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### 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.khea.com](http://www.khea.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.khea.com](http://www.khea.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.

### Boys win again!



Denver Brown photo

All five starting Nicholas County basketball Jackets, Seth Saunders, Ryne Bretz, Darrin Herrington, Nathan Hicks and Kyle Harmon, scored in double figures in a 73-55 win over MMA Tuesday night in the opening round of the 10th Region All A Tournament at Bracken County.

### All five starters hit double figures in Class 'A' opening win

#### Nicholas nets 73-55 win from MMA

By DENVER BROWN  
Sports Editor

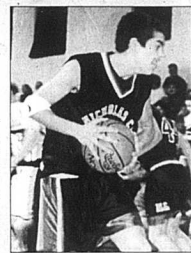
With all five of its starters in double figures, Nicholas County's hoops platoon knocked off Millersburg Military Academy in the first round of the All A 10th Region Tournament at Bracken County Tuesday night.

The Blue Jackets, still juiced from a big win at Deming County last week, made it two in a row with the 73-55 victory. The 18-point win moved head coach Bobby Storie's bunch into the All A semifinals last night (Wednesday).

"We pressed quite a bit in the second and fourth quarters and that created a lot of turnovers for us," Coach Storie told *The Carlisle Mercury*. "We had a lot of steals in this game."

Led by sophomore center Ryne Bretz's 23-point showing, all five of the Nicholas County starters finished in double figures. Seth Saunders had 15 and Darrin Herrington netted a dozen. Kyle Harmon and Nathan Hicks each connected for 11 points.

"It's a good sign," Bretz said of the well-balanced Nicholas County offense. "It shows that we're moving the ball



Denver Brown photo

Nicholas County sophomore Ryne Bretz led his club with 23 points.

around and giving everyone a shot. Other teams will have to adjust now, they'll have to try to stop all of us instead of just one or two."

The Jackets (5-7) owned an 18-15 lead after the opening quarter Tuesday night and their press helped them to increase that lead to 37-27 at the break. MMA

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### Martin, Woods join ad sales staff

By RON MIDDLETON  
Staff Writer

Two Morehead State University graduates have joined the advertising sales staff of *The Morehead News* in an attempt to broaden the sales market west to Lexington and east.



Lavonda Gilliam-Martin



Erin Woods

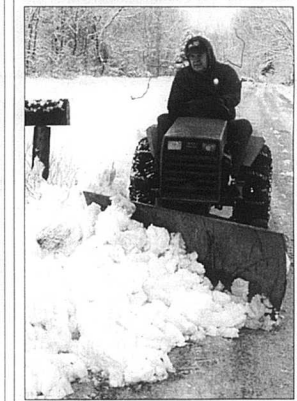
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both of Morehead, bring a wealth of sales experience to *The Morehead News* and its sister newspapers throughout northeastern Kentucky.

We are excited to have Lavonda and Erin on our group advertising sales staff," says Jack McNeely, publisher of Community Holdings of Kentucky. The

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### 'Good Neighbor' policy



Ron Middleton photo

After snow blanketed the area early last Saturday morning, Lee Campbell of Bath County woke up early and spent most of the morning helping his neighbors dig out by scraping the road and driveways, including one belonging to *The Carlisle Mercury* staffer Ron Middleton, with his law tractor.

## Redistricting debate becomes heated

By Patrick Avery and Mark Vanderhoff  
KPA News Bureau

House Democrats did not move their redistricting bill very far last week, and House Republicans responded by introducing their own redistricting plan as an amendment.

"We want this process to end," said Rep. Joseph Fischer, R-Ft. Thomas, during a Jan. 18 press conference. "We want to move on to more important issues."

The Republican plan splits 23 counties - the maximum

recommended by the state constitution - and divides 15 precincts throughout the state. The Democrat plan, a revised version of which is set to appear this week, splits 26 counties and 70 precincts.

The Republicans crafted their plan with input from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, to create three districts in Jefferson County with minority populations exceeding 60 percent and three other districts in Jefferson, Fayette and Christian counties, containing a large percentage of minorities.

Three pairs of incumbents will square off against each other in this year's elections in newly formed districts under the Republican plan, whereas the Democrat plan only pits two pairs of incumbents.

Sidestepping a contentious issue between the Republican-controlled Senate and the Democrat House, the Republican plan does not offer a Senate redistricting proposal, which the Democrat plan does.

"We're trying to follow the time-honored tradition of this assembly," Fischer said, referring to the years when Democrats controlled both

houses and rubberstamped each other's redistricting proposals.

House Speaker Jody Richards said on Jan. 18, the Friday before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, that he had not seen the Republican plan.

Rep. Jeff Hoover, the Republican minority floor leader from Jamestown, said the Republican redistricting plan would be filed later that day as an amendment to House Bill 1, the House's redistricting plan.

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