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to get them printed and to Santa on time!

County gives employees raise, approves animal shelter grant.

By Charles Mattox
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County officials voted to approve a grant application for a county animal shelter and voted to give county employees a raise during the Nov. 23 special meeting of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

Approximately 14 County employees, including county road workers are slated to see an increase in salaries following a 5-0 vote by members of the fiscal court during the special meeting held two weeks ago, according to Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher.

Judge Tincher said the total of the raises would be approximately \$20,000 total per year.

"Our county has very good, skilled employees and we've wanted to give them a raise for several years but simply couldn't afford to do so," Judge Tincher said.

According to Judge Tincher, the raises weren't "across the board" but rather were spaced according to experience and seniority.

The raised were made possible by an influx of money in the general fund to the tune of approximately \$17,000 per month in increase to the general fund from the lease agreement with Bretthaven leasing of the county's property, formerly the Johnson Mathers Nursing Home.

"We aren't just spending money to be spending money," Judge Tincher said emphatically and

pointed out that members of the Nicholas County Road Department have always earned substantially less than road workers in neighboring Robertson County.

Several magistrates have lobbied long and hard for county employees to receive a raise with Magistrate Daryl Stacy mentioning several times in monthly meetings that it was his desire to see county employees receive an increase in wages as soon as the county could afford to do so.

All magistrates and Judge Tincher voted in favor of the raise with the exception of Magistrate Avery Thornsburg who abstained and did not vote.

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Photo by Mark Harper

Andi Rector was crowned the 2010 Snow Queen during Saturdays Christmas Parade

Two charged in alleged bank "kiting" scheme

By Charles Mattox
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Two young Paris, Ky. Men with ties to Nicholas County, who were arrested on minor drug charges last month, recently had new charges of theft by deception charges lodged against them, following an alleged banking scheme referred to as "kiting."

Todd Vincent Ferrell, 22, and James Daniel Callahan, 20, both of Paris, were initially arrested on Nov. 19 by

Carlisle Police Officer Benny Buckler on drug paraphernalia related charges.

Buckler's investigation into the two men's alleged theft charges began two days earlier.

Buckler's investigation said the alleged crimes were drug-related.

"The money they received in cash was used to illegally purchase controlled substances, mainly prescription pills," Officer Buckler wrote on

Ferrell's arrest warrant, with similar language being used on



Jason Callahan

Callahan's.

Buckler noted on the warrant that the charge of theft by deception including cold checks, less than \$10,000,

was connected to alleged crimes targeting the Deposit Bank



Todd Vinson Ferrell

of Carlisle, but language on the warrant suggests several other banks were involved, particularly Central Bank of Winchester

and "various area banks", according to the warrants.

Kiting schemes are as follows, according to regional law enforcement sources. One person will open a checking account at a bank with a minimum deposit, usually \$100. The bank will then issue the individual a book of checks. The individual will take a check and write a check to a friend for \$300-\$500. The friend will take that check to another bank, cash it and open a checking account with

\$100 deposit. They will then turn around and write the other friend a check for a similar amount on the second bank, which the first friend will take to a third bank.

Carlisle Chief of Police Bill Denton said Officer Buckler's investigation continues. It is not known at this time how many banks have been involved.

Ferrell and Callahan remain lodged in the Bourbon County Jail.

All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

Open house for new gym next week

By Charles Mattox
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School officials are inviting everyone in the community to an open house at the new Nicholas County High School Gymnasium on Tuesday Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m.

Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools Greg Reid said the completion of the new gym, coupled with the new school wing and cafeteria, will continue to move the school and community forward and expressed a hope of everyone coming out and taking a look at the new gym.

"I'm proud of it and I think all of our citizens will be proud of it," Reid said. "I hope the mem-

bers of the community are proud of it. It belongs to them."

The entire construction project and renovation for the entire school came in at approximately \$9 million and Reid credited members of the school board with the vision to act on expanding the school at the appropriate time.

"It came together very nicely and the project actually came in under bid," Reid said.

This Friday night game (Dec 10), a double-header against Harrison County, has been rescheduled for Dec. 16. The last Nicholas County High School varsity basketball game to be played in the old gymnasium will be held

Dec. 11.

According to Reid, approximately 6,000 basketball games were held in the old gymnasium, which was completed in 1951 at a cost of \$265,000. Reid said the old high school gym will be refurbished with a new floor and will become the new Middle School Gym.

Be sure and come out and cheer the Bluejackets to victory all season long and you'll want to be sure to come to the new gymnasium for the open house and again on Wednesday Dec. 15 for the first varsity game of the Bluejackets and Lady Bluejackets when they host rival Fleming County.



Photo by Charles Mattox

Workers continue to work diligently in preparation for next week's open house of the new gymnasium at NCHS.

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OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky
By Charles Mattox

I'M READY FOR SPRING

The first "decent" snow has fallen across our landscape and winter's freeze can't be far behind.

And though the contrasting color of wooly worms continues to puzzle those of us who rely on such information as "signs" to follow, it remains certain that colder times are a-coming.

The time of winter, from the harvest moon until the hunger moon, as was referenced by many Native Americans eons ago who trod across what we today call Kentucky, is the dying time of year. The days grow shorter, the nights longer and all of life seems to shift from one of vibrant growth to death.

It is the time of year when I dig deeper into

my historical research papers and mass volumes of history books and notes: A time to reflect upon the winters of the past.

Although there exists no known written record of many of the Native American cultures who inhabited Kentucky centuries ago, with the exception of the controversial Walam Olam, the authenticity of which has been questioned, but early Kentucky scholar, Constantine Samuel Rafinesque, swore it to be authentic.

The Walam Olam is allegedly the recorded story of the Lenape (Delaware) Tribe and was recorded on birch bark.

Although that is the only "written" account of the history of one Native American cul-

ture we do have an "archaeological" record of many Native American cultures that once lived in Kentucky.

I am drawn again to one of my many archaeological books entitled "The Morgan Stone Mound; Site 15 Bath County, Kentucky" one of many University of Kentucky reports on anthropology and archaeology, which was published in 1941, and written by William S. Webb.

The Morgan Stone Mound was located on a high ridge, just west of Flat Creek and south of Maux Branch.

As a youngster during the early to mid 1970s I spent more than just a little bit of time with my father turtle hunting in that section of Bath County and later artifact hunting. I soon became fascinated with all things Native American, particularly mounds.

The Morgan Stone Mound was completely excavated and found to contain several log tomb cremations of Native Americans.

Archaeological excavations revealed that the mound was built on top of a single Native American house and preserved post mold patterns taken at the site aided in determining

the dimensions of that circular house.

The house had a diameter of 26 feet with 20 paired sets of post molds in a perfect circle. The distance between the sets of paired post molds was approximately one foot three inches.

The posts appeared to be five inches in diameter and were set obliquely, three feet deep.

Although later Mississippian cultures used a clay wattle to cover their houses, no such evidence was found in the Morgan Stone Mound house, which was built by members of the Adena culture over 1,000 years ago.

Four large post molds in the center of the circular post molds suggest roof support beams and a centrally darkened area also suggests a centrally located hearth or fire pit.

Several charred textile fragments were found throughout the mound and in particular in a crematory burial located in the center of the circular house (hut) upon which the rest of the mound was constructed, and which held an additional six cremations in log tombs.

Six of the seven burials are believed to be females with most being young adults.

Archaeologists continue to

research and study information gleaned from the excavation of the Morgan Stone Mound in hopes of better understanding how the people that once called this section of Kentucky home, were able to survive.

With the typical circular Adena house apparently having walls constructed of small branches being intertwined between the paired posts and then perhaps covered in animal skins or sections of bark or both, it doesn't take anyone long to understand the difficulties that a typical Kentucky winter would bring.

I'm not too sure our ancient Kentucky settlers enjoyed winter.

Although evidence suggests proper food storage was utilized by digging storage pits, food would have been a scarce commodity as would the ability to stay warm.

Burning wood would have been the primary source of heat and fuel to cook with.

Adena projectile points are almost singularly identified as being "shaped like a Christmas tree" with the stem of the point being squared.

I love looking for arrowheads and other Native American

Kyle's Outlook

By Kyle Campbell
Columnist

College Football

Well the fairytale ride is over for Boise St. Now all the fuss and arguing is over. They will not play for a national championship this year and will likely move out of the top 10. Boise ST. kicker missed a 29-yard field goal at the end of the game that could of won it, then in overtime missed another 29-yard field goal that would have tied the game. No shame in the loss though, as it did come against the

19th ranked team in the nation.

Bad news for Boise St. means good news for Auburn as they traveled to play what everyone thought was the best team in the nation: Alabama. Alabama jumped out to a 14-0 in the first quarter. Auburn looked dazed and confused like they didn't know what had hit them. Auburn however has Cam Newton and he brought his team back into the fourth quarter when it was 27-21 and Auburn got a touchdown to win 28-21 and keep them championship hopes alive.

The Kentucky Wildcats traveled to Knoxville, to play the Tennessee Volunteers.

Kentucky came out looking good on an opening touchdown drive but than two straight turnovers cost the Cats, allowing the Vols to go ahead 14-7. In the 4th quarter it was tied 14-14 but Tennessee scored a touchdown and a field goal to make it 24-14. Tennessee would go on to win the same score and become bowl eligible tying themselves with Kentucky at 3-5 in the SEC and 6-6 overall this season.

NFL

On Thanksgiving Day the Cincinnati Bengals played the New York Jets. There is a rivalry going on in this matchup. Last year the Jets beat the Bengals to earn a playoff spot and in the first round ended up playing the Jets again. Then to top that off Terrell Owen and Darrell Revis were having words before the game started. However the game wasn't played like a rivalry as the Jets once again beat the Bengals. The win moves the Jets

to 9-2 and a tie with the Patriots for the best record in the AFC. The loss for the Bengals moves them to 2-9 tied for the title of being the worst team in football.

Also on Thanksgiving the Cowboys, under new head coach Jason Garnett, battled the Super Bowl champions the New Orleans Saints. The Cowboys however couldn't be the upset spoiler. But they can make a key role in the playoff pictures as they can upset many teams. The Saints

are now on a role as they got their star player Reggie Bush. Now many people counted the Saints out early cause they weren't the same team putting up the exact numbers from last year. This team is getting healthy and when healthy has a lot of talent and remember they are the defending super bowl champions. When they get Piece Thomas and Dere Shapen back this team is the best offense team in football and has a very undefeated defense.

Fondest Memories

By Melissa Mitchell
Editor

With Christmas approaching, I remember a past Christmas present that I received from my parents. On a snowy wintery Saturday, Mom called and said you need to get ready so that we can go and pick up your Christmas present. She wouldn't tell me what it was or even give me a hint about what the present could be.

So I got up and was getting ready, Mom pulled up in the drive; and remember I had no sense of direction

of where I was going, so it was rather exciting about where I was going even though it was still a mystery. As we started to pull out of the drive we were heading to Mt. Sterling. We were just talking, and laughing, which mom and I don't get a great deal of time together to be able to do that enough. When arriving in Mt. Sterling she drove on over to Wal-Mart, I asked why we needed to go to into Wal-Mart? She never said much as we were walking in the store. We strolled on through the store and came to the isle of pet

supplies. At this moment she didn't have a choice but to tell me that I was getting a Shitzu puppy.

I was excited, even though I wasn't a little child; I don't think that I could have been any more excited than I was at that time. After we purchased a taxi, collar, dog food, a bowl, and some toys, we left to meet the lady that was bringing the puppy to Jerry's Restaurant in Mount Sterling.

