own territory, senior Ryan Hunter makes the sack and forced the fumble. Saunders scooped up the spill and put six more points on the board for Letcher & Co. - the romp was on!

It's just great to be a part of it, Saunders said of the history-making win. "There's been a lot of hard work and a lot of senior leadership - and they need to respect us now."

Dustin Hill pushed it to three scores to zip after a pair of pass interference flags on Dayton.

Derek Fights intercepted a Dayton pass and carried it into the endzone - six more!

A tackle for a loss by Hill and an interception by Saunders ended the tail-take first quarter with the Jackets on their way to the second round of the State Playoffs with the 28-0 margin.

In the opening seconds of the second quarter, Richard Reid dropped the Dayton ball carrier behind the line of scrimmage on first down and on second down, Saunders made his second pick of the game of the Dayton quarterback and hauled in for the score from 30 yards out.

Nicholas County gave the game its first half kickoff on a five-yard run by Hill and

Fryman's kick. Dayton managed their lone touchdown in the game just after the break on a nine-yard rush.

Reid took a 13-yard pass from Fryman in the third quarter and senior Dustin Stoddard added a 15-yard gallop in the final period as the hosts won, 56-7.

Stoddard's touchdown at the 8:52 mark gave the Jackets their highest point outing all season. It was the fourth time this season Nicholas County went over 50 points.

Letcher sent in all the underclassmen in for the game's final moments to give them a share of the school's first-ever State Playoff win. Freshman quarterback Ryan Bretz took a knee with 30 remaining (enough time for another score) on the defeated Dayton's 10-yard line. Class out!

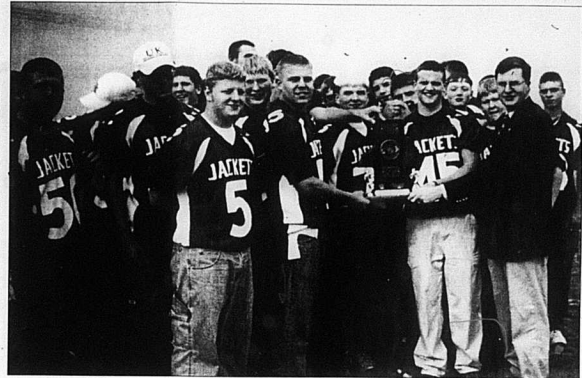
With five interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries along with big games by Fryman, Saunders, Hunter, Hill, Fights, Herrington and several other Blue Jackets, game one was over - and game two, a matchup with State No. 5 Bellevue, was on!

"We're just going to go out and concentrate on playing a football game," Ryan Hunter said of Friday night's next round. "We want to keep up the intensity and play solid defense."

Hunter assured that the seniors would help motivate the other players about staying fired up and he reaffirmed the "Jackets" words of inspiration.

"Everybody's playing hard and were not done, we're not satisfied, that's our motto," Hunter said. "We just want to keep playing."

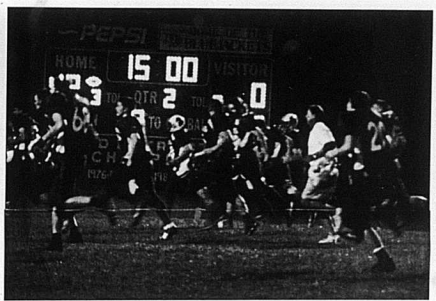
The Nicholas County-Belleuve clash is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Nicholas County Field.



Jackets receive 61st District Championship Trophy



Denver Brown photo  
The Nicholas County defense broke the back of any Dayton victory hopes by forcing (and recovering) two fumbles and grabbing five interceptions in Friday night's 56-7 State Playoff win.



Denver Brown photo  
Blue Jacket senior Derek Fights (82) picked off 21-yard pass and returned it for another Nicholas County victory last Friday night versus Dayton.

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