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Hospice seeking, training volunteers

Hospice of the Bluegrass program exists to provide care for persons in the last phase of an incurable illness so that they can live as fully and as comfortably as possible.

Physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, home care aides, bereavement counselors and patient and family volunteers play a key role in assisting patients and families through this time in their lives. Since volunteers play a big role in the hospice concept of care, Hospice is seeking individuals willing to volunteer time.

Hospice of the Bluegrass Cynthiana Office is offering a volunteer training workshop Monday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 8 from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Nicholas County Health Department, Concrete Road, in Carlisle.

Those wishing more information or to register for the course may call Kelly Kendall, Community Resource Coordinator or Kathy Platter at (859) 234-6462 or 800-756-6005 by Friday May 3. There is no obligation to volunteer after completing this course.

"As our number of patients increase the need for volunteers also grows. We are in need of people who can volunteer on weekdays," states Kendall, a Community Resource Coordinator. Training covers hospice history, mission, philosophy, organization, interdisciplinary team, communicating with the terminally ill patients and an overview of volunteering and volunteer opportunities.

There are many volunteer opportunities available including: patient companionship and comfort, shopping, running errands, transporting patients to doctors appointments, yard work, handyman, phone calls, pet visits, entertainment in nursing homes, and clerical.

Hospice also recruits professional volunteers, administrative, and fundraising volunteers. These volunteers provide legal advice, financial advice, office assistance, massage therapy, hairdressers, hosts for resource fairs, assist with fundraising events.

Volunteers can donate as much or as little time as they can or desire. Hospice of the Bluegrass Cynthiana Office serves patients and families in Harrison, Scott, Bourbon and Nicholas counties.

Every effort is made to match volunteers with patients and families that live within reasonable driving distances.

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.

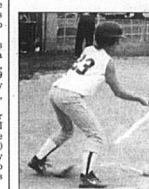
For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-0308. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.

Girls get gaggle of runs, crush Fleming

17-2 win first of season for Nicholas

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

After giving up a pair of runs to visiting Fleming County on Monday night, the Nicholas County softball team wasted little time in getting those runs back - and then some.



Denver Brown photo
Nicholas County's Karl Beth Stacy drops a text-book bunt to trigger the Lady Jackets' offensive explosion in the first inning of Monday's 17-2 win over Fleming.

The Lady Jackets scored their first win of the season by scoring four runs in the first inning after three innings on Monday night in Carlisle.

"We didn't get down when we scored in the first," Nicholas County center fielder Heather Treadway



Denver Brown photo
Treadway's RBI-single tied things at 2-2.

told The Carlisle Mercury. "We hit the ball well and she walked a lot of us. We played good defense, too, and didn't let many of 'em on base."

The Lady Jackets host Lewis Co. tonight at 5 p.m.

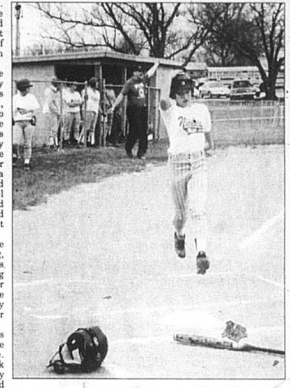
The Lady Panthers struck first, plating two before the Nicholas County defense settled down. But catcher Meghan Johnson grabbed a foul pop for the first out and Treadway snagged a fly ball for the second. Third baseman Beth Grimes fired to Ashley Hamilton at first for out No. 3.

In their turn with the sticks in the opening inning, head coach Bobby Storie's bunch blistered the visiting defense for five hits and four walks. The wind, and the Lady Jackets' hitting, nearly knocked the Lady Panther pitcher from the mound.

Lori Sosby got things started in the bottom of the first with a leadoff single. Karl Beth Stacy's text-book bunt (and a Fleming County overthrow) scored Sosby and put Stacy on third.

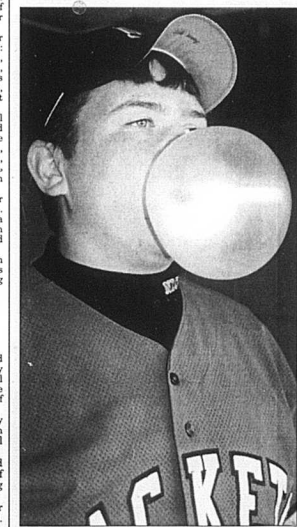
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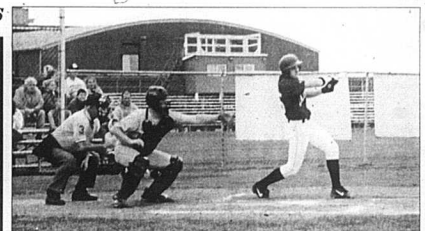


Denver Brown photo
The Nicholas County softball team plates its first run Monday night while head coach Bobby Storie waves the basemen on. The Lady Jackets rallied for a 17-2 thumping of Fleming for their first win of the season.

■ CHEWING UP THE PANTHERS



Denver Brown photo
Adam Dunn earns record-breaking bubble-blowing honors (Adam Earlywine came in a close second) during the Jackets' chewing up of Fleming County on Monday in Carlisle. Nicholas won 7-1.



Denver Brown photo
Head Coach Travis Sims club smacked 11 hits in taking apart Fleming County, 7-1, Monday night in Carlisle. With the win the Jackets went to 2-1 on the season.

Bat Jackets rip 11 hits, pound Panthers 7-1

Herrington pitches complete-game win

By DENVER BROWN
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Darrin Herrington pitched a pretty good game against Fleming County Monday night in Carlisle. He probably would have thrown even better if he could have seen the plate the whole game instead of just the last four innings.

The Bat Jacket senior put in his contact before batting in the bottom of the third of Nicholas County's 7-1 win over the visiting Panthers. By then he'd already struck out four, seeing with both eyes in his next four trips to the mound he fanned a half-dozen more.

"That's just him," head coach Travis Sims

said of the crafty Herrington. "I called the pitches for him but he did a good job. He put 'em where we wanted him to. Herrington, often going to a side-arm sling, found success with his curve in the windy conditions giving up just two hits in the seven-inning decision for Nicholas County (2-1).

Any talk of the Jackets being down after such a pair of unbelievable baseball seasons was quickly quashed by Fleming County coach Mark Crain.

"I certainly don't believe that and they played very well today," Crain told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "They got good pitching from Herrington. And they got the hits when they needed to."

"We were never a threat," Crain went on to say about his club and its 2-4 start on the season. "We either made bad decisions and

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