Patience was a virtue while waiting, a vehicle pulls up to the car, a lady steps out with this beautiful fuzzy puppy, and party mix

was the color (brown, black, and white mix). As soon as I laid eyes on her I automatically named her Macey. That was a perfect fit for a cute little puppy.

As we were driving home, she was very nervous. I was too not because of the puppy but because my husband Darvin had no clue what I was getting, so I was unsure of what the reaction will be. While pulling in the drive a nervous feeling came over me, how was I going to break this to him. After getting out of the car I strolled down towards the garage where Darvin was

and I had the puppy in my arms. He just looked at me and shook his head, it wasn't as bad as I had thought.

Macey, is the most loveable dog that I have ever had. She follows me around constantly wanting me to pet her and love on her. While I am sitting on the couch reading my book, doing cross stitch, or crocheting, she will lay right beside me and will not move unless I get up. I have heard of a dog being a man's best friend and I have to say that is very true. Macey is a best friend to me besides my family. She is right by my side. I

not only have Macey, I have another Shitzu named Snowball that is completely snow white with a little hinge of brown on her ears, she has become the same way as Macey, they both are my lap dogs. I love them to death, they are a man's (woman's) best friend.

I have to say I never thought that I would feel the way I do about dogs, but they have won over my heart. They are so spoiled, and are treated just like humans.

Well until next time, stay warm and keep the memories rolling.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Imogene Hopkins



Dorothy Imogene Hopkins, 72, of 2323 Concrete Rd., Carlisle, passed away at 11:10 PM Thursday December 2, 2010 at the Nicholas County Hospital in Carlisle.

A native of Paris, she was the daughter of the late William "Joe" Spencer Hopkins and the late Mary Virginia York Hopkins. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church, Carlisle.

Survivors include, one son and daughter-in-law, Garnett Lee and Pat Gaunce Hopkins of Millersburg; one granddaughter, Rebecca LeeAnn Hopkins of Millersburg; one aunt, Mariada York Dochterman of Sacramento, CA; eight first cousins, William Dochterman, Tom Dochterman, Michelle Dochterman Childs and Diane Dochterman all of Sacramento, CA; Francis Gayle Lawrence, Charles Lawrence, Jr., Martha Lawrence Jackson and Juanita Lawrence Tipton all of Paris and several other cousins.

Preceded in death by a half sister, Adeline Williams

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM Tuesday December 7, 2010 at the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home, 1120 Main St., Paris, by the Rev. Dale Gatewood. Burial will be in the Paris Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 PM Monday December 6, 2010 at the funeral home

The online guestbook is at www.Lusk-McFarland.com and a 24 hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 859-987-4387.

Geraldine Standiford Gorrell

Geraldine Standiford Gorrell, mother of Warren and Jim Gorrell and long-time resident of Lexington, passed away on December 3 after a brief illness. She was 81. Born in Carlisle, Ky on July 29, 1929 to James Albert (Bud) and Thelma Sampson Standiford, Gerry spent her childhood and adolescent years in Carlisle.

Gerry attended Centre College for two years before taking leave to start work in Lexington. She worked as a bookkeeper for over 40 years for companies controlled by Kentucky businessman Garvice Kincaid, the one-time owner of Central Bank, WVLK, and WKTY. She retired in 1999 at age 70 HMH Broadcasting company. Following her retirement, she loved to spend time with her children, grandchildren, and her many friends; she was an avid walker, reader, knitter, and cook (best known

for her fried chicken and chocolate chip cookies); she took care of her mother who died at age 105 in 2007; and she was actively involved at Antioch Christian Church.

Gerry is survived by her son Warren and his wife Cathy (McLean, VA), her son Jim and his wife Lou (Lexington) and her grandchildren Sarah (New York, NY), Courtney (Arlington, VA), Elizabeth (Lexington), Michael (McLean, VA), and Catherine (Lexington).

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. at Antioch Christian Church, 5362 Paris Pike, Lexington. The family will receive friends at a reception following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Antioch Christian Church, 5362 Paris Pike Lexington, Ky 40511-9402.

She will be missed deeply by her family and friends.

Jennie Alice Gray

Jennie Alice Gray, 83, lost her battle with cancer on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010 at her home. Jennie was born April 4, 1927 in Fleming County to the late Elmer and Mabel Hughes Mitchell. She was the wife to the late Henry Jasper Gray.

She leaves behind her sons Stanley (Anita White) Gray, Roy Lee (Bonnie) Gray, Billy Joe Gray and David Gray. A daughter-n-law Willadean Gray, a devoted brother William "Bunky" Mitchell, and a very special niece Patty Ann Evans. Mamaw Jennie is also survived by her grandchildren Jimmy Gray, Jennifer Bradford (Chris Weber), Vera (Rusty) Bryant, Jody Gray, Tammy (Jeff) Fryman, Sherry (David) Christiansen, Patty (David) Cropper, Susan (Gordon) Pepper, Rachel (Troy) Emmons, Miranda (Matt) Mers, Jeffery Gray and Cheyenne Gray. 20 great grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Jennie will forever be remembered as a genuine woman and also as a strong woman of GOD.

Besides her husband and parents, Jennie is preceded in death by her sons, Cecil Gray, Cleve Gray, Rennie Clay Gray, her grandson, Jeromy Keith Fryman, a daughter-in-law Helen Shroust Gray, her brother, Elmer "Buddy" Mitchell, and her sisters Dorothy Mitchell, Evelyn Mitchell, Jettie Evans and Artie Ishmael.

Services were Thursday December 2nd at the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church in Cowan with the Rev. Jeff Greene officiating. Burial was in the Elizaville Cemetery.

Pallbearers are her great grandsons, Derrick Jones, Shaun Fryman, Michael Gray, Dylan Emmons, Tyler Jones, Bradley Gray, Cole Christiansen, Trey Fryman and Aaron Christiansen. Honorary Pallbearers were great granddaughters, Stephanie Gray, Shambre Bradford, Savannah Martin, Courtney Fryman, Michelle Gray, Chelsea Emmons, Shaylah Croper, Breanna Fugate, Skylar Barber, Lakyn Gray and Mattison Mers.

Price Bros. Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lillie Marie Harding

Lillie Marie Harding 64 of Ewing, Ky. passed Dec 2, 2010 at her residence. Marie was born in Ewing June 2, 1946 to the late McCoy Harding and Lee Ester Caudill Harding. Marie was a former employee of the Ewing Handi-Mart.

Marie is survived by a brother Virgil Harding and wife Marie Harding and grandchild Hannah Jackson and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents and Barbara Harding Tyree, Dottie Harding Ruark, Kenny Harding, Albert A. Harding, Dean Harding and Sherrie Harding.

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Lutie Graham Wilson Layson

Lutie Graham Wilson Layson, 98, born May 25, 1912 to Pearl Stewart Wilson and Edgar Forrest Wilson in Mount Sterling, KY at the home of her maternal grandmother, Sophie Stewart, died Tuesday, November 23, 2010 in Hendersonville, NC where she had lived since 2002.

Lutie was reared in Carlisle and attended Carlisle Public Schools. It was at Carlisle High School that she played on the girl's basketball team and developed her love of basketball. After graduating from Carlisle High School, she went on to study at Eastern Kentucky State College and Morehead State College. After college, she worked as a theatrical director in the southeast, traveling to various cities such as Birmingham where she organized and directed many plays and performances. On February 18, 1937, she married Rowland Chontrelle Layson of Millersburg. They married at the First Christian Church in Richmond, KY but lived throughout their marriage. Lutie was primarily a dynamic dramatic person-

ality. She directed many local performances, including Stalag 17, Inherit the Wind, and talent shows, in the town for the schools and organizations such as the VFW and the American Legion. Not only was she involved in drama, she served as a substitute pianist for several churches in Millersburg where she was a member of the Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She and her sister Waldean used to sing duets at funerals. In addition to her love of U.K. basketball and drama, she was an excellent contract bridge player, a member of several bridge clubs, and a fabulous cook. She was an adequate seamstress, often making or altering clothes for herself and her daughters. Lutie, a lifelong Democrat, worked the polls in every election as long as she was physically able. As the middle child of Peal and Edgar Forrest Wilson, her only brother Emery Wilson and her sister Waldean Woodrow Wilson White preceded her in death. Lutie's husband Chontrelle, a physicist and former mayor died in May, 2001. She is survived by her two daughter, Nancy Vimont Layson Fowler, Atlanta, GA, Margaret Miller Layson Medina, Hendersonville, NC; her son-in-law, Dr. William D. Medina, Hendersonville; four grandchildren, Terance F. (Jennifer) Fowler, St. Simon's Island, GA, Elizabeth Medina (A. Campbell) Ewen, Louisville, Kathleen Miller Medina, Hendersonville, NC, William Miller Medina, Cambridge, MA; two great grandchildren, Brooks Fuqua Fowler, Charles Calhoun Fowler; her sister-in-law, Catherine Wilson, Danville; and many nieces and nephews whom she always loved and was interested in their lives. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 10, at the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home with Rev. Erin Rouse with burial in the Millersburg Cemetery. Visitation will be after 10:00 a.m. Friday. www.hinton-turnerfuneral-home.com

Andrew "Andy" Talmadge Whaley

Andrew "Andy" Talmadge Whaley age 99 of Franklin passed away Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties. He was born June 5, 1922 in Bath County, Ky the son of John and Fannie Whaley. He worked as a carpenter most of his life and attended the Bible Methodist Church in Franklin. He served in the Army during WWII.

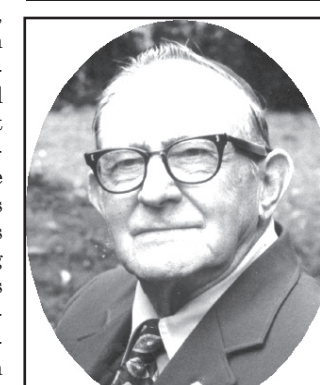
He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lena Christine Garrett and Pauline Whaley and a brother Raymond Whaley.

Andrew is survived by his wife of seventy years, Thelma; three sons, Ronald Whaley (Betty Anne), Gerald Whaley (Judy), and Keith Whaley (Aimee); a twin brother, Timothy Whaley. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

Funeral services were December 1, 2010 at the Anderson Funeral Home (Franklin). Burial was in the Woodhill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties.

Raymond C. Snapp



Raymond C. Snapp, 93, widower of Lorene Tackett Snapp passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at VA Medical Center-Cooper Drive.

He was born April 17, 1917 in Nicholas County to the late Cambridge & Mina Ritchie Snapp, was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving in the European Theater, a member of V.F.W. Post 8666 was a retired farmer and was a member of Shadydale Baptist Church.

Survivors include 2 sons, Larry E. (Bonnie) Snapp, Carlisle, & Ray A.

(Edith) Snapp, Alma Alabama, a daughter, Peggy Cameron Lexington, a brother

Lester (Cleoda) Snapp, Carlisle, a sister, Relma (Clyde) Miller, Cynthiana, 8 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by 2 brothers, Ernest & Robert Spencer Snapp.

Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday at Mathers-Gaunce F.H. by Elder Michael Gowens. Burial with military honors will follow in Barterville Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Steve Day, Ronald, Rudy & Troy Miller, Mark, Daniel & Matt Snapp and David Smith.

Honorary bearers will be Vicki Hatfield, Rita Miller and James, Carolyn & Barbara Snapp.

Visitation will be after 6:00 P.M. Thursday.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Disabled American Veterans.

Condolences may be left at www.mathers-gaunce.com

Tribute to Snapp

Raymond Snapp was a patriotic American who served his country faithfully in World War Two.

