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Across Nicholas County

Veterans rep to be in Carlisle

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle on the third Wednesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Veterans and their families may receive counseling and assistance in applying for state or federal veterans benefits.

This is a free service, provided by the state department of veterans affairs. Bring appropriate documents at visit.

For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-0308. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.

Free higher ed guide for seniors

The 2001-2002 edition of "Getting In," a free guide to postsecondary education in Kentucky, is now being sent to guidance counselors for distribution to all high school seniors.

The booklet is published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and is available online at www.kheaa.com, as well. It offers information on financial aid.

For more information, call 1-800-928-8926.

Assistance for adults returning to school online

Adults interested in returning to school have an online guide to help them plan and pay for college or technical training. The 2001-2002 edition of Adults Returning to School can be accessed at www.kheaa.com, the website of Kentucky's Higher Education Assistance Authority.

It is the state agency that administers grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, federal family education loans and related information for Kentucky students.

For more information about programs and services, write to the Kentucky Higher Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4323 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7351.

Reddick's Rhetoric



"The eye doctor will see you in a moment, Mr. Snoogle. He does, however, request that you take this preliminary eye exam by reading your bill."

In tune for the holidays



Fourth grader Brandy Norman practiced her solo, one of several students who were featured, during the final rehearsal of 'A Doggone Mixed-Up Christmas' before Tuesday night's performance. An encore performance was held for the student body on Wednesday during school hours.

Nicholas students treat parents, fellow students in program

By RON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

"Have yourself a merry little Christmas."

After rehearsing since September, Nicholas County

music students presented their Christmas program to their parents on Tuesday evening. An encore performance was set for their peers on Wednesday during school hours.

A "Doggone Mixed-Up Christmas" featured 114 students from the fourth through eighth grades, half of which were students in the gifted music program along with a lot of students with a love for

music. "This group of kids is so talented," music director Becky Castle told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "They have made this an enjoyable and wonderful experience."

The final rehearsal was held Tuesday afternoon and Castle had her hands full while putting the finishing touches on the

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Vote buying trial ends

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

The trial of a Bath County man who was accused of allegedly buying votes there ended in a hung jury Thursday.

Circuit Judge William Maink declared a mistrial in the criminal litigation for Leonard Treadway, 57, of Sharpshurg.

Treadway had been accused of buying another man's vote for the benefit of a candidate in the 1998 county attorney's race.

"Obviously, we would like to have had a not guilty verdict, but I'm convinced the jury

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Fay designated 'Roads Scholar'

Bobby Fay, Highway Superintendent for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, District 9 in Nicholas County, has earned the designation of "Road Master" from the Kentucky Transportation Center at the University of Kentucky.

The designation will be presented by

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Blue Licks to feature play

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park will be presenting Laura Lee and Michael O'Connell's original comedy, "Chocolates, Ross and Elvis," as dinner theatre Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

This campy romp tells the tale of Daisy and Oskow Wheelwright, a lower class British couple approaching the holidays. Daisy is desperately hoping for tickets to an Elvis impersonator concert for Christmas. Will Oskow deliver? Hilarious antics abound as Daisy quests for romance under the mistletoe. Comedic banter, irreverent characterizations, and audience participation are highlighted in the play.

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Jackets looking for next win

3 players net 20-plus points in loss to Paris

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

After taking their season-opener at Bath County the last of November, the Nicholas County boys' basketball team is searching for its next victory after December losses to Harrison, Paris and Fleming.

The Jackets carried the momentum from their win in Owingsville into their matchup with the Thorobreds from Harrison County on Dec. 4. Nicholas County (1-3) raced to an 11-6 lead after the first quarter - and then it was off



Denver Brown photo
Ryne Bretz, shown breaking the Bath County defense, shared high-scoring honors with Seth Saunders when each scored 23 points against Paris last Friday.

to the races, for the horses! The hosts pulled away ahead in the second quarter and then bolted to the 72-44 finish.

"We just ran out of gas," head coach Bobby Storie said of his JACKETs' loss in

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Letters to Santa



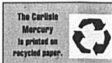
Ron Middleton photo
Students in Ms. Ball's first grade class wrote letters to Santa last week. Jacob Fryman, left, and Tabitha Ritchie are seen composing their letters. The letters will be featured in the Dec. 20 issue of *The Carlisle Mercury*. Letters to Santa can be faxed to 606-784-7337 until Monday, Dec. 17 and will be in the same issue, space permitting.

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