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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 1-800-928-8926.

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.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 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

New Breed



Kip Keith

"You know, 'amens' are nice and all, but just once I'd like the congregation to do the wave!"

The magic number



Melanie Ball, right, Nicholas County Elementary first grade teacher, untangles the balloons for her class during the 100th day of school celebration Friday afternoon.

First graders mark 100th day

By RON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

Not even the cold, gray skies of winter could keep away the excitement as color filled the air around Nicholas County Elementary last Friday as the first graders celebrated their first 100 days of school.

"We need to make school fun sometimes," NCE teacher Ms. Spickler told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "One of my students said 'it was the funnest day I ever

had' - it was so cute." The students had been preparing for the big day since Jan. 29 and the halls were decorated from floor to ceiling in the 100 theme.

On one wall, some of the students wrote what they would do if they had \$100. One of the students said he would buy 100 Ale-8s while another said she would buy a school and be the teacher.

Students also guessed how far 100 \$1 bills would go when laid

end to end. The students actually laid the bills in the hallway and the line of bills measured around 50 feet.

Students from Ms. Ball, Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Spickler and Ms. Darbro's classes began lining the halls just before 1 p.m. for a quick trip outside to release helium-filled balloons, provided by Memories and More.

Bundled up parents, students

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At the stroke of 1:00 p.m. on the 100th day, the first graders released their balloons into the cold, windy sky Friday afternoon.

Jackets win!!

Fourth-quarter surge pushes Jackets past Berea, 54-52

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

Trailing after three quarters, the Nicholas County boys' basketball team got hot and scorched the nets in the final period Tuesday night to beat Berea in Carlisle, 54-52.

Head Coach Bobby Storie's Jackets were down nine going into the fourth, but the hosts outscored Berea 24-13 in the decisive quarter to net the two-point triumph.

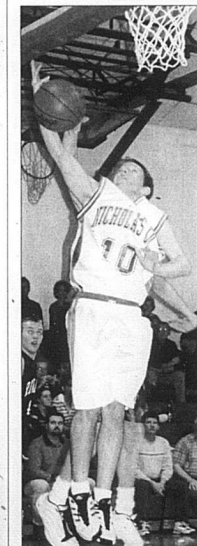
Kyle Harmon fired in three consecutive three-point baskets in the final 8:00 and Seth Saunders scored all 10 of his points in the stretch to get the come-back win.

Ryne Bretz led all scoring with 18 points and the sophomore also muscled down 11 boards for the double-double.

Things were even at the end of one, locked up at 12-12. And Berea carried a two-point lead into halftime. But it looked as if the visitors would coast to the finish after they outplayed the Jackets 14-7 in the third.

"We were just trying to get the ball back on our end and knock down shots, we knew we had to score," Harmon told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "We started hustling and everybody played hard at

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Denver Brown photo of Kyle Harmon hit back-to-back-to-back threes to spark the comeback.

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