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Across Nicholas County

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 1-866-376-0206. 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 40601-4263 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

New Breed



"How can you show such utter disregard for park rules, Dorothy?"

Weather

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Hoops hoopla helps Nicholas wind down

Girls' parents night is tonight; boys' honor senior Fri.

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

To an athlete, concentrating on the task at hand is the top priority.

Whether concentrating on a scouting report or taking a deep breath before taking aim from the free-throw line, the focus on the game is what makes an athlete play. But for the family, friends and fans...

The Nicholas County High School basketball programs will be honoring their Blue Jackets and Lady Jackets in ceremonies this week. The girls, under head coach Nikki Smoot, will be having 'Parents' Night' tonight (Thursday) prior to their home contest with Deming. The game with the Lady Devils is the regular-season finale for Smoot's troops.

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Denver Brown photo

Senior salute

Eric Earlywine, Darrin Herrington, Seth Saunders, Josh Hunt, Eric Jolly and Leslie Earlywine are the 2001-02 Nicholas County basketball seniors. The group will be honored at tomorrow (Friday) night's home game with Menifee County. The 37th District Tournament starts next week at Bourbon County High School.

Tooth Fairy visits Nicholas Elementary

By RON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

The Tooth Fairy, in the form of Melissa Thompson from WEDCO, paid a visit to Nicholas County students from Kindergarten through the second grades on Feb. 12.

Dressed in a pink and blue fairy outfit, Thompson taught the students how to properly take care of their teeth with the use of a large set of choppers and oversized toothbrush.

"The kids really enjoyed it," first grade teacher Ms. Ball told *The Carlisle Mercury*. The event was planned by fellow first grade teacher Mrs. Spickler, who also staged the same event last year for the students.

The students were also treated to a video about tooth care and afterwards, each child received a free toothbrush. Thompson's work with the health department not only takes her to Nicholas County, but also to Scott and Harrison counties.



The Tooth Fairy, Melissa Thompson, used an over-sized set of teeth along with an extra-large toothbrush to demonstrate good oral hygiene to students from kindergarten through second grade.



The Tooth Fairy, left, shows first grader Austin Hedges to proper way to brush his teeth during the Feb. 12 program.



Members of Mrs. Cuningham's and Ms. Ball's class show their winning smiles along with the free toothbrushes that the Tooth Fairy gave them.

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