

OPINION

Ron Middleton

'Rock Star'

"Since the dawn of time... all adolescent males have dreamed of becoming rock stars..."



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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 1-866-376-9308. 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.

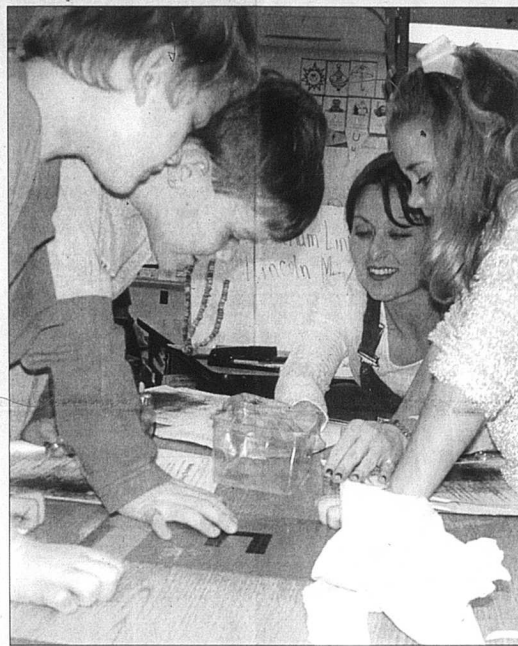
For more information about programs and services, write to the Kentucky Higher Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4323 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

New Breed



"The weight gain began when we locked out all the sex and violence on TV... That left the cooking shows."

The first 100 days



Ron Middleton photo

Tomorrow marks the 100th day of school for Nicholas County students and Nicholas County Elementary first graders have plans for the big day. Students in Ms. Ball's first grade class will be decorating the halls and preparing several projects that have the number 100 for the theme. Students in Ball's class spent Tuesday afternoon in various activities associated with the number 100. Above, it was business as usual

for, from left, Jordan Honeycutt, Zach Howard, Ms. Ball, and Adrienne Letchter, as they observed the effect of a mixture of vinegar and salt on pennies. Parents are also invited to Friday's activities, which includes the releasing of 100 helium-filled balloons at 1:00 p.m. and a 2 p.m., they will pop 100 balloons that were blown up by another class while dressed in clothes that are decorated with 100 items.

NCHS hoops Boys fall to St. Pat in All 'A'

By DENVER BROWN Sports Editor

After beating Millersburg Military Academy in the first round of the 10th Region All 'A' tournament, Nicholas County fell to a tough Mayaville-St. Patrick club in the quarterfinals last Wednesday at Bracken County High School, 66-38.

The basketball Blue Jackets took a two-game win streak (Denning, MMA) into the home of the Polar Bears to square off against the Saints last week, but soon enough the run was over. The Jackets (5-8) stayed within a few early, but a 13-7 second quarter by the boys from Mayaville put the semifinals out of reach for the Jackets.

The Saints poured it on in the final period, putting in 26

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District battle goes on

By PATRICK AVERY and MARK VANDERHOFF KPA News Bureau

The filing deadline for candidates in this year's state legislature elections is Jan. 29, but the House and Senate were unable last week to agree on new legislative districts that must be drawn to make those elections constitutional.

The Democrat-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate spent Jan. 28 in a series of procedural deadlocks that took nearly six hours but produced no results.

Early in the day, the House voted almost entirely along party lines not to accept revisions that the Senate made to House Bill 1, which proposed new legislative districts for the House and Senate. Those revisions, passed in the Senate that morning, altered the

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Brown, Middleton capture KPA awards

From Staff Reports

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Two Carlisle Mercury writers were honored here Friday evening during the Kentucky Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest Awards Banquet.

Sports Editor Denver Brown captured first place for Best Sports Story and honorable mention for Best Sports Feature while Staff Writer Ron Middleton garnered second place for Best Columnist.

"The Carlisle Mercury is proud of Mr. Brown and Mr. Middleton for their efforts to be the best of the best in their division during 2001," says Publisher Jack McNeely, who also attended the awards banquet at the Griffin Gate Marriott.

"I believe these awards show the commitment made by your hometown newspaper's editorial staff. I also believe these awards are only a prelude to more in the

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Angela Middleton photo

From left: Rob Hammond, division manager and vice president; Ron Middleton, staff writer; Denver Brown, sports editor; and Jack McNeely, publisher.

Weather

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