Snapp, a native of Barterville, entered the Army on Nov. 24, 1942 and was honorably discharged from the Army on Nov. 16, 1945.

Private First Class Snapp was assigned to Company B, 329th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division, and as a rifle marksman was also one of his regiments message runners who during the thick of battle, when communications were unavailable, would carry messages between American infantry units engaged in battle.

Snapp was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with five bronze Stars, having been in combat in Normandy, The Ardennes Forest, Central Europe, Northern France and Germany.

Snapp wounded in France on July 13, 1944, Snapp was transferred from his unit and recovered in a hospital in London England before subsequently rejoining his unit where he was awarded with a purple heart.

Thank you Mr. Snapp for your honorable service and personal sacrifice in defense of our country and the freedoms we hold dear.

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ple to believe the Bible. God's power works for everybody the same if they believe His Word. Jesus Christ said believers lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Knowing Jesus is one who cannot lie, they you can see that it is our duty as believers, regardless of what church we may go to, to do as Jesus says. If you don't lay hands on the sick but you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and if you have sense enough to read, can you see that you are disobeying the Lord Jesus Christ? Jesus says that if you believe in Him you will lay hands on the sick and you will see them

recover. John 7:38 He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of Living Water. Now Jesus is saying to you, if you are willing to work for me, and you will go visit the sick and lay your hands on them. Then I promise you that my Father's mighty power will come through your hands and go into the sick persons body: that Power that God releases will dissolve the sickness and the disease that is causing that person torment, pain and heartaches and costing them money and time. Look at Mark 16:15-20. You have to obey and be-

lieve all that Jesus said, in order to get the results he said you would get. Let Jesus teach you His doctrine through His Word. Look at Matthew 15:8-9 the people are the church. Believers are supposed to obey the Lord Jesus Christ, not men nor ideas planted in men's minds by Satan. Some want to teach from their heads and not from the Bible. The Blessings of God will not come from Heaven through the doctrines of men. If has to be the doctrine of God for Him to manifest His power through His body. If you don't do it the way God says to do it, you won't ever receive any-

thing from God. You either obey the Lord Jesus Christ and the word of God or you get over into the commandments and doctrines of men. God just does not work through the commandments and doctrines of men. The blessing always comes when we do it God's way. If you need healing today, do what Jesus says to do for your healing. If you are a disciple of Jesus, follow Him and He will make a fisher of men. Look how Jesus says to do it in Matthew 28:19-20 God's Word is the same yesterday, today and forever. Don't let anyone talk you out of the

Great Commission. He has commissioned the church to do this. When you obey a doctrine of the New Testament Church, you can trust it, you can depend upon it. It will always work. The Prophet Jeremiah tells us that God watches over His Word to perform it Jer 1:12. God loves it very much when we take Him at His word and do what he says. And he confirms the word with signs following. "Believe and receive" "Doubt and do without." Trust Believe obey 24 hr prayer line 859-473-2600 Bro. Phillip.



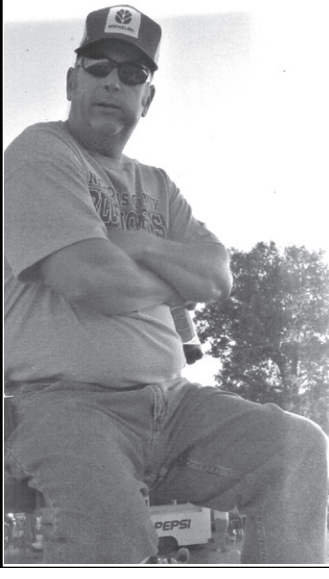
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Linda House, chair of the Nicholas County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, accepts the 2010 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Frieda Heath, chair of the Kentucky Farm Bureau state Women's Committee.



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Louisville, KY. (December 3, 2010) - The Nicholas County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 91st Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. Here, Charles House, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Bradley R. Smith, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, during a December 3 recognition and awards program



This here feller's birthday is coming up. As of next week he will no longer be a young pup. Hew will have to sit on the porch, no longer can he run, Getting old is really no fun. 50 years old is really not bad, So on December 12th Jim, be happy not sad. We love you. Happy Birthday..... The Family

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component unit and remaining fund information of Nicholas County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center, a discretely presented component unit, which represents 100 percent of the assets and revenues of the discretely presented component unit. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center, is based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note 1, Nicholas County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component unit and remaining fund information of Nicholas County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1. The County has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedules are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by GASB. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Nicholas County, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, combining fund financial statements, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2010 on our consideration of Nicholas County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

The County's Annual Financial Statement Does Not Meet Statutory Requirements
The County Did Not Prepare An Accurate And Complete Fourth Quarter Financial Statement
Nicholas County Lacked Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Cash And Receipt Functions
Nicholas County Lacked Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over The Payroll Function submitted.

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Auditor of Public Accounts

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec 2
The Nicholas County Carlisle Day Time Red Hatters will meet at the Jailers Home at noon on Thursday, December 2nd. Remember to bring a Christmas tree ornament to exchange, and prizes (or Dollar) for helping with activities at the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center in December.

Dec. 4
The Carlisle Christmas Parade "The Beauty of Christmas" will be Saturday December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Entry deadlines is December 4 at 4:00 p.m. No Live Santas on any float. Classic cars, trucks and tractors ONLY No four wheeler/ATV's unless part of a float. Horses welcome. For more information contact Calvin Denton

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A.C.T.S.
The Alcohol, Chemical, Treatment, Series meets each Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Sparks Room at the Nicholas Co. Health Department call Chaplin William Power 749-7427 or Dawn Letcher 289-3745 in association with Nicholas Co.

Drug Forum.
Dec 18
Barterville Methodist Church will hold its Christmas Play on Dec 18th at 7:00pm, "A Shepherd's View".
Every is welcome.

Attention Veterans
A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will beat the courthouse Annex Mt. Sterling, Ky. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Veterans will be seen by appointment only. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within KY 1-866-376-0308 to speak with a Veterans Benefits field representative.

Neal Center Heritage Jam Session

Come to the Neal Welcome Center in Carlisle, Ky for an afternoon of music and refreshments the third Sunday of every month 3:00- 6:00 p.m.

Dogs available for Adoption

Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption 473-2714 or www.ncaws.org.

Nicholas County Fix Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Paul Pack at 11 East Main Paris is honored to be participating in

the Nicholas County fix spay/neuter program. The program is aimed at reducing the number of unwanted or homeless puppies and kittens born every year. Drawings for the free service are held each month.

Old Jailers Home Luncheons

The luncheons are held the second Thursday of each month. Reservation necessary. Call Gladys Shrout 289-5174 or 749-7986 or Martha Taylor 289-5592 or 749-1948. Sponsored by Tourism Inc.

JHMC Auxiliary Johnson Mathers Health Care Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month at Nicholas County Health Dept at 10:00 a.m.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 a.m. on the 2nd Friday if each month at the Neal Welcome Center. All members and interested individuals to attend.

A Stop & Shop will be held Friday, December 3, 2010 from 6-7 pm at Dairy Cheer in Carlisle. Call 859-289-2462 for more information.

Daughter Lodge #65 F.A.M.

Daughter Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Gaunce Funeral Home. All masters mason are welcomed to attend.

Blue Lick Lodge #495 F&A.M.

The Blue Lick Lodge #495 F. & A.M. meets the last Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All master Mason are welcomed to attend.

Orient Lodge #500

The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night each month at 7:30 p.m. All master masons are welcomed.

The Nicholas County Drug Forum meets each second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Sparks Room in Nicholas Co. Health Department for more info call Dawn Letcher 859-289-3745 or Chaplin William Mike Power 859-749-7427.

The Lifeline meetings are held each Thursday at 6:30 pm. In the Sparks room at the Nicholas Co. Health Department for more info call Greg Spivey 859-227-1319. Toni Spivey 859-473-0899, William Mike Power 749-7427.

NC Adult Learning Center News

The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instructions to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and their own schedule. Interested persons may stop by anytime between the hours 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Diabetes Self management classes

The WEDCO District Health Department will be hosting Diabetes Self Management education classes each month. The will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center, Dr. Robert Sparks Community Room. For more information and to register contact Crissy Culberson 866-75WEDCO or 859-298-4899.

Industrial Development Authority regular monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 4 p.m. at Whitaker Bank Inc-Carlisle.

God's House of Prayer had their monthly Women of Faith meeting on the fourth Thursday in Cot. Sister Lucille Derrickson sang some beautiful songs and brought a good message about discipleship. After the meeting everyone enjoyed a meal and fellowship. We welcome everyone to come join us every fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m. W.O.F. meeting.

