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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.kheas.com, as well. It offers information on financial aid.

For more information, call 1-800-928-8928.

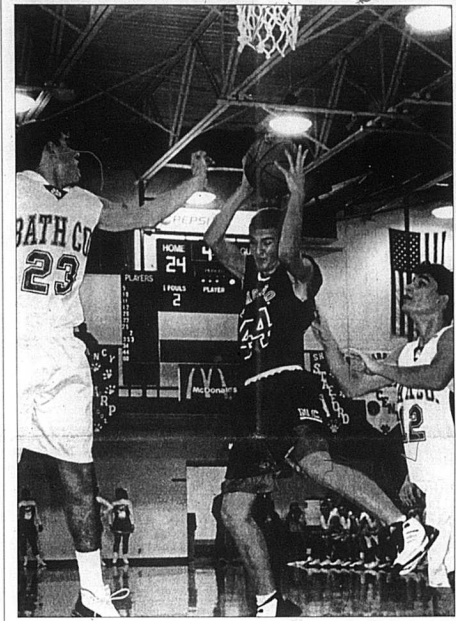
Assistance for adults returning to school online

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.kheas.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 Education Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4323 or call 1-800-928-8928, extension 7381.

Jackets stun Bath 51-43



Nathan Hicks snags a rebound during the Jackets 51-43 win over Bath County Tuesday night.

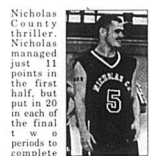
Seth Saunders' 25 leads team in comeback win

Jackets down 18-11 at half

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

If you have a slow start, you just need a fast finish. And that's exactly how the Nicholas County boys basketball team wrapped up their season opener in Owingville Tuesday night. Head Coach Bobby Storie's Blue Jackets revved up after the break to hustle their way out of a seven-point, second-half deficit to shock the hosting Bath County Wildcats in both club season games, 51-43.

Senior Jacket Seth Saunders caught fire in the third and fourth to lead all scoring with 25 points in the



S. Saunders

much of the third and fourth quarters with a smile on his face, could sense at halftime that his bunch was ready to break out.

"We didn't give up," the Jacket skipper told *The Carlisle Mercury* of his club's disastrous opening half. "The kids just hung in there. And they had to be frustrated with how they were shooting, but at halftime I didn't see any long faces or hear them say that we'd get beat."

"I saw kids wanting to come out and prove they could play and that they wanted to show that 2-for-28 was a fluke."

Nicholas County managed just a pair of field goals and seven free throws in the first and second quarters. But thanks to 15 turnovers by the taller Wildcats, the boys in black-and-blue stayed within a

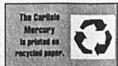
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Help through the holidays

By RON MIDDLETON
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The Hospice of the Bluegrass is offering three programs each highlighting a difficult holiday situation.

We do it every year, and this year, we chose Nicholas County. Kelly Kendall of Hospice of the Bluegrass said, "Our whole team will be there, from the nurses down to the bereavement counselors."

The programs will take place Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 10-11 and 12, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Nicholas County Health Center Conference Room.

On Dec. 10, the program will cover how hospice can help you or your family at home or in the nursing home.

The Dec. 11 program will feature what to do when a loved one doesn't want to eat and drink and starts losing weight.

The final program, on Dec. 12, will highlight ways to get through the holidays during a serious illness or recent death.

For more information, call Hospice of the Bluegrass at 1-800-756-6005.

New brochure highlights beef

By RON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

On behalf of Nicholas County beef producers and others, a brochure and two other projects are being distributed to help make preparing beef dishes fun and seasonal.

Funded in part by Nicholas County beef producers through their \$1-per-head beef checkoff, this brochure delivers important information about beef, including shopping, storage, grading, cooking, nutrition and food safety. Carrie Taylor, Director of Producer Communications of the Kentucky Beef Council, said, "It will be used for state and national food communication and promotional efforts, including distribution to food editors and consumers."

The brochure is an updated version of "Confident Cooking With Beef," a comprehensive beef-cooking guide that includes the new Beef Made Easy chart and current information on fully-cooked beef products. In addition, recipes are updated with current pan sizes and cooking methods and times.

One of the color newspaper pages is "Track See BEEF on 2

Local students in Who's Who'

A total of 32 students from this area are included in the 35th Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001."

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97 percent are college bound.

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