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It's a Zoo...

Shannon Chapman, of the Kentucky Reptile Zoo located at Slade, Ky., introduced Nicholas County Elementary students to her pals: a python, alligator and other reptiles.



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Hoop Previews...

Links to past glory lead this year's Lady Jacket hoops

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

Even with the retirement of a legendary coaching staff, the Nicholas County Lady Jacket basketball program is still linked to the glory days of the early '90s this season — former players Nikki Smoot and Alicia Hughes have taken over the coaching duties and will be guiding this season's young bunch.

Smoot, an All-State player, on Nicholas County's State Championship squad in 1993, replaced Mike Kinney as the Head Coach and Hughes, a member of the next year's State



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Defending Dist. Champ 'Jackets ready for season

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

The defending 37th District Champion basketball Blue Jackets know that holding onto their crown will be a tough task this season — but it can be done!

"We've got a lot of work to do and a lot of these kids haven't played together a lot," Nicholas County Head Coach Bobbie Storie told *The Carlisle Mercury* last Friday.

"It's going to take a while for us to get going."

The Jackets won last year's tournament over Harrison County but then fell in the opening round of the 10th Region. Overall last season, Storie's club went 22-8.

Five seniors off last year's roster are gone (three starters and the first two off the bench) and a pair of starters return; 6' 160 guard Jay Grant and 5'9" 150 guard. Both are shooters and Storie hasn't decided on a point, yet. Each averaged 12 points a game last season.

"Both Jay and Forrest will have to be the two that carry us," the Coach said. "There's a lot of weight on their shoulders."

Four other seniors join Grant and Hunt on the hardwood; Stuart Baird (6'2" 140 forward), B.J. Tinsler (5'9" 150 forward),

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Protect Our Children

City of Carlisle police officer William Earlywine fingerprints Casey Jones, a student of the Early Headstart program in Nicholas County. The local law enforcement agency documented each child's fingerprints as a service to the community.



Elicha Insko photo

Students of the Week



NCHS student of the week

Ashley Herrington

This week *The Carlisle Mercury* is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County High School.

Ashley is a Junior at the Nicholas County High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed West and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Herrington, Jr.

Her interests include FFA officer, FCLA officer, Girl's Varsity Cheerleader, Pep Club and PCA. Ashley was nominated by Melanie Sanders because she is a very active participant in class. Her work is always neat, correctly done and on time. She has good leadership qualities.



NCES student of the week

Kassi Gilvin

This week *The Carlisle Mercury* is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

Kassi is a 3rd grade student at the Nicholas County Elementary School and the daughter of Dave and Virginia Parsons.

Her interests include Art and P.E., writing stories and math because she likes to work with numbers. She attends Carlisle Baptist Church and is active with her youth group. She was nominated by Charlene Dillon because she has a positive attitude, kind, well-mannered and polite, self-motivated learner and a joy to have in the classroom.

Students attend FCCLA in Ala.

Six students from the Nicholas County High School (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) FCCLA, formerly known as Future Homemakers of America (FHA/HERO) attended the Cluster Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama on November 2-5.

Students that attended were Katie Gifford, Jeremy Hughes, Melissa Owens, Amelia Campbell, Jessica Trousdale, and Amber McCord, they participated in workshops and sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated them and their advisors to Capture the Moment through FCCLA. The Nicholas County chapter advisors Sue Kirby and Bonnie Metcalf accompanied the six students in Birmingham. The theme of this year's meeting was Capture the Moment.

Some of the workshops that the students participated in were "Dynamic Leadership," which will help members generate enthusiasm as a member from



as chapter leaders and strengthen leadership skills and explore leadership possibilities.

"Member Quest 2001" training will generate enthusiasm as a member from

each chapter learns about FCCLA's membership program, this training is designed to create interest and generate membership as FCCLA continues its "Quest for the Best."

"Info Sessions" featured a dynamic speaker followed by a presentation focused in current issues affecting youth.

Birmingham was the second location in a series of four nationally sponsored training

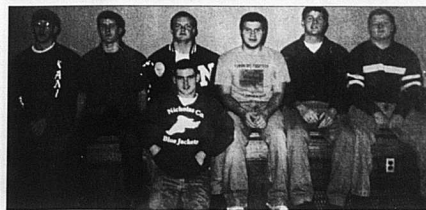
The other meetings were sponsored in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Birmingham, Alabama, Kansas City, Missouri and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

EKC names All Conference Teams

By Elicha Insko
Staff Writer

Fifteen of Nicholas County High School football players are named to the Eastern Kentucky Conference 1st and 2nd teams.

Last Thursday, November 16, was the Eastern Kentucky Conference football banquet at Grayson, Ky at the Golden Corral. There were 15 football players from the Nicholas County squad named to the first and second All Conference teams. Out of 22 first team picks for the West division Nicholas County made up seven of those with: Dustin Hill, Ryan Hunter, Derek Fights, Josh Fryman, Jacob Broderick, Richard Reid



First Team All-Conference: (from left) Derek Fights, Seth Saunders, Ryan Hunter, Dustin Hill, Richard Reid, Dustin Stoddard and Jacob Broderick (front).

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