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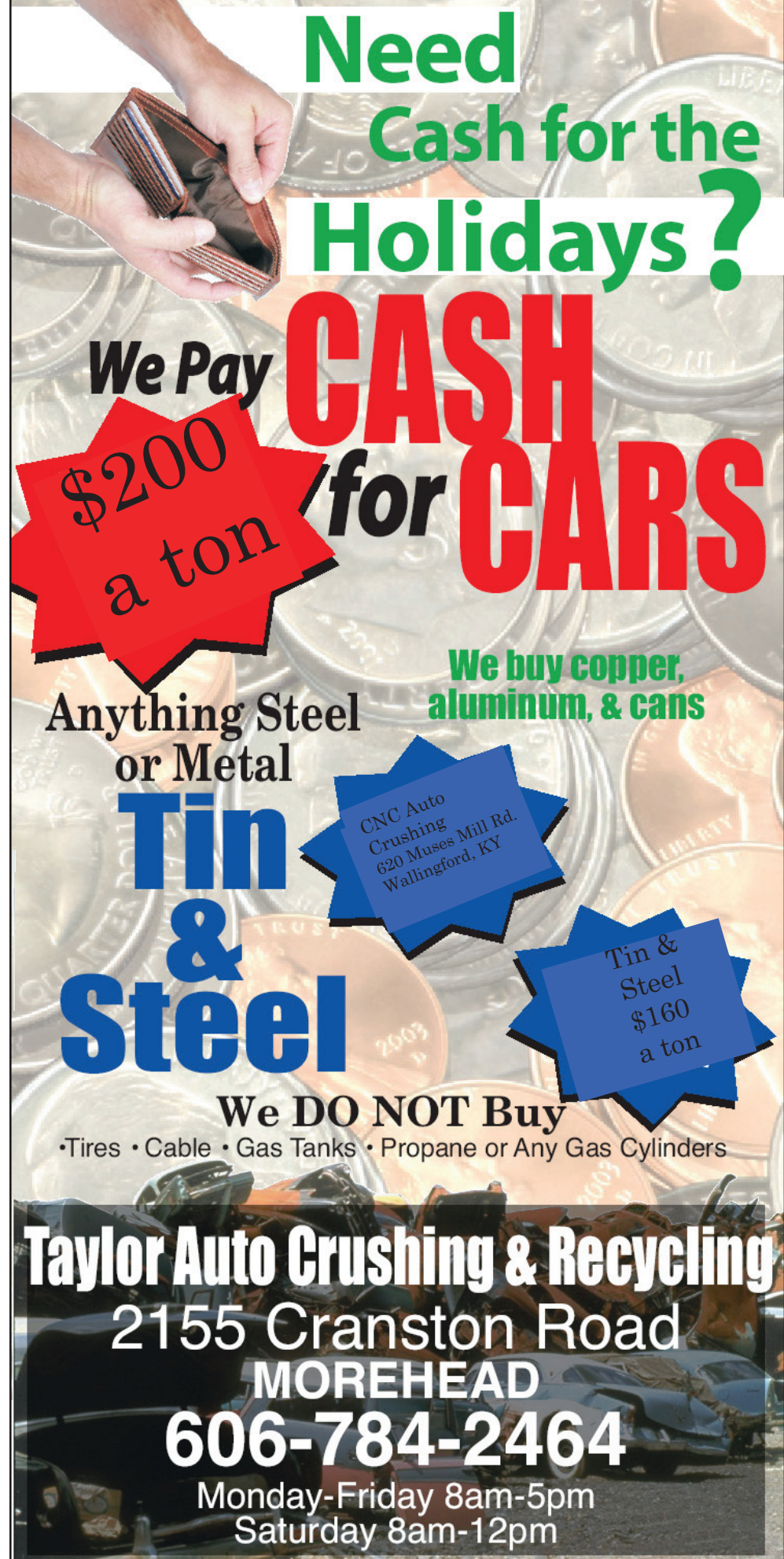
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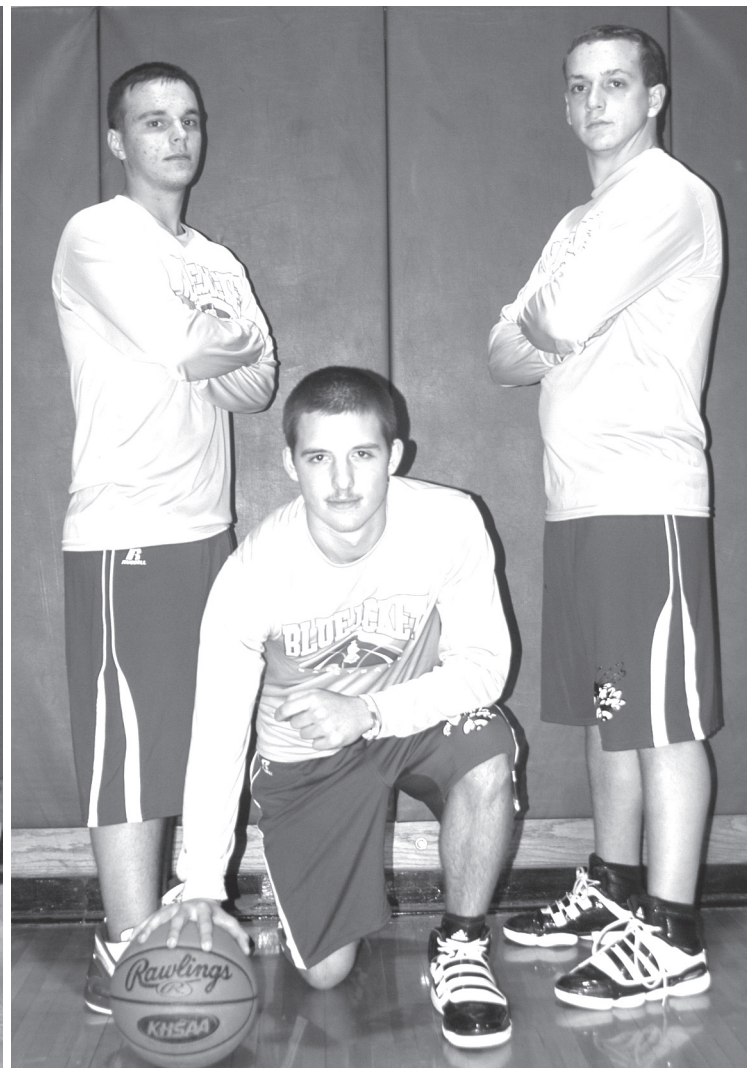
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BASKETBALL SPECIAL



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Nicholas County High School Girls' Basketball	Dec. 30 Bath County, 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 26 TBA
Coach: Jennifer Cornett	Jan. 4 at Model, 6 p.m.	(Bluegrass Conference Tournament at Burgin)
2010-11 Schedule	Jan. 5 Menifee County, 7:30 p.m.	Jan. 28 TBA (Bluegrass Conference Tournament at Burgin)
Nov. 29 at Rose Hill Christian, 7:30 p.m.	Jan. 7 at Deming, 7:30 p.m.	Feb. 1 Berea, 6 p.m.
Dec. 2 at Madison Southern, 7:30 p.m.	Jan. 10 Bracken County, N/A	Feb. 4 at Harrison County, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 Harrison County, 8 p.m.	(10th Region All "A" Classic at Deming	Feb. 7 at Sayre, 6 p.m.
Dec. 13 Deming, 7:30 PM	Jan. 19 at Paris, 7:30 p.m.	Feb. 8 Bracken County, 6 p.m.
Dec. 15 Fleming County, 6 p.m.	Jan. 22 at Pendleton County, 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 9 Augusta, 6 p.m.
Dec. 18 at Ludlow, 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 24 Berea, 7:30 p.m.	Feb. 11 Washington County, 6 p.m.
Dec. 20 at West Jessamine, 4 p.m.	(Bluegrass Conference Tournament at Burgin)	Feb. 12 Bourbon County, 10 a.m.
		Feb. 18 Burgin, 6 p.m.

Nicholas bbb schedule			
Nov 29	Rose Hill Christian	away	7:30 PM
Dec 3	Montgomery County	away	7:30 PM
Dec 7	Menifee County	away	7:30 PM
Dec 10	Harrison County	home	6:00 PM
Dec 11	Pendleton County	home	7:30 PM
Dec 15	Fleming County	home	7:30 PM
Dec 17	Deming	home	7:30 PM
Dec 20	Augusta	home	7:30 PM
Dec 21	St. Patrick	away	7:30 PM
Dec 30	Bath County	away	7:30 PM
Jan 4	Model	away	6:00 PM
Jan 7	Paris	away	7:30 PM
Jan 11	Deming	away	7:30 PM
Jan 19	Bracken County*	at Bishop Brossart	6:30 PM
Jan 25	Berea&	at Model	7:30 PM
Feb 1	Berea	home	7:30 PM
Feb 4	Harrison County	away	8:30 PM
Feb 7	Sayre	away	7:30 PM
Feb 8	Bracken County	home	7:30 PM
Feb 10	Bourbon County	away	7:30 PM
Feb 18	Burgin	home	7:30 PM
Feb 19	Riverside Christian	home	3:00 PM

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BASKETBALL SPECIAL



2010 / 2011
NCHS JV Team



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Varsity Team

Nicholas basketball to start anew in 2010-11

By Brad Laux
News Reporter

There will not be much familiar to fans of Nicholas County boys' basketball this season. The team that went 14-11 last year, earning its best record since 1999-2000, will have virtually all new faces.

Gone is the third-leading scorer in school history, Kyle Campbell, six other seniors and a pair of one-year loaners, Charles Washington and Harry Fegan. Even the coach, Michael Cofer, who led the program since the 2005-06 season has left after being forced to resign in the offseason.

The team will not even use the same gym. After playing in the school's out-dated facility for decades, Nicholas County is expected to open its new arena in time for the first home game on Dec. 10.

Only five members of last year's varsity return, and only two of those – freshman guard Dalton Pope and sophomore guard Austin Allison – got any substantive playing time. The team's most promising returnee, J.D. Wagoner, suffered an injury during the season-opening football game and is likely to miss the entire basket-

ball campaign.

What the BlueJackets do have is Greg Letcher. The coach who preceded Cofer, leading the program from 2001-05, has returned to the position. Letcher was an assistant for Cofer last year, coaching the junior varsity and freshman teams.

"These are good quality kids. It was best for them to have a familiar coach and some stability in the program," Letcher said. "There is a lot of similarity (in what I do) with what coach Cofer did."

Letcher, who also serves as Nicholas County's assistant football coach and was inducted into that program's Hall of Fame this year, helped bolster the roster by recruiting several of the school's football players to join the basketball team.

"It was a good carryover since many of the guys played football and they wouldn't have to learn a new system," he said. "Plus we all missed much of the (basketball) preseason because of football."

The BlueJackets may be inexperienced, but they are not completely without talent, although Letcher readily admits the team's goals are modest at best.

"We are young and inexperienced, but the young kids are good. The team works hard and they are easy to coach because of that," he said. "Our goal is to improve each individual and that will make the team better. We have good young talent and this will make them a good team in the long run."

Letcher will look to junior point guard Dylan Fryman to steer the ship.

"He will be our team leader on the floor, direct traffic and head up our defense. He is very coachable," Letcher said. "He gets people where they need to be."

Dalton Pope will likely join Fryman in the backcourt. "Charby" is expected to provide the bulk of the offense, especially from the perimeter.

"He is a consistent scoring threat. As an eighth-grader, he came on in the varsity late last season," Letcher said. "He stepped up as the quarterback (on the football team) and that gave him the competitive experience to be a leader. He can spot up and drive. He is improving on defense, but it will be tough to put a lot on him because he is still a freshman."

Junior Jordan

Bussell is expected to be the third starter on the perimeter. He did not play last year.

"He is a good outside shooter and ball handler and will play the 'two' and point guard," Letcher said. "He just needs confidence, but he can put the ball in the basket."

In the paint Letcher expects to turn to sophomores Zach Howard and Ethan Smith. Both were on the varsity last year. Howard is the team's tallest player at 6-foot-4.

"Zach is athletic and has really developed since I coached him in middle school. He is the most improved player I've seen from middle school to high school in my 28 years of coaching. The sky is the limit for him. He will be a rebounding and scoring presence on the inside," Letcher said. "Ethan will be our power forward. He gives us a presence inside at 6-2, 210 (pounds). He is a top-notch football player, who will bring toughness to the court. He is a stopper on defense and can step out to shoot. He is aggressive, a banger, a scrapper, who will get some garbage points."

The BlueJackets classes are balanced. Of the 12 varsity players, there are three in

each grade. The seniors are all in their first season, but will provide the team a variety of skills. Guard Matthew Kelly, forward Justin Jones and center Wes Hopkins are all expected to contribute.

"Matt has the ability to shoot from the perimeter. He has speed, is quick and is an athlete. He should improve as the season goes along. Justin is a good teammate. He shoots from the outside decent and provides leadership. Wes is an inside presence, a strong, physical kid with an attitude under the boards. He will be a banger for us," Letcher said.

Allison is a physical guard, who can play either backcourt position.

"He likes to bang and is good at driving. He is a floor leader," Letcher said. "He is smart and knows the game well. He also could play some forward. He could fill in in a lot of places."

Junior Nathan Gilkerson will play on the wing. Letcher says he has a knack for being in the right spot at the right time.

Freshmen forwards Scott Keaton and Josh Mitchell will challenge for playing time. Both can put the ball in the basket. Keaton gives the team size and strength

and has range out to 15 feet. Mitchell is athletic and can take the ball to the basket. He was a starter on the middle school team.

Letcher plans to employ an up-tempo offensive system, while mixing up his defenses between man and a 2-3 zone.

"We have perimeter scoring and young guys with size, but we need more strength. We can play inside-outside. We have a good balance in the post and on the perimeter, we just need experience and to mature," Letcher said. "The make-up of our team attitude-wise is top notch. Our attitude and work ethic are our strengths."

Letcher's goals for the team are to continue to improve throughout the season and to play hard every game.

"Our goal is to win and we will give it our best shot, but the kids will battle every night. We want to compete in the Bluegrass Conference and in the district, and be ready for tournament time," he said. "We just want to keep the attitude and morale high. The young kids will get to play a lot and we want to stay away from injuries and stay confident throughout the year."

