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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 Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4323 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

Nicholas seeks federal help for development

County seeks to be counted part of Appalachia

From STAFF REPORTS

For the last two years, the Jockey International plant has sat lifeless, but a recent bill introduced by Rep.

The Appalachian Region is comprised of 12 states, from northern Mississippi to southern New York, and covers over 200,000 square miles.

Ernie Fletcher may help the community recover from the loss.

According to a report from the Lexington Herald-Leader, the bill would extend the border of the Appalachian region to include

Nicholas County. If passed, Nicholas would be eligible for a share of federal money.

Local officials hope the money will make up for the loss of Jockey and decreasing tobacco production.

The Bluegrass Area Development District suggested that local officials contact legislators about changing the status of the county.

Right now, 49 counties in

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Nicholas teams looking for better results in 2002

Hoops teams gearing up for All 'A'

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

With losses to open the new year, the Nicholas County boys and girls varsity basketball teams could throw in the towel and ride it out the rest of the season. But that's not the game plan according to the Jacket and Lady Jacket players and coaching staffs.

The girls, under second-year coach and former Nicholas County standout Nikki Smoot, fell to rival Bourbon County and they lost to Lewis County to start their 2002 campaign.

In the 61-53 loss to the Lady Lions from Vanceburg on Jan. 3, the girls in blue battled until the end and even outscored the visitors in the second half - but a the first-half hole was too

"Each game we see ourselves improving and we're hungry to get that first win," junior Britany Willoughby told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "And when we get that win, we'll feel a lot more confident in our game and then we'll probably play a lot better. Getting that win should help our game."

Willoughby, Ashley Hamilton and Beth Grimes all finished in double figures in the loss to Lewis County. Hamilton led with 14 points and Willoughby



Denver Brown photo
Lady Jacket Heather Treadway talks with head coach Nikki Smoot during the season-opener. The girls are hosting the All 'A' Regional Tournament next week in Carlisle. The Lady Jacket's first round is next Thursday, Jan. 17 against Deming.

and Grimes each connected for a dozen. Nicholas County was down 32-20 at the break and the Lady Jackets outplayed the visitors by 33-29 in the second half.

In the District loss at Bourbon County (7-5) on Jan. 2,

Willoughby tied for game high scoring honors with Bourbon's Hawkins; each girl had 13 points. The hosts romped to a 15-4 tally after the first period and then cruised to the win.

Head Coach Bobby Storie's bunch also dropped a pair of

early-year outings to Bourbon and Augusta. But the players are confident about the next few dates on their schedule. In repeat performances from earlier this season, the Jackets

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ALL-A REGIONAL 2002

Girls 10th Region

<p>ST. PATRICK WEDNESDAY JAN. 16 6 pm</p> <p>SILVER GROVE FRIDAY JAN. 18 6 pm</p> <p>PARIS WEDNESDAY JAN. 16 7:30 pm</p> <p>B. BROSBART THURSDAY JAN. 17 6 pm</p> <p>BRACKEN CO. THURSDAY JAN. 17 7:30 pm</p> <p>AUGUSTA THURSDAY JAN. 17 7:30 pm</p> <p>NICHOLAS CO. FRIDAY JAN. 18 7:30 pm</p> <p>DEMING FRIDAY JAN. 18 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Semifinals</p> <p>Championship</p> <p>SATURDAY JAN. 19</p>
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* At Nicholas County High School

Bodies found in Bracken Co.

Four charged in apparent murders

By RON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

The bodies of two men were discovered Dec. 17, 2001, along Route 8, seven miles west of Augusta, police said. According to police, an alert driver observed something while driving along Route 8 and then contacted Bracken Co. Sheriff Mike Nelson. Nelson responded to the scene and discovered what appeared to be two bodies at which time, he contacted Kentucky State Police Post 6 for assistance. KSP detectives arrived at the scene with Bracken Co. Coroner John Parker, police said.

According to police, the bodies were then taken to the Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort, where autopsies were performed Dec. 18, 2001. The victims were identified as Ryan Eric



Matchison, 22, of Florence and Adam C. Harvey, 21, of Elsmere. After an investigation involving several law enforcement agencies, four individuals were charged in the crimes.

On the same day, Dawn Duffy, 18, of Bellevue, was also charged with four counts of tampering with physical evidence.

On Jan. 3, Russell M. Malapelli, 27, of Dayton, was charged with four counts of tampering with physical evidence.

The case was concluded by the KSP Post 6 with help from the following agencies: Bracken County Sheriff and Coroner; Kanton County Police Department; Boone County Water Rescue; Covington Police Department; Florence Police Department; Augusta Police Department; Brooksville Police Department; and Maysville Police Department.

On Jan. 2, Douglas Baker

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