



State Treasurer Jonathan Miller writes a column for the Carlisle Mercury concerning the state tuition program.

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## Across Nicholas County

### ■ Veteran's Rep to visit

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.

### ■ Pageant to be held

The 18th annual Miss Kentucky American Co-ed Pageant will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington on June 30-July 3.

The pageant consists of six age divisions. The winner for each age division will receive a cash award of \$1,000, official crown, sash and trophy.

Judging is based on scholastic achievements. A \$200 scholarship will be given to a young lady from each age group.

Cash awards and plaques will also be presented in several separate optional contests such as academic achievement, volunteer service, talent, photogenic and spokesperson.

Females interested in applying should contact the state director's office at 409-681-9800.

### ■ Arbor Foundation offers free dogwoods

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during March.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting until May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution by March 31, to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE, 68410.

### ■ KU office to close for lunch beginning March 19

Effective March 19, the Paris Kentucky Utilities office will close for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Customers are encouraged to use the night deposit located by the drive thru window during this time.

In addition, Kentucky Utilities reminds all customers of two payment options. Customers may sign up for automatic payment service or mail their payment in the envelope provided with the bill.

### ■ Church invites all

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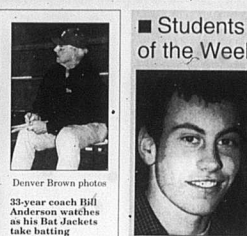
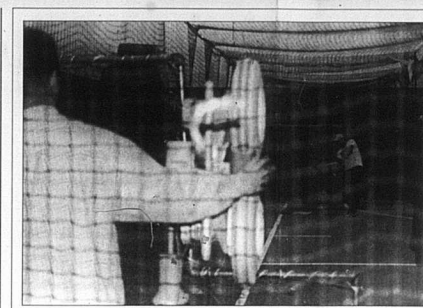
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### Weather

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33-year coach Bill Anderson watches as his Bat Jackets take batting practice in preparation of the upcoming season. Nicholas County advanced to the state tournament last season.

### ■ Students of the Week



**Kyle Rector**  
NCHS Student of the Week

Kyle Rector is Nicholas County High School's Student of the Week.

The son of Garry and Brenda Rector, he is in his junior year at the high school.

Rector said he enjoys football, where he plays guard and he likes weightlifting.

He is a governor's scholar nominee and his favorite subject is biology.

He said he also likes to sleep, obviously a pastime where he can come up with creative ideas while dreaming, or just letting his thoughts rest after a hard day at school.

After school, Rector works with cattle at Eaglestone Farm.

"He is a dependable, hard worker and has high academic standards," said Paula Hunter, who nominated him for Student of the Week.

### Kelly Yazell NCES Student of the Week

Kelly Yazell is Nicholas County Elementary School's Student of the Week.

Yazell, the daughter of Mark and Glenda Yazell, is in the seventh grade and is 13 years old.

She enjoys being on the elementary school's academic team and enjoys reading books.

At home after school, Yazell said she likes to read, watch television and play with her pets, which are four dogs, a lot of cats and four birds.

Teacher Stephanie H. Duncan nominated her for Student of the Week.

"She has wonderful leadership skills and does each assignment with a positive attitude," Duncan noted.

## 'Back to the dirt!'

### Loaded with pitching, Bat Jackets should pick up where they left off

By DENVER BROWN  
Sports Editor

Just nine months ago, the Nicholas County boys' baseball team won 32 games, captured the Regional and Sectional tournament crowns and rode their incredible season all the way to Lexington and the State's Final Four - and they took us all along for the ride.

Now, as the snow and rain of the spring melts and allows this season's Bat Jackets onto the dirt, big things will be expected again - and for good reason.

"We should be pretty good," head coach Bill Anderson told The Carlisle Mercury at practice Tuesday afternoon. "We lost two position people and a designated hitter, so we should be right there with 'em."

"And our pitching will be a big strength for us," the Nicholas County skipper, in his 23rd year coaching, said.

Pitching alone should garner the boys in blue plenty of state-wide press, but a combination of arms, sticks and defense and that ride back to the State Tournament might not be very far off.

Returning to the mound are All-State first team selection Josh Bryman. Last season, Bryman owned a 10-3 record - and he hit .391 with 15 home runs. Also back is 13-game winner Shane Smith.

Those two arms helped lead the Bat Jackets to a 32-7 finish last season. A 5-2 loss to eventual State Champ Henderson County in the

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By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

They're not walking like Egyptians yet, but they sure are writing like them.

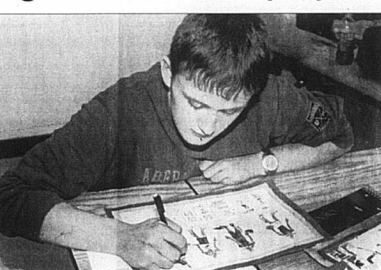
No, it isn't a rock-n-roll class, and it isn't the curse of King Tut, but a project to learn first-hand about the written word from a different, ancient culture during a Nicholas County High School humanities class.

Students in Elizabeth Johnson's class used Egyptian hieroglyphs (symbols meaning words or letters) to create advertisements for various businesses.

As thoughts of sandy deserts, Cleopatra and the Sphinx darted through their minds, the students set out to create their own messages using the ancient writing form.

"They've been learning about different cultures, and in doing so, I had them create Egyptian motifs

## Egyptian art takes form in high school class project



Lee Adkins works on his Egyptian portrait of Nicholas County basketball, football, track and marching band.

using hieroglyphs to use as words in advertisements," Johnson said. Hieroglyphics is the alphabet used by the symbols, designs and Egyptians to communicate figures. Their craftsmanship by the written word.

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- Howard Allison
- Joyce Buchanan
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