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
3	Matthew Kelly	G	SR	5-10
5	Dylan Fryman	G	JR	5-10
10	Jordan Bussell	G	JR	5-10
11	Dalton Pope	G	FR	6-0
23	Austin Allison	G	SO	5-10
24	Scott Keaton	F/C	FR	6-3
31	Zach Howard	F/C	SO	6-4
32	Justin Jones	F	SR	5-10
33	Wes Hopkins	C	SR	6-2
34	Josh Mitchell	F	FR	6-1
35	Ethan Smith	F/C	SO	6-2
40	Nathan Gilkerson	F	JR	6-0

Nicholas bbb roster



Head Coach: Greg Letcher
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BASKETBALL SPECIAL

2010 / 2011 NCHS
Varsity Team



LadyJackets to continue to use young building blocks as foundation for success

By Brad Laux
News Reporter

Unlike almost every area team, coach Jennifer Cornett's Nicholas County LadyJacket basketball team plans to slow the pace down and play mostly half-court sets in 2010-11. It is a departure from last year's club that tried to push the ball and finished with an 11-16 record, the team's best mark since the mid-90s.

The reason for the style change has to do with personnel. Nicholas County graduated four seniors last winter, including a pair of starters and a key player off the bench.

However, the LadyJackets will again rely on their young talent, most notably sophomore guards Reesa Martin and Shannon Bretz, and eighth-grader guard Megan Bretz.

"We have really developed our point guard and shooting guards, and we are better passers this year," Cornett said. "But, we don't have the depth of the past. We have nine returnees and the majority played a lot of freshman, JV and varsity last year."

Cornett plans on shortening her rotation to seven to nine players. Martin and the two Bretz girls each return as starters, and the team will be geared around their ability to

shoot and penetrate.

"Reesa is our best inside-outside shooter. She will be our go-to player," Cornett said. "One thing that is new about her is that she is diving all over the floor this year and is hustling more than last year."

Early on last year, Megan Bretz shared the point guard duties with then-senior Shelby Sosby, but eventually took over the role for good and will be the primary player at the position this season.

"Megan is our best ball handler. She gets to the basket, draws fouls and gets to the free-throw line," Cornett said. "She sets the tempo of the game. She is one of the best athletes and is a good off-ball defender."

Megan's sister Shannon is taller at 5-foot-9 and will play on the wing. She was a starter at the shooting guard spot last year, but could back up Megan at the point.

"Shannon is our best defensive player and is a good shooter. She and her sister are the team's best all-around athletes," Cornett said.

The LadyJackets will need replacements for graduated post players Petrea Mitchell and Megan Hunter. Cornett thinks she has found them in junior center Robyn Cohorn and senior guard/forward

Ashley Jordan.

Although Jordan is 5-9 and can play some on the wing, she is the team's best offensive and defensive rebounder. Cornett likes her work ethic and the fact that she is willing to hustle and bang on the inside.

Coburn is the team's tallest player at 5-11. She is a high percentage free-throw shooter and will block shots. Coburn can also stretch the defense by shooting all the way out to the 3-point line. With her size and shooting ability, she presents a matchup challenge for her opponents.

Senior guard Mandi McLean gives the LadyJackets another scoring threat. Cornett will look for her to step up her point production this season. McLean is a shooter who converts at a high rate from both 3-point range and the free-throw line.

Sophomore forward Shelby Wade figures to be in the rotation because of her versatility. Cornett labels her as one of the team's most intelligent players and best passers. She could play every position on the floor but point guard.

Junior Kenzie Hopkins and sophomore Elizabeth Johnson will add depth in the post. Hopkins has not played since middle school, but will

give the team toughness in the paint and is one of the LadyJackets' strongest players. At 5-9 Johnson gives the team size under the basket, but will mostly play on the junior varsity this winter.

Sophomore guard Katie Bach was the starting point guard on last year's JV squad and could play any of the perimeter positions. Freshman Lakyn Jolly is a shooting guard, who will also see most of her time on the JV this season.

Cornett plans to give a pair of seventh-graders a lot of experience this season. Guard Shelby Watkins and wing Kaela Saner will play both on the JV and on the AAU circuit.

The continued development of the team's young players will determine how successful the LadyJackets can be. Since Cornett's plan to play more half-court offense and defense also will be new, it could also be a key.

Nicholas County is not entirely diverting away from its up-tempo game. Cornett admitted the team might play some three-quarter court press.

Despite their youth many of the LadyJackets have played together for years. Nine total letter winners return this

season and the core group has a good chemistry from all of that experience.

Those qualities bring both positives and negatives.

"The girls are intelligent and read defenses well," Cornett said. "(But) over the past four years, (our) free-throw shooting has been bad. That is one of the major things we want to improve upon this year, as well as developing more depth and to learn to play without fouling."

Cornett sets her goals game by game, but does want to see the team pass the ball better and dramatically improve its free-throw percentage as the year goes along.

There are some constants, however.

"We want to be undefeated in the district and gain some momentum going into the tournament," she said. "We also want to be undefeated at home. We have 11 (home) games and have never gone undefeated at home. We also want to go past the first round of the All 'A' (Tournament) and beat Bracken (County, who the LadyJackets will face in the tournament opener). We haven't done those things and we want to do both."

This year the team will have a new home court. Nicholas County is hoping to open

its new gym in time for the LadyJackets' Dec. 10 game against Harrison County.

"The new gym should help particularly in the offseason when we can play games there with our feeder programs and summer leagues. There also will be more opportunities where we won't have to share gym time," Cornett said.

The gym will have an arena feel to it. It will be a college-sized floor (94 feet long instead of the high school standard of 84 feet).

"A bigger floor might be a problem at the beginning, but it will be an advantage as we get adjusted to it," Cornett said. "Early on it will feel like playing away games, because we haven't practiced there. We may not even practice there before our first game."

After years of converting free throws at rates of 40 and 50 percent, the LadyJackets hope to get that number respectable. If it does it could go a long way in determining whether or not the team can continue to build on last year's success.

The keys are limiting our turnovers, staying out of foul trouble and shooting above 60 percent from the free-throw line," Cornett said. "If we do that, we should be fine."

Nicholas girls roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
3	Shannon Bretz	G	SO	5-9
4	Megan Bretz	G	8th	5-5
12	Mandi McLean	G	SR	5-8
15	Reesa Martin	G	SO	5-7
23	Shelby Wade	F	SO	5-7
24	Katie Bach	G	SO	5-4
30	Ashley Jordan	G/F	SR	5-9
31	Robyn Cohorn	C	JR	5-11
33	Shelby Watkins	G	7th	5-4
35	Lakyn Jolly	G	FR	5-6
40	Kenzie Hopkins	F	JR	5-4
42	Kaela Saner	G/F	7th	5-6
53	Elizabeth Johnson	C	SO	5-9



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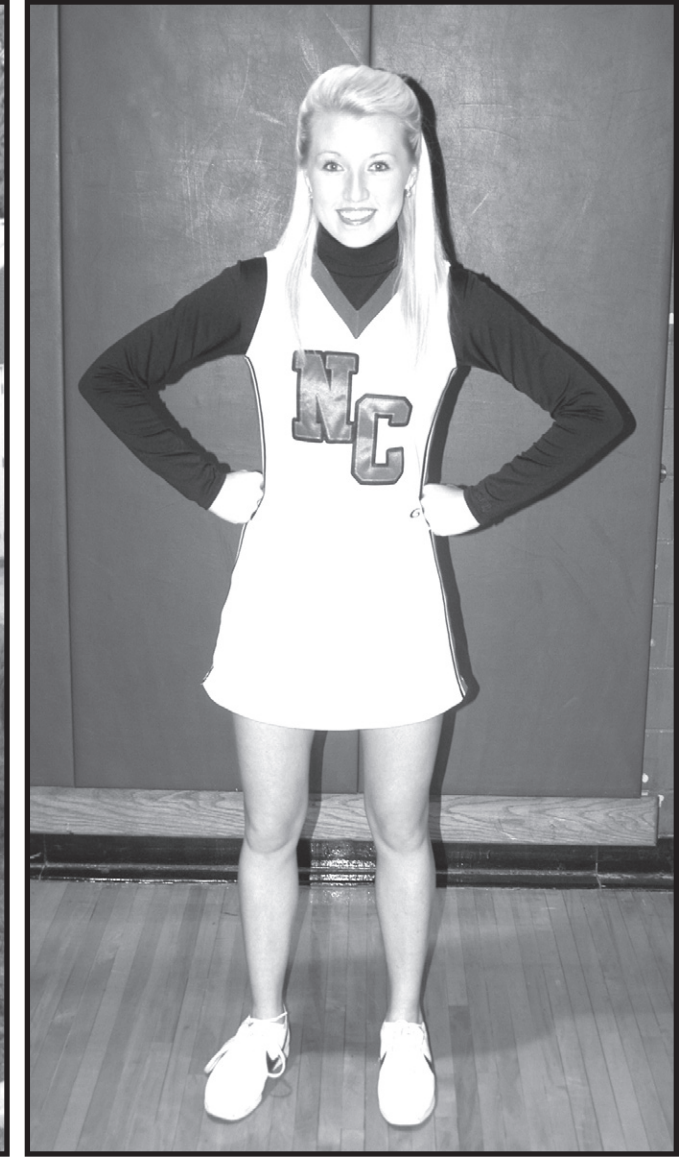
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October 28 Menifee County (6,7,8th grade games) *
 October 30 @ Bracken County (Tournament) *****
 November 1 Deming
 November 3 Bath County (6,7,8th grade games) *
 November 4 @ St. Pat
 November 8 @ Bracken County
 November 11 Fleming County
 November 18 @ Augusta
 November 20 @ Harrison County (Tournament) **
 November 22 St. Pat
 November 23 Augusta
 November 30 @ Fleming County
 December 6 Bracken County
 December 9 @ Deming
 December 11-16 Conference Tourney ***
 December 17 @ Bath County (6,7,8th grade games)*
 December 21 @ Pendleton County (6,7,8th grade games) *
 January 4 @ Bourbon County (6,7,8th grade games)
 January 10 Pendleton County (6,7,8th grade games)
 January 11 Bourbon County (6,7,8th grade games) *****
 January 14 @ Menifee County (6,7,8th grade games)

7th grade games begin at 6:00 and 8th grade follows on most nights
 *6th grade will begin at 5:30 with 7th and 8th following
 ** Times for Harrison County Tourney TBA
 *** Times for Conference Tourney TBA
 ***** 6th grade games against Bourbon County will begin at 5:15 with other games following.
 ***** Times for Bracken County Tourney TBA

Head Coach: Chris Fryman (859)473-2110
 Assistant: Bradley Trussell

2010-2011 Nicholas County Middle School Basketball

Name	
Devin Trussell	
Landon Sexton	
Dillon Webb	
Michael Bussell	
Drake Vice	
Ben Duncan	
Colton Bussell	
Dylan Sparks	
Randy Hayes	
Isaac Sosby	
Austin Hughes	
Christian George	
Austin Fryman	
Tanner Sapp	
Bailey O'Brien	
Will Allison	
Cameron Bowles	
JP Waggoner	
Andrew Hawkins	
Dakota Dawson	
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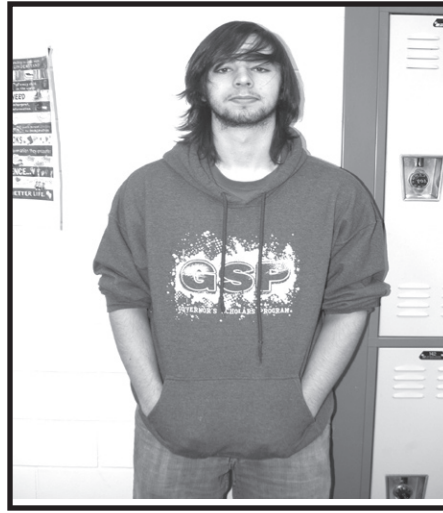
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Courtney Gude

Jared Napier

Jordan Napier

Tim Peters

Courtney Gude is the 17-year-old daughter of Melissa Brown. Courtney's favorite subject is English. Courtney's favorite school memory is "My first day of school at NCHS." Courtney's plans after graduation: "Going to college (undecided)." Courtney's hobbies/interests: Dance, soccer, dirt-bike riding and hanging out with friends."

