

Sports...

Raceland head coach Shawn Johnson was ejected from the Nicholas County Homecoming contest after his second technical as he walked off the court at halftime.



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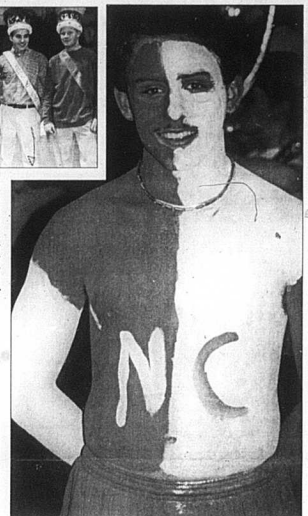
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Last year's royalty Laura Razor and Barkley Caswell crown this year's Homecoming queen and king Summer Ring and Scott Terrell at halftime of Friday night's basketball win over Raceland. Left, Nicholas County freshman Doug Hall sports his blue-and-white Jacket pride at the game. Head Coach Bobbie Storie's basketball Jackets ripped Raceland, 53-40, before the dance.

Denver Brown photos



Homecoming Game... Jackets stun Raceland

Grant leads with 24 pts.

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

It was a special occasion so the hosting Nicholas County Blue Jackets thought they'd give the fans something special.

In an upset of the 16th Region All 'A' champ Raceland, head coach Bobbie Storie's basketball Blue Jackets delivered a homecoming victory to a packed house last Friday night in Carlisle.

Everybody was up for this game because it was Homecoming. Nicholas County senior guard Jay Grant told *The Carlisle Mercury* after the 53-40 triumph. "And we were mad at how we played against Bracken County everybody stepped it up and wanted to show the crowd what we can do."



Nicholas County's Forrest Hunt tries to keep Raceland's Jarred Stevenson away from the basketball during the Jackets' homecoming contest last Friday.

Denver Brown photo

Championship. Coach Shawn Johnson's team had given top-ranked Rowan County a scare in Morehead earlier in the week and seemed to be on a roll - until they found their way to Carlisle.

Grant started a 10-0 run for the hosts to start the game and Raceland (12-8) never recovered. Nicholas County's defense allowed just two baskets in the opening quarter.

"We were just playing really well," Jacket senior Stuart Baird said of the first quarter romp. "We came out and got after it, put it together finally. This was

probably the best game we've played this season as a team." Even with the big lead early and the hopes of an upset to kick off basketball Homecoming 2001 swirling through the NCHS gym suite of the dance after the game, the night's highlight came from Johnson. The Raceland skipper was called for a technical foul in the second quarter for protesting the officiating and he was T'd up again as the teams cleared the floor for halftime. Johnson exploded at the officials and

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Students of the Week



NCHS student of the week
Richard Snapp

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

Richard is a senior at the Nicholas County High School and the son of Gayle and Sherry Snapp. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Principals Club. He was nominated by Kasey Miller, counselor because he is a good student, has a good attitude, and is a good example of a role model.



NCHS student of the week
Lauren Johnson

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

Lauren is in the second grade at Nicholas County Elementary and the daughter of Crystal and Randy Hutchinson. Her interests include reading and writing and she is a Lady Cat ball player. Lauren was nominated by Charlene Harris because she is self-motivated, conscientious, takes pride in her work and always tries to do her personal best.

Arraignment system installed

By Elicha Insko
Staff Writer

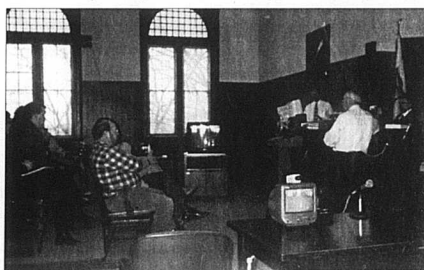
The Nicholas County Court System just installed new AOC camera's in the court room.

Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, Judge Larry Tischer, County Attorney Donald Bromagen, Circuit Clerk Sandy Watkins, District Judge David Melcher Pendleton Counties Judge-Executive, Montgomery County Jailor Dwayne Myers and others set in on a learning session Monday afternoon.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court voted in the AOC cameras back in November. The cameras are now installed and ready to go.

The system consists of three monitors, one for the prosecuting attorney, the clerk and the judge and a 27-inch screen for the public, a play back VCR, a ring down line and microphones. All court appearances are video taped. The video is now an official document of the court.

The cameras will be used in the court room for those prisoners who are going before the judge for pre-trials and arraignments. The cameras will allow those prisoners to remain at the jail and still go before the judge. All the prisoner will be able to see is the prosecuting attorney, defense attorney and the judge. The ring down line is available for the prisoner to



Members of the Nicholas County court system review the new equipment. Elicha Insko photo

talk to his/her attorney. In multiple counties in one day. It also allows the chemist to spend more time in the lab as opposed to traveling so much to testify.

At this time the Montgomery County Jail is the only local jail to have the cameras. Fortunately Montgomery County is where most Nicholas County prisoners are housed.

There are more than twenty counties that are tied to the system. The State Police Lab is also tied into the system which would allow analysts to testify in several court cases

Some times several trips are made on court days where Nicholas County don't have a local jail. This will eliminate hauling of several prisoners at one time, save on gas and wear and tear on the jailers vehicle.

The Department of Corrections has also been tied on to the system. At this time no deconvolve Detention Centers have linked into the system but it is being worked on.

There will also be dubbing equipment available in the Circuit Clerk's office. The cameras will save time and money for the county.

It looked as though members of the court were satisfied with the system and plan to start using the system next Monday, February 12. "I am happy to give it a shot," said District Judge David Melcher.

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