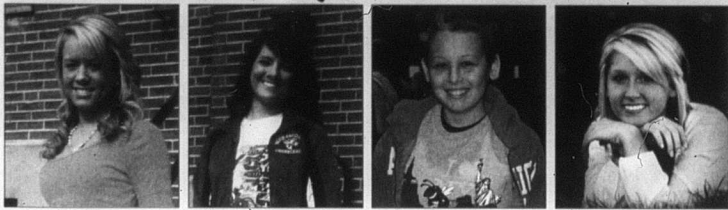


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Christian Dunn
Christian Dunn is the 17 year old daughter of Mike and Michelle Dunn. Throughout high school, Christian has been involved in several activities including Bluejacket Buzz for one year, basketball for two years and softball for three years. Her hobbies include spending time with friends, shopping, working, going to truck pulls and meeting new people. After high school she plans to attend EKVU, major in Emergency Medicine and become an EMT.

Morgan Kelley
Morgan Kelly is the 17 year old daughter of Daryl and Russann Kelly. Morgan has been actively involved in softball all during her high school years. During her high school years Morgan is a 2009 Youth Salute Representative, Who's Who Among American High School Students in Mathematics, All-American Scholar, 2009 Bluegrass Conference All Tournament team in Softball, Class President in her 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years, Senior Class Secretary, Principals' Club, Student Council Representative, and the National Honor Society.

In her spare time Morgan likes watching football, running, singing in the shower, telling stupid jokes and laughing hysterically at them, playing softball, fishing, gymnastics, watering flowers in greenhouse class with Hall, watching Jeopardy, talking to strangers, listening to Mary Jane's Last Dance by Tom Petty, oh, and cheerleading.

After graduation Morgan plans to attend the University of Kentucky with a major in pre-law and a minor in political science, play intramural co-ed flag football. Graduates from law school and never get married.

Her fondest memory was the Junior year homecoming game when she spontaneously busted outrageous lyrics to a cheerleading rap featuring Shanna Davis.

Chelsea Markland
Chelsea Markland is the 17 year old daughter of Angie and Dan Markland Jr. During high school, Chelsea has been involved in cheerleading, softball and PECLA. She enjoys spending quality time with her family and hanging out with her friends. After high school she plans to attend college and major in premed and eventually become a pediatrician.

Brandy Norman
Brandy is the 17 year old daughter of Doug and Ann Norman. Her achievements include Youth Salute, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Bluegrass All Conference Team, All A State, EKC All American Scholar and Student Council Representative.

Brandy's hobbies are cheerleading, golfing, gymnastics, tennis, singing, writing, running, spending time with family, friends, and Jared, working at Jerry's and watching baseball.

After graduation Brandy plans to attend EKVU and major in psychology.

Her fondest memory is hiding from French by walking on a random trail at Carter Caves when she was supposed to be playing EKVU. Now look, we won the EKVU! We love ya French!

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Toys for Tots drive begins

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The true spirit of Christmas blossoms while in the act of giving and helping others, and every one is invited to take part in this joyous spirit during this year's Nicholas County Toys for Tots drive.

Members of the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department will be distributing toys this Christmas to area children who might otherwise not receive one, and they have once again teamed up with Amy and Mike Johnson for a special toy drive to be held at the Lake Carnico Country Club and Restaurant on Dec. 12.

Supporters of Toys for Tots and patrons of the business are being asked to bring a toy to the business on Dec. 12 in place of a normal cover charge.

Toys and cash donations will be accepted at the business all other times for those who want to help make Christmas happier for area children.

Amy and Mike, who have three children of their own, say they are glad to participate and help children will be performing and all night long for everyone who comes out and helps support Toys for Tots," she said. "Anyone that brings a toy will get in for free."

The Toys for Tots drive has been one of many community support activities spearheaded by Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes and the dedicated members of the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department.

Amy and Mike, who have three children of their own, say they are glad to participate and help children

Buckler returns home

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Lawman Bennie Buckler is going home.

One week after being relieved of duty with the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department, former Chief Deputy Bennie Buckler has become Carlisle's new Police Officer.

"I started law enforcement with the city of Carlisle in 1996 so I consider this going home," Buckler said Tuesday afternoon. "I'm grateful to Mayor Clark and Chief Denton for the opportunity."

Buckler commented on his previous job. "I appreciate the opportunity Sheriff Garrett gave me and I look forward to working with him and other area law officers in my new role. I also look forward to once again serving the citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County."

Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton commented on the city's newest officer. "I'm very glad to have him back on the police force," Chief Denton said. "He will be an added asset to our department."

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Washington, Pope and Hopkins honored

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Two Blue Jacket Football juniors and a sophomore were recently named to the All District Football Team.

Sophomore Caleb Pope joined Juniors Wes Hopkins and Charles Washington, in receiving the honors from the district coaches.

Blue Jacket Head Football Coach Robert Hopkins said the three were all very deserving of the honors.

Wes Hopkins was also named to the EKC Team and was named EKC Defensive Player of the year and was highlighted in previous editions of the Mercury for his accomplishments.

Pope and Washington both said they enjoyed being a member of the team and Coach Hopkins said he was glad to have them.

Washington played well as a Blue Jacket, among them, through the season and making him a better athlete.

"I think it was a good season for me," he said.

Pope was also appreciative of his teammates and coaches and clarified the centipede-eating episode.

"Hey, he ate a grasshopper," Pope said with a laugh as he pointed to Washington.

Coach Hopkins simply shook his head as the two laughed, but complimented both on their aggressive play and athletic ability.

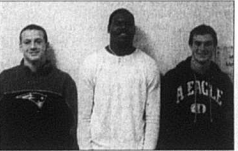
"Look out for next year," he said.

Pope is noted across the region for his blistering speed and said he believed he was getting faster all the time.

What does Pope enjoy about football?

"Outraining people!" he said.

Both young men said they considered it an honor to be named to the All District helping him improve his game.



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