Jared Napier is the 17-year-old son of Lisa Napier. Jared's favorite subject is Drama. Jared's favorite school memory is "Anytime I'm not in school." Jared's plans after graduation are to go to college. Jared's hobbies/interests: "Anything that catches my attention."

Jordan Napier is the 17-year-old son of Lisa Napier. Jordan's favorite subject is "Almost all of them." Jordan's favorite school memory is "Any academic meet and AP History class with Saner." Jordan's plans after graduations are: "To attend the University of Kentucky (undecided major)." Jordan's hobbies/ interests: "TV, working at Dairy Cheer, playing guitar and hanging out."

Tim Peters is the 16-year-old son of Elle and Michael Peters of Germany. Tim is a foreign exchange student whose host family members are Lisa and Steven Sexton. Tim's favorite subject is Advanced P.E. Tim's favorite school memories are making all his new friends. Tim's plans after graduation: "I'm going to be a cook." Tim's hobbies/interests: "Playing guitar and singing and playing basketball."

NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Senior SPOTLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



All-District Football

Photo by Charles Mattox

All-District Football Team members who received their plaques Tuesday are; L-R, Nate Kirby, Wes Hopkins and Caleb Pope. Head Football Coach Robert Hopkins noted that the three outstanding athletes had been playing football together since the third grade and called the trio 'Great football players.'

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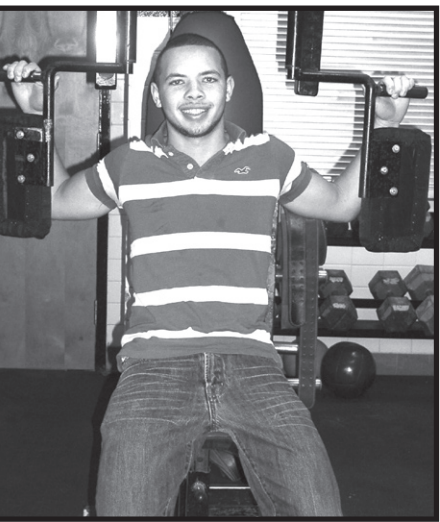
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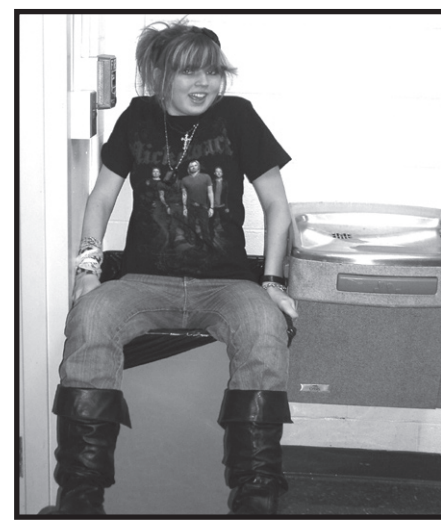
STUDENT FOCUS



Devin Johnson



Ellissa Watson



Jordan Simonson



Kristen Trussell

I would like to nominate Devin Johnson for this week's student spotlight. In both Chemistry and Forensics, Devin gives 100% to every task and every assignment. An extremely hard worker, he is more than a great student but also a great classmate for his peers. He always works well with his classmates and brings a great attitude to class every day.

--Mrs. Greenhill

The student I nominate for Student Spotlight is Ellissa Watson. Ellissa is a 7th grade student whom I have known for several years. She is kind and polite to all she meets. She has never said an unkind word about anyone and is a real friend. She exemplifies what it means to be a diligent student. She tries her best in all areas of academics and never gives up. She makes good grades and always volunteers to answer questions in the classroom. Ellissa's conscientiousness will help her succeed in anything she strives to do! Congratulations Ellissa and keep up the good work.

--Ms. Switzer

With great pleasure, I nominate Jordan Simonson for student of the week. Jordan is wonderful to have in class because she always participates in class and puts up with me when I give her a hard time. She pays attention, contributes her thoughts, answers questions, and is always willing to read aloud. Not surprisingly, Jordan receives very good grades since she always participates and pays attention in class and completes her assignments. I appreciate all your effort and hard work. Way to go Jordan. I'm proud of you, keep up the hard work and you will continue to do great!!!!

--Mr. Saner

I would like to nominate for Kristen Trussell for Student Spotlight. Kristen is in my 8th grade Math class. Kristen is always prepared for class and ready to learn. She completes all of her work and is not afraid to ask questions if she needs help. Many days Kristen finishes her work and offers assistance to other students when they are in need. Kristen demonstrates enthusiasm in class and is a great role model for other students to look up to.

--Mrs. Schell

NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Student Focus OF THE WEEK

Mercury Memories

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hogs, and a motorcycle. Last Christmas I was so disappointed because you didn't bring me the baby hog and the motorcycle. Don't forget my sis, Mother and Dad.
You Little Friend, Miss Linda Kaye Crouch.
Dear Santa, I am so glad John L Lewis did not shoot you and that you are fine, I am 6 years old. I want a record player and Christmas records. Please don't forget all the other little Judges

and my school friends. Especially my teacher, Mrs. Bess Bromage.
You Little Friend, Paul Judge.
Dear Santa, I though I would write early so you will have time to gather up my toys. I am a little girl, 2 years old. I want a doll, teddy bear, ball, marbles and some books with pictures in them. Bring me plenty of nuts, fruits and candy. Don't forget my sister. She wants a doll, ball, books

and tricycle. Don't forget my brothers and sisters. Don't forget Mom and Dad. We will try and be good. Don't disappoint me Santa.
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Agriculture, was \$48.52 a hundred weight. \$1.07 less than Mondays \$49.59
An adult farmer class will start Wednesday at the Nicholas County High School with a series of lessons on farm planning continuing through February. The first meeting will be held at 7:00p. m. Wednesday to organize the class under the direction of John Adams, instructor.

December 31 has been announced by James W Jewell. State Supervisor as the dead line for filing applications to take the 1949 examinations covering 30 types of professional and clerical jobs in the state government. The examinations are to establish registers of qualified workers for the positions in the division of Child Welfare, Employment Service, Public Assistance and Unemployment Insurance.

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Estate of: Madeline H. Hunt. PH. Will admitted as self proven

Estate of: Ollie Ray Mitchell. PH. Order entered.

Estate of: Rosa Myers. REV. re 1/19 at 8:45 a.m. for status.

In Re: Jordan Aaron Morris. INV. Notice fiduciary 1/19 at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. and Mrs. W.R. Kingsolver vs. Donita Betty CT. Forcible detainer sustained.

Samuel Campbell Jr. REV> pd in full.

David A. Dryden. ARR.

1. Public intoxication controlled subs (excludes alc)
 2. Drug paraphernalia buy/possess. NG/PD/PTC 12/29 at 1 p.m.

Richard Wayne Johnson. ARR. Assault 4th degree minor injury.

PD/NG/PTC 12/29 at 1 p.m. bond commended to no unlawful contact.

Amanda Rae Shields. ARR. Operate MV u/influ of alc/drug w/08 aggravator 1st off. NG/PTC 1/12/11 at 1 p.m.

Jesse D. Shoemaker. ARR. 1. Failure to wear seat belts. 2. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. PTC 12/29 at 1 p.m.

Rebecca Ann Vice. ARR. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300. GP 10 and costs. SCH 1/12 at 9:30

Kathy M. Wilson. ARR. 1. Speeding 10 mph over limit. 2. Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st proof dim MOC w/o p. CFA 12/22 at 12 p.m.

Kendall L. Fryman. ARR. Alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd. 2. Disorderly conduct 2nd degree. 3. Resisting arrest. bonded. Troy B. Prather. OH.

CH 12/8 at 2 p.m. pd aptd.

Travis Snapp. OH. Probation violation (for misdemeanor offense). PD reappt'd/revocation hearing 12/22 at 2 p.m. bond to remain.

Travis I. Snapp. ARR. 1. Endangering the welfare of a minor. 2. 2nd degree possession of cs/drug unspecified 1st offense. 3. Drug paraphernalia buy/possess. PD/NG/PTC 12/22 at 2 pm. Bond to remain.

Travis Lee Snapp. OH. CH on 12/22 at 2 p.m

Nicole Vaughn. OH. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300. CFA 12/8 at 2 p.m. Bond \$300

Dustin Hughes. OH. 1. Reckless driving. 2. Operate MV u/influ of alc/drugs w/.08 aggravator 1st off. 3. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. 4. Use/possess drug paraphernalia 1st offense. 5.

Tampering with physical evidence. PTC 12/8 at 1 pm. Bond \$1,500 cash.

Danielle T. Boone. CH. CH 1/5 at 2 p.m.

Krista Jo Carol Bussell. PTC. Theft by deception incl cold checks under \$300. GP \$10 and costs SCH 1/12 at 9:30 a.m.

Jeffery A. Cole II. 1. Poss cont sub 3rd degree 1st offense drug unspecified. 2. Public intoxication controlled subs 3. Use/possess drug paraphernalia 1st offense. Order of transport Dec 29 at 1 p.m

Bethany D. Florence. PTC. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Pd costs dim moc per diversion.

Joe A. Greene. PTC. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Cont reg of def 12/8 at 1 p.m.

Laura Lee Herrington. Mh. increases 5000/10% c/o upon random testing at least weekly, atten-

dance, at ACTS program and no other offenses.

Vernon T. Hurrell. PTC. Criminal abuse third degree child 12/under. PTC 12/8 at 1 p.m.

Michael L. Jolly. PTC. Assault 4th degree violence no visible injury. GP \$100 and C 45 days/10 to serve, credit 10, bal prob 2 yrs unsup and no similar offenses. SCH 1/12 at 9:30 a.m.

Paul Douglas Jolly. PTC. 1. Poss cont sub 1st off 2nd degree. PTC 1/5 at 1 p.m.

Dustin T. Sadler. PTC. 1. Theft by unlawful taking/disp all others. 2. Criminal mischief 3rd degree. PTC 12/29 at 1 pm..

Jason D. Callahan. PH. 1. 1st degree possession of cs/drug unspecified 1st offense. 2. Drug paraphernalia buy/possess. Bonded over to GJ on PC.

Brandon S. Jones. PH.

1. 1st degree possession of cs/drug unspecified 1st offense. 2. Drug paraphernalia buy/posses. PTC reset 1/5/11 at 1 p.m.

Derek C. McFarland. PH. 1. Assault 2nd degree. Dim moc at request of office. 2. Resisting arrest. GP \$100 and c 180 days serve 30 credit 24, bal prob 2 yrs. Unsupd c/o no similar offenses, attend and complete ACTS program 50 hrs com serv.

3. Alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd o. SCH 1/12 at 9:30

Michael Lee Pettitt. PH. Criminal possession forged instrument 2nd degree PTC 1/5/11 at 1 p.m.

Alvin Jerome White Jr. PH. Receiving stolen property u/\$10,000.am MOC RSp < 500-restiution paid. GP Court costs 180 days, credit 3, bal prob 2 yrs. c/o no theft related offenses. Apply bond to fines and costs.

