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Lady Jackets state bound again

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Once again, they're state-bound with the hammer down!
The Lady Bluejackets Softball team defeated a strong Covington Holy Cross team 7-3 at home April 30 and will thus advance to the Class A State Tournament at Louisville, May 10 where they will play Hancock County at Skyview Park at 11 a.m. for their first game in the double elimination tournament.

It will be a repeat trip for the Lady Jackets who competed in the Class A State Tourney last year, winning their first game before being eliminated with two losses.

The Lady Jackets, who have 15 wins with only three losses this season, played a near flawless defensive game

against Holy Cross and were aggressive at bat and while running the bases.

"They're playing very strong," said assistant coach Penny Bretz. Head Coach Barry Bretz agreed, and praised the efforts of the Lady Jackets, who have played strong all year.

"We have a very competitive region and this is one of the most competitive Class A tournaments I've seen in the past. Our girls are ready."

Bretz has been the assistant coach for five years and has led the Lady Jackets as Head Coach last year and this year.

The team showcased their many skills against Covington Holy Cross last week.

The Lady Jackets scored their first run in the first inning against Holy Cross when Morgan Kelly walked, stole second, moved to third on a hard hit grounder by

Hallee Bretz for the force out to first, and then stole home on a wild pitch.

It was three-up and three-down for Holy Cross for the first two innings with Lady Jacket's left handed pitcher Shelby Morgan striking out one in the first, and senior catcher Hallee Bretz throwing a strike to junior second baseman Jessica Gilkerson for the tag out of an attempted steal.

Morgan pitched a strong game and the lefty had three strikeouts in the first two innings alone. Morgan is only a sophomore yet has 13 wins and only two losses on the season.

In the bottom of the second inning, senior left fielder C.C. Humphries beat out a nice bunt to start the inning and moved to second on a hard hit grounder down the first base line by sophomore



Photo by Charles Mattox

Sophomore Petrea Mitchell is warmly greeted at home plate by the Lady Jackets following her home run against Covington Holy Cross last week. The Lady Jackets defeated Holy Cross 7-3 and earned a trip to the Class A tournament in Louisville.

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Photo by Hank Bond

An accident along the TTI railways on the west end of Carlisle early Saturday morning led to no injuries; however, two rail cars carrying several tons of gravel overturned stopping rail traffic through the weekend.

National Guard Unit returns home

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Members of the Carlisle-based National Guard Unit: Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery Unit, returned to Kentucky Sunday following their nearly year-long deployment to Iraq.

They returned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi early last week and were flown into Lexington Airport Sunday afternoon in two planes before being bused to the Frankfort Civic Center for a welcome home ceremony.

Approximately 150 soldiers belonging to the unit were welcomed home by family members, friends and Governor Steve Beshear.

Governor Beshear recognized the sacrifices of Staff Sgt. Delmar White, 37, of Lexington, who was killed

Sept. 2 in Baghdad by a roadside bomb, and Pfc. Sammie E. Phillips, 19, of Vine Grove, who was killed Sept. 10, when the vehicle he was manning a machine gun for overturned during a mission. Military sources say nearly one dozen additional soldiers were wounded during hostilities in Iraq.

Battery B arrived in Camp Taji, Iraq on August 9, 2007 where they supported convoy security operations for coalition forces.

Captain Steve Mattingly and First Sergeant Harold Davis command the unit.

The members of the unit took part in over 150 combat missions and drove almost 300,000 miles during their missions of convoy security.

Since Sept. 11, 2001 the Kentucky National Guard has mobilized nearly 12,000 Soldiers and Airmen for the global War on Terror.



Three vehicle accident sends one to hospital

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A three-vehicle accident near the traffic islands west of Carlisle on US 68 Tuesday afternoon sent an Ohio woman to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and snarled traffic for an hour.

Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and Deputy Benny Buckler responded to the scene at 3:15 p.m. where they joined Nicholas County Firefighters, EMS personnel and several motorists who stopped to assist those involved in the accident.

According to Buckler, who is leading the investigation of the accident, Barbara Glass, 55, of Sabino, Ohio was driving a 2002 Toyota Matrix east from Paris, following her husband Paul Glass, 57, in a 2005 Toyota Tundra, when Mr. Glass's vehicle was struck by a 1998 Chevy Cavalier traveling west, which was driven by Edward Woosley, 53, of Carlisle.

According to Buckler, Woosley's cavalier collided with the left rear of Mr. Glass's Toyota Tundra causing the Woosley vehicle to skid left striking Mrs. Glass's Toyota Matrix.

All three drivers were the

sole occupants of their vehicle and all wore seatbelts, according to Buckler.

Mr. Woosley and Mr. Glass refused treatment and Mrs. Glass was treated on the scene and taken by ambulance to Nicholas County Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The accident closed one lane of US 68 and slowed traffic considerably at the intersection of US 68 and Concrete Road.

Carlisle Police Officer Brad Weaver joined other emergency personnel in directing traffic to prevent additional accidents near the scene.

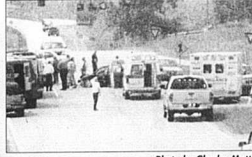


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Terry Hughes, Nancy and Mike Warner, of Warner's BP Service Center, are shown presenting Mary Catherine Knopke fundraising chairperson for this year's Relay for Life Celebration, with a corporate sponsorship of

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