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'Don't pick on Harry Potter!'

'Where were you all when 'Bewitched' hit the airwaves?'



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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 1-866-376-0308. 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 40601-4223 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

## Touchstone to sponsor All A Classic

One of the premiere events sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives takes place in January with the All "A" Classic, which showcases student competitions in the arts, academics, cheerleading and basketball for the small high schools in Kentucky.

This year's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic will feature a new event: ROTC drill team competition. Fleming-Mason Energy is participating by making awards presentations at Saturday night's regional championship game at Nicholas County High School.

The finals of the basketball tournament will again be held at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena, running from Jan.

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### Weather

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## Bretz, Harmon lead Jackets to victory



Pair nets 39 in 65-61 win at Deming

By DENVER BROWN  
Sports Editor

When Nicholas County downed by three at 1:26 in the fourth Tuesday night at Deming, things looked bleak for the basketball Blue Jackets. But Kyle Harmon and Ryan Bretz had other ideas. It was a walk to the bus with a loss.

Harmon knocked down his fifth three-pointer of the game with little more than a minute to go.

Nicholas County junior Kyle Harmon fires in a three-pointer in Tuesday night's win at Deming. Harmon finished with 19 points, including five threes.

Stull said. Stull and Adam Earlywine each drilled three-point baskets to open the third quarter and to push away from Deming. Jamie Warmuth banked it in from the left corner and Casey Anderson took Curtinger's defensive rebound to the hoop for two to stretch the Nicholas County lead to 22-29.

The hosts converted a pair of Blue Jacket turnovers into quick points and by 2:44 it was a three-point game at 32-29. But Anderson and Earlywine shipped past the Black Devil defense for two late field goals and secured the 39-35 win.

"We've got kids that haven't really been in this position and it's good for them to get in a game like this," junior varsity coach

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Whitney Houston's national anthem had hoops for a n s expecting a big show. And with a name like F r a n k

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What more sports spec- tacular could be expected? But the celebration belonged to lead coach Bobby Storie's bunch - led by Harmon and Bretz on

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Denver Brown photo. Jacket senior Darrin Herrington passes out of traffic Tuesday night in Deming. Head Coach Bobby Storie's Nicholas County club won 65-61.

## JV Jackets grab first win of season

Anderson, Curtinger each net 10 points in 39-35 win at Deming

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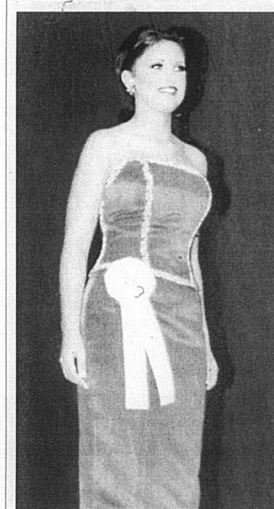
The Nicholas County junior varsity boys' basketball team held a two-point lead at the half of their matchup in Deming Tuesday night and then they went up by as much as 10 before holding on for the 39-35 decision over the Black Devils. The victory was the first this season for the young Blue Jackets.

"We just wanted to win," Nathan Stull told The Carlisle Mercury after his club went up in the second half. "We wanted to control the ball and get a few more points



Denver Brown photo. Nicholas County junior varsity coach Greg Letcher talks with his team in the fourth quarter of the game at Deming Tuesday night. Both JV and varsity Jacket teams defeated the Black Devils. The junior varsity bunch won 39-35 and the varsity team netted the 65-61 triumph. Head Coach Bobby Storie's varsity Jackets compete in next week's Class 'A' 10th Regional Tournament at Bracken County. Check out boys and girls hoops results in next week's edition.

## Queen for a day



Ron Middleton photo. On Saturday, Jan. 12, 89 young women competed for the Miss Kentucky County Fair title at the Galt House in Louisville. Above, Jennifer Anne Cummins, a Wolfe County High School senior, represented Nicholas County in the pageant, but was not selected as a finalist. The winner of the pageant was Emily Renee Sloan, who represented Woodford County.

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