Jackets fall to Montgomery County

MOUNT STERLING – After defeating host Rose Hill Christian 63-57 in a season-opener on Monday, Nov. 29, the Nicholas County High School boys' basketball team ventured to Montgomery County on Friday (Dec. 3) for a matchup against the Indians, which entered the regular-season ranked fourth in the preseason 10th Region behind Scott (3), Clark County (2) and three-time defending champion Mason County (1). Host Montgomery County

erupted for 41 points in the opening quarter and rolled past Nicholas County, defeating the Jackets 95-45.

Each team carried a 1-1 record out of the non-district contest.

Eleven different Montgomery County players scored in the win. Sophomore guard Omar Prewitt paced Montgomery County offensively as he scored a game-high 21 points. Junior guard Jake Handshoe scored 17 points, senior guard Darrian Asberry added

16 and senior forward Zac Clark contributed 10 for the Indians.

Montgomery County carried a commanding 41-12 lead out of the opening quarter. Hot-shooting Montgomery County put the game completely out of Nicholas County's reach in the second quarter, outscoring the Jackets 24-4 to lead 65-16 at halftime.

The Jackets put together its best collective effort in the third quarter, outscoring Montgomery County 17-16.

Sophomore for-

ward Ethan Smith was the leading scorer for Greg Letcher-coached Nicholas County as he netted a team-high 13 points. Senior guard Matthew Kelley and freshman guard Dalton Pope pushed in nine points apiece for the Jackets in the non-district loss.

Junior guard Jordan Bussell and freshman forward Josh Mitchell rounded out the Nicholas County scoring with three and two points, respectively.

In other individual scor-

ing for the Montgomery County boys' basketball team, Andrew Mullins scored eight points and Zac Burton and Brandon Fruth added six apiece. Tanner Combs tossed in five points for the Indians, which fell 42-59 to Covington Catholic on Tuesday, Nov. 30 in a season-opener.

Nicholas County was facing 16th Region member Menifee County on Tuesday (Dec. 7) on the road. The Nicholas County-Menifee County boys' basketball game ended too late to make

this edition.
 Montgomery Co. 95,
 Nicholas Co. 45
 Nicholas Co. (1-1) -
 Kelley 9, Bussell 3, Pope 9, Howard 9, Mitchell 2, Smith 13.
 Montgomery Co. (1-1) -
 Burton 6, Prewitt 21, Crisp 2, Handshoe 17, Fruth 6, Clark 10, Mullins 8, Asberry 16, Dotson 2, Combs 5, Kelly 2.
 Nicholas Co.....12 4
 17 12-45
 Montgomery Co....41
 24 16 14-95

A Christmas Gift

By Bishop Stephen Scalf

One of the most common questions we hear this time of year is, "What do you want for Christmas?" It's hard to think about Christmas without getting excited about Christmas presents. Practically every child is eager to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. I have fond memories of the hours we spent as kids going through the Sears Wishbook trying to decide from all the choices what we wanted most. And how many of us remember not being able to get to sleep on Christmas Eve wondering what Santa was going to bring.

For most of us, especially if there is a small child in our lives, we begin to understand a little better what is meant by the expression, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." As happy as children are when they rush out Christmas morning, excited about the presents they received, it doesn't really compare to the joy that comes from knowing that you have been a part of bringing that joy to others.

Some children learn this lesson earlier than others. There

is an old Christmas story I heard several years ago about a young man, Reggie, whose brother gave him a car a few days before the holiday as a Christmas present. As he was in town, he saw a young boy, poorly dressed, admiring his car.

"Is this your car, Mister," the boy asked.

Reggie nodded and said, "My brother gave it to me for Christmas."

The boy was amazed, "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you anything? Boy, I wish..." and hesitated.

Reggie thought he knew what the boy was about to say – that he wished he had a brother like the one Reggie had – one who would give him a nice, new car.

But the boy surprised him: "I wish I could be a brother like that," he continued.

In keeping with spirit of the season, Reggie thought it would be a real treat for the boy to get a ride in such a nice car and to take him around town for him to see all the wonderfully decorated windows.

After riding through town, the boy asked if Reggie could drop

him off in front of his house. Reggie smiled, realizing how the boy would enjoy bragging about getting to ride home in a brand new car. Sure enough, when they pulled up in front of the house, the boy hopped out and asked Reggie to wait for a few minutes – probably to round up a couple of friends so he could show off.

But Reggie misjudged the boy, once again. A couple of minutes later, the boy re-appeared, carrying his physically challenged little brother.

"That's the car I was telling you about," the boy told his brother, "And someday, I'm going to give you one just like it, so you can go see all the pretty Christmas windows for yourself."

There is something about human nature that leads us to jump to conclusions about others, the way Reggie did about the young boy; conclusions that can provide ample justification to ignore the plight of others. To the credit of Nicholas Countians, in all my travels, I haven't found a community more considerate of those in need.

And yet, there is one more gift we should consider.

We celebrate Christmas for a reason – or at least we should. And that reason has nothing to do with Santa Claus and flying reindeer.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... and his name shall be called: Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows... he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities... and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

When we consider the gift that Christ gave each of us, perhaps we should ask, "What gift can I give Him?"

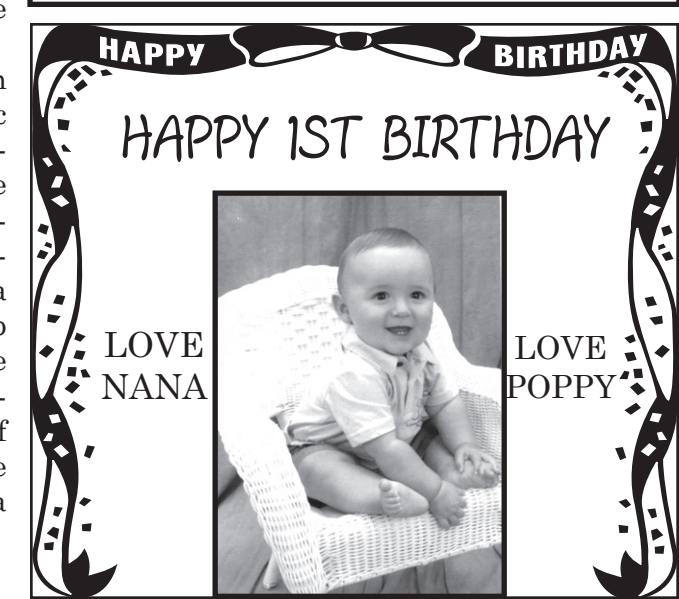
As we go through the often hectic and stressful preparations for the Christmas festivities, may we all remember to take a few moments to stop and feel the peace and joy – and amazement of the miracle of Salvation that came to us in the form of a tiny baby.

Merry Christmas!



Nicholas County High School Schedule

Friday – December 10th Boy/Girl Doubleheader will be rescheduled for Thursday, December 16th (Boys game at 6:00 and Girls game at 8:00).
Saturday – December 11th – Boys vs Pendleton County JV/Varsity (6:00/7:30)– Final Game played in old gym.
Tuesday – December 14th – New NCHS Gymnasium OPEN HOUSE 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – December 15th – First Game in NEW Gym vs Fleming County (Girls game at 6:00 and Boys game at 8:00).
Thursday – December 16th – Play Rescheduled games from Friday December 10th (see above)



GENERAL NEWS Pearl Harbor



Pearl Harbor
 On Sunday, December 7th, 1941 the Japanese launched a surprise attack against the U.S. Forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. By planning this attack on a Sunday, the Japanese commander Admiral Nagumo, hoped to catch the entire fleet in port. As luck would have it, the Aircraft Carriers and one of the Battleships were not in port. (The USS Enterprise was returning from Wake Island, where it had just delivered some aircraft. The USS Lexington was ferrying aircraft to Midway, and the USS Saratoga and USS Colorado were undergoing repairs in the United States.)

In spite of the latest intelligence reports about the missing aircraft carriers (his most important targets), Admiral Nagumo decided to continue the attack with his force of six carriers and 423 aircraft. At a range of 230 miles north of Oahu, he launched the first wave of a two-wave attack. Beginning at 0600 hours his first wave consisted of 183 fighters and torpedo bombers which struck at the fleet in Pearl Harbor and the airfields in Hickam, Kaneohe and Ewa. The second strike, launched at 0715 hours, consisted of 167 aircraft, which again struck at the

same targets.
 At 0753 hours the first wave consisting of 40 Nakajima B5N2 'Kate' torpedo bombers, 51 Aichi D3A1 'Val' dive bombers, 50 high altitude bombers and 43 Zeros struck airfields and Pearl Harbor. Within the next hour, the second wave arrived and continued the attack.
 When it was over, the U.S. Losses were:
 Casualties
 US Army: 218 KIA, 364 WIA.
 US Navy: 2,008 KIA, 710 WIA..
 US MarineCorp: 109 KIA, 69 WIA.
 Civilians: 68 KIA, 35 WIA.
 TOTAL: 2,403 KIA, 1,178 WIA.
 Battleships
 USS Arizona (BB-39) - total loss when a bomb hit her magazine.
 USS Oklahoma (BB-37) - Total loss when she capsized and sunk in the harbor.
 USS California (BB-44) - Sunk at her berth. Later raised and repaired.
 USS West Virginia (BB-48) - Sunk at her berth. Later raised and repaired.
 USS Nevada (BB-36) - Beached to prevent sinking. Later repaired.
 USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) - Light damage.
 USS Maryland (BB-46) - Light damage.
 USS Tennessee (BB-43)

Light damage.
 USS Utah (AG-16) - (former battleship used as a target) - Sunk.
 Cruisers
 USS New Orleans (CA-32) - Light Damage..
 USS San Francisco (CA-38) - Light Damage.
 USS Detroit (CL-8) - Light Damage.
 USS Raleigh (CL-7) - Heavily damaged but repaired.
 USS Helena (CL-50) - Light Damage.
 USS Honolulu (CL-48) - Light Damage..
 Destroyers
 USS Downes (DD-375) - Destroyed. Parts salvaged.
 USS Cassin (DD-372) - Destroyed. Parts salvaged.
 USS Shaw (DD-373) - Very heavy damage.
 USS Helm (DD-388) - Light Damage..
 Minelayer
 USS Ogala (CM-4) - Sunk but later raised and repaired.
 Seaplane Tender
 USS Curtiss (AV-4) - Severely damaged but later repaired.
 Repair Ship
 USS Vestal (AR-4) - Severely damaged but later repaired.
 Harbor Tug
 USS Sotoyomo (YT-9) - Sunk but later raised and repaired.
 Aircraft
 188 Aircraft destroyed (92 USN and 92 U.S. Army Air Corps.)

Triangle News

Several of our churches had lower attendance on Sunday because of the weather.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady and many others of the family was among a huge crowd who enjoyed the Senior Citizens Christmas Supper in Cynthiana on Wednesday night. It is amazing how over 300

people can be served in just a few minutes. A delicious meal, then games are played and many prizes given.
 We are late with congratulations to Miss Lara Van Der Heiden, a nice young lady, 15 years old, who won several awards at the Equestrian Awards Banquet in Lexington recently. On show jumping, she received top recognition on 4 different horses

through the season. She also received the Junior Sportsmanship Award. She is the daughter of Kim and Arie Van Der Heidene. They live on Barterville Road.
 The Barterville U.M. Church will have their Christmas Program on the 18th and their dinner on Dec. 11. The Headquarters U.M. Church will have their program on the 18th and

their dinner on the 19th.
 Alberta Glass attended church and dinner Sunday at East Union Church with Danita Earlywine and sons. Alberta also had Thanksgiving dinner with a large crowd of family at the home of Kathy and Jimmy Caswell on that day.
 Get well wishes and prayers are still for Teddy Cartmill who re-

cently had very serious surgery, really about three in one, but is doing better.
 Phyllis Brady was among many friends who attended the Christmas Cantada on Sunday night at the Indian Creek Christian

Church, in which Carol Ann Doyle was singing. Refreshments were served and such beautiful elaborate decorations in this large church. Phyllis and Jim Wedding also attended. Her brother, Mr. Helphenstine was singing in it too.

