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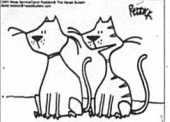
RON MIDDLETON

Clones and a random thought

"Having your own clone would be cool"



David Reddick



"The bad news is, I just found out I have fleas. The good news is, that would explain the little voices I've been hearing in my head."

Across Nicholas County

Annual pig roast set
On Friday, Nov. 16, the FFA will host its Second Annual Pig Roast which will be held at the James Anderson farm. Admission is \$1, and will be a pot luck dinner. For more information, call Corey Muggard at 299-3780.

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 to 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, 40601-8323 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

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Rebuilding Jackets to take on hoops season

Six seniors lead Storie's varsity team

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

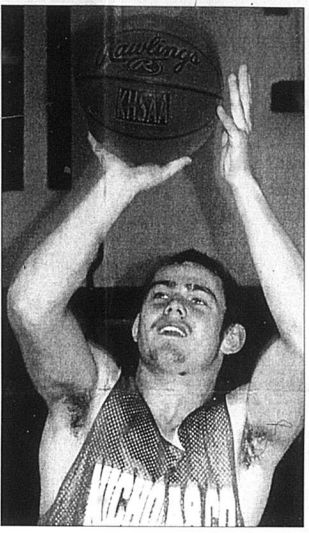
Using their heads as well as their hands is what the Nicholas County basketball Jackets will have to do to win games this season. The varsity club returns no starters from last year's roster, but a half-dozen seniors lead head coach Bobby Storie's 2001-02 team.

"Playing smart and playing like every possession is the last one of the game, that's what we'll have to do," Coach Storie told *The Carlisle Mercury* at the team's Media Day Tuesday. "We have to value the ball and not make turnovers."

This is my fifth year and it's my first time without any returning starters," the Jacket skipper said. "The varsity roster will be led by seniors Seth Saunders, Darrin Herrington, Eric Earlywine, Leslie Earlywine, Josh Hunt and Eric Jolly. Rounding out the varsity is junior Kyle Harmon, sophomores Ryne Bretz and Nathan Hicks and freshman Alan Cutsinger."

Last season, the hoops Jackets went 8-12 and lost to Harrison County in the first round of the 37th District Tournament. The club did advance to the Class A semifinals, losing to eventual champion Bishop Broussard.

"They won't be able to rely on size or experience this season, so the Jackets have to get by on heart and hustle. But there's a



Coach Storie

Nicholas Co. senior Seth Saunders already donated area Little League, Asst. Director of the FRYSK with Ben Duncan, 4, and Beulah Coldiron, Director of Little-Jackets Day Care and Katie Coldiron.

to have to play hard in every game and in every practice. "We'll have to do the fundamentals right and we'll have to block out good because we're going to have to work hard every day. And we're going

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Holiday travel to decrease

Overall travel during the Thanksgiving holiday is expected to drop 6 percent over last year but the number of Americans taking a trip by car should decline by less than 2 percent, according to AAA.

"With all the recent doom and gloom in the travel industry, a 6 percent drop is a definite improvement from the double-digit declines of the last two months," said Dan Dickson, AAA's president and CEO for the Midwest, South and West regions. AAA estimates that 34.6 million Americans plan to travel 50 miles or more from home this holiday, compared to 36.8 million who took a trip last Thanksgiving. Thirty million people expect to go by car, a 1.8 percent drop from a year ago when 30.5 million traveled by car.

Another 4.6 million plan to go by airplane, train or bus, compared to 6.3 million last year.

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Food drive



Ron Middleton photo already donated area Little League, Asst. Director of the FRYSK with Ben Duncan, 4, and Beulah Coldiron, Director of Little-Jackets Day Care and Katie Coldiron.

Nicholas Elem. doing their part for holiday

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

Giving thanks shouldn't just happen at the dinner table. In an effort to ensure that all Nicholas countians will enjoy a scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner, the area students are participating in a district-wide food drive. Organized by the Nicholas County school system's Family Resource Youth Services Center, the food fundraiser will donate all cans, boxes and cartons to Community Action.

A competition is underway to increase the participation in the food drive. Each classroom has been given a construction-paper turkey and for

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Denver Brown photo

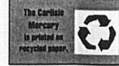
Fun in the sun
Nicholas County Elementary students, including these second graders from Miss Wills' class took time out to enjoy the unseasonably warm November weather during recess Tuesday. Nicholas County students are encouraged to bring in canned items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive this week.

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