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Nicholas County Elementary School's drama class performed its Christmas play Tuesday because it was postponed due to inclement weather.



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## School back in session

Roads aren't a problem here



Nicholas County schools are back in session after Christmas break. Students started on schedule Tuesday morning.

**By Elicha Insko**  
*Staff Writer*

It's winter time and that means snow, ice and long hours for our State and County road departments. After a long Christmas break, everyone wondered whether or not there would be school on Tuesday. Fortunately, the children were able to get back to school as scheduled with thanks going out to the road

fifty-two public schools being cancelled on Tuesday, Nicholas County students arrived at school on schedule. Hammond said the roads were in excellent condition. "The county and state road department do an excellent job every year," said Hammond. After traveling the roads for a great deal of time Monday evening around 4:00 p.m., Hammond got a phone call from a neighboring county about black ice. Again late Monday night, Hammond traveled the Nicholas County

roads but there was no sign of black ice. "I don't like to take chances, if I make a mistake in calling school off it will be for the safety of the students and faculty." The school facility is allowed five hours for delays and early dismissals after those hours they are required to make the hours up in longer days or do what the Nicholas County school system does and add days to the end of the

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# A Year in Review

## A look back on the year 2000



**January 6**  
**Nicholas County librarian changes leadership**  
Rebecca "Becky" Reid has been named the new Nicholas County librarian, after the retirement of Jortia Anderson, who had held the position for the past 20 years.

**January 13**  
**Hughes is named new DES Coordinator**  
Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tincher appointed Mark Hughes as new Disaster Emergency Service (DES) Coordinator for Nicholas County.

**January 20**  
**Fire Destroys home at Green Acres**  
A suspected kerosene heater explosion was the cause of an evening blaze at the Green Acres Mobile Home Park on Tuesday, January 11. The home of Michelle George and Tina, Heather and Tyler Cain went up in flames, destroying most of their belongings.

**February 1**  
**Sowell family starts new year in a special way**  
Mike and Stephanie Sowell of Carlisle started the new year off right with the birth of their second child, Samantha Hope Sowell.

**February 2**  
**New business comes to Carlisle**  
The first business of the new year opened on January 1. Jolly's Car Mart which has been in operation in Flemingsburg for over two and a half years opened their second location in Carlisle.

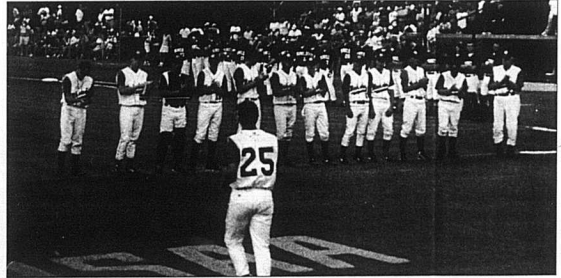
**February 17**  
**Homecoming 2000**  
Seniors Barkley Caswell and Laura Razer were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at Friday night's game.

**February 24**  
**Force of Nature...Flood waters damage roadways and bridges**  
As the rains were falling, Nicholas County Judge Executive, Larry Tincher, along with Billy Wayne Watkins, who

serves as Nicholas County's road foreman were out inspecting flood areas. Tincher said estimate to repair county and state roadways and remove debris would be \$300,000. Tincher along with Kentucky Department of Rural and Municipal Aid Commissioner William Johnson, and Joe Callahan with the Kentucky Department of Highways traveled to the Barterville and Saltwell area of the county evaluating the damage.

**March 2**  
**White House declares flood disaster for Nicholas County**  
In response to his request for federal assistance, Governor Paul Patton announced that President Clinton has declared portion of north central and north eastern Kentucky as federal disaster areas following torrential rains and flooding which occurred on February 18. Nicholas County is among

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The Nicholas County Bluejackets are introduced during the state baseball tournament in Lexington.

## Cameras to be in action in courtroom

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The Nicholas County Court House is going to be one of many counties that will be using AOC cameras in the court room.

These cameras will allow those people being housed at the Montgomery County Jail awaiting pre-trials and arraignments to stay at the jail and still go before the judge.

There are cameras at the jail house and cameras in the court room were the prisoners can be seen. This will take away from the cost of gas and the wear and tear on the

jailers vehicle. There will be less transportation of prisoners.

At this moment the Montgomery County Jail is the only jail linked to Nicholas County. Other counties will be participating in the near future.

The cost for the telephone data line was voted in by the fiscal court in the last meeting held.

The charges are \$221.81 and the line connecting to jail from courtroom is \$137.05, this is one save in gas.

The cameras are not being used yet but Judge Tincher says "they should be in use within the next week or two."



Ross Haney participates in Christmas play.

## Moorefield Methodist Church holds annual Christmas play

Due to inclement weather, the regularly scheduled Christmas play at the Moorefield Methodist Church was rescheduled for Sunday, December 31, 2000.

Considering the cold and snowy weather, there was a great turnout with many members of the church and guests being present at the event.

There were several youth and adults who presented the play and did a wonderful job.

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