Although an article in last week's Carlisle Mercury regarding the Library tax totaling \$295,241 was taken from the second column of form 62A385 (1-01), which was distributed to members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court during the November meeting, and more than one magistrate commented on the seemingly high total, the number on the form was in actuality the total dollars taken from another column on the form and combined with the Library Tax (which is actually, approximately \$122,500) and when coupled with the Health Tax and ambulance tax on the opposite side of the form is the total of \$295,241. Deep appreciation is extended to Nicholas PVA Michele McDonald for assisting with the clarification.

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Pursuant to KRS 355.9-611 on April 1, 2009 Anthony W. Hedrick executed a security agreement assigned for value to the Deposit Bank of Carlisle, Kentucky. Default having been made on this agreement, Deposit Bank shall offer for sale by public auction a 1985 Chevrolet 4x4 VIN 1GCHK34M3FS191485. Sale will be on December 3, 2010 at 10:00a.m. at 386 West Main Street, Carlisle, Kentucky. The bank reserves the right to refuse any and all bids

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 December 11th Jo Jo Gunn
 December 18th Jo Jo Gunn

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Pursuant to KRS 376.400 and Court Order, the following horse will be sold to satisfy a debt that has accrued for board bills, and training services, 1 the undersigned, Sheriff of Nicholas County, Kentucky, will sell at public auction at the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office at 125 East Main Street, Carlisle, Kentucky, to the highest bidder on December 18, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. the following horse:

VERONASHLEY, a 4 year old, chestnut gelding

This sale shall be made to raise the sum of \$24,140.54 through June 30, 2010 and shall incur additional board charges of \$22.00 per day, as well as interest of 12% on unpaid balance and all reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket cost including attorney fees, plus court cost, sheriff's fees and cost.

All announcements day of sale will take precedence. Payment is expected day of sale; acceptable form of payment is cash, money order or certified check. No personal checks will be accepted.

Dick Garrett, Nicholas County Sheriff

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GENERAL NEWS

Limping burglar strikes vehicles in county

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Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett is warning everyone to lock their vehicles at night, especially those who live on the Moorefield Road, Whetstone Road and

Locust Grove Road. According to Sheriff Garrett, in recent nights vehicles on those roads have had items removed. The perpetrator only targets cars and trucks that are unlocked. Purses, money, stereos, weapons, and

other items have been removed from approximately nine vehicles in the last few nights. Sheriff Garrett continues to investigate the crimes and has gathered physical evidence from the scenes, including

noting the footprint of the perpetrator in the snow indicates the individual walks with a bad limp to his left leg. "Whoever it is very bold," Sheriff Garrett said, noting that in more than one instance a

vehicle, which was parked very close to the home, was targeted and had items removed. Another instance involved a homeowner being awakened by the vigilant bark of the family dog saw an individual running from the

front of their home. I want everyone to be aware of this," Sheriff Garrett said and urged anyone with any information regarding the thefts to call the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office at 289-3740.

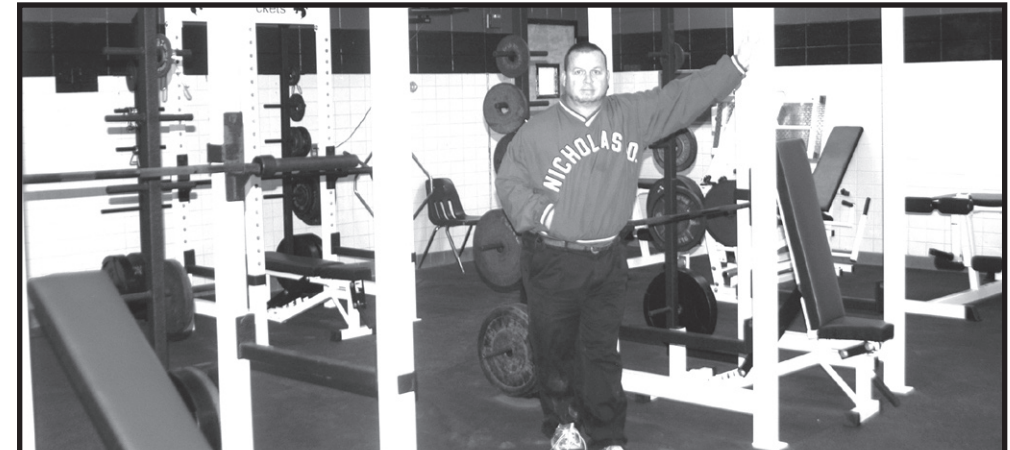
New weight room equipment enhances school

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A new weight room with new equipment is an added addition to all the other renovations being completed at the Nicholas County high School campus. Students, athletes and even faculty members, are using the new

weight room equipment at NCHS. "The new equipment was installed on Sept. 1," Athletics Director for Nicholas County Schools and Head Football Coach for NCHS, Coach Robert Hopkins said. "This weight room is as nice as any other weight room at any other school." Coach Hopkins said

the weight room was designed in an optimum manner to allow as many weight lifters to engage in training at any particular time. "This is top of the line equipment and it is very safe," he said. I like the way we have the racks set up and that a lot of people can use the weight room at the same time."



Carlisle Police Department November 2010 Monthly Report/Activity

Carlisle Police Department November 2010 Monthly Report/Activity Submitted by: William D. Denton Chief of Police

formation obtained during the month of November 2010 of activities of the Carlisle Police Department. Accidents Reports : 7 Arrest Made: 88 Alcohol intoxication: 5 Assault: 6

Burglary 1st: 1 Criminal Mischief: 3 Criminal Trespassing: 1 Disorderly Conduct: 4 Drug Related: 25 DUI's: 1 Endangering Welfare of Minor: 6

Persistent Felony Offender: 1 Public Intoxication: 3 Resisting Arrest: 2 Robbery 1st: 2 T e r r o r i s t i c Threatening: 1 Theft Related: 5

Traffic Related: 8 Warrants Served: 14 Call for Service: 237 City Crew: 3 Dog Warden: 1 EMS: 49 Fire (City/County): 6 Police (City/Fish and Wildlife/Sherrif/State):

177 State Highway:1 Cases Closed: 34 Cases Opened: 59 Citations Issued: 1122 JC-3's (domestic Violence): 4 Summons Served: 10

Whitaker Bank, Inc. reaches an agreement to Acquire Kentucky Trust Company

Lexington, Ky.- December 1, 2010 Whitaker Bank, Inc. announces the signing of an Agreement to acquire Kentucky Trust Company of Danville, Kentucky. This business agreement will enable Whitaker Bank to offer trust services to customers in all of its banking offices across central and eastern Kentucky. As of January 1, 2011, Whitaker Bank will provide wealth and retirement solutions including financial planning, investment management, account administration for the individual investor, trust

management and estate administration. "We are continuously looking for opportunities to add value to our customer relationships," says Tom Hinkebein, President of Whitaker Bank. "The acquisition of Kentucky Trust will allow us to provide trust services for wealth management and growth." The acquisition will result in additional resources and service to employees, clients and customers of both Kentucky Trust and Whitaker Bank. "Whitaker Bank is excited to add another strong and experienced company, Kentucky

Trust, to the Whitaker Family of financial services," says Elmer K. Whitaker, CEO of Whitaker Bank. "We continue our commitment to offer a balanced mix of financial services that meet the needs of our fellow Kentuckians!" Clients of the acquired company will continue to be served by the same professional Kentucky Trust staff. "Our shareholders have played an integral part in our growth and success over the past 15 years, and this transaction gives them the opportunity to reap the rewards of

their belief in and support of Kentucky Trust Company," says Alan R. Turbyfil, President and CEO of Kentucky Trust Company. "Our employees will benefit from the strength and stability of the Whitaker organization but also take great comfort in knowing that they are joining an organization that values its employees and is known for its commitment to providing outstanding personal services." About Whitaker Bank Inc. Whitaker Bank Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Whitaker Bank Corporation, a

Kentucky-based company with combined total assets of \$2.1 billion. With offices in 25 communities throughout central and eastern Kentucky, Whitaker Bank Corporation offers advanced banking services while maintaining the personal service expected of a community bank. About Kentucky

Trust company Kentucky Trust Company is a Kentucky-based company with total trust assets of \$420,741,325.00 and office in Danville, Bowling Green and Ashland. Contact information: Tom Hinkebein phone: 850543-4000 email: thinkebein@whitakerbank.com

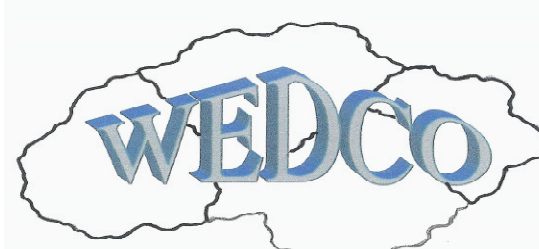
Above all, this Christmas season, BELIEVE!

Having moved to KY from CT this year, by itself, has been a life changing transition for me. With Christmas approaching, now more than ever, is a time to share some thoughts with you. Our son and his family lost nearly everything they owned in a house fire during the early morning hours of November 30th, in nearby Bourbon County. This is an opportunity to share what God has done, instead of what God hasn't done. It is an opportunity to

say thank you for all that we have, rather than what we do not have. There have been 2 other fires nearby, recently where lives, especially those of children, were lost. If that doesn't hit home for me, I certainly don't know what else does! I have my son, his wife, and my beautiful 20 month old grandson. Unlike those who lost their loved ones.... What can I say? What can I do? Over 2000 years ago, a

Savior was born and the Holy family was established as an example to our families today. Do you have loved ones with unresolved conflicts? If so, please consider what could happen if you choose not to resolve your issues. Do you believe in that baby, Jesus, who set before the path for us to follow? If not, please think about Him and why we celebrate Christmas. We really should live that "Christmas" spirit 365 days a year, 24/7!

So please take time to reflect on Him and His goodness. The greatest gift to all mankind (our Savior), has bestowed upon my family the gifts of love, protection, and provision. I am ever so grateful! I wish each of you a HOLY CHRISTMAS and a New Year that's filled with God's richest blessings! Sincerely, Terri Warner Carlisle



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GENERAL NEWS

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"That was very appropriate of Magistrate Thornsburg," Judge Tincher said noting that any decision regarding pay to county employees would impact magistrate

Thornsburg's family members and his voting either way would have constituted a 'conflict of interest.' In other action the members of the fiscal court approved a grant to complete an animal shelter at West End Park. The

grant, made available through the Kentucky Animal Advisory Board, was in the amount of approximately \$82,000, with the county being responsible for approximately 20 percent of the total through in-kind contributions. Most of that

obligation will be met with the county's donation of land for the shelter and the use of some gravel, labor and use of equipment, according to Judge Tincher. Tincher praised the efforts of all parties responsible for seeking

the grant and for aiding in the ongoing plight of abandoned and unwanted animals. The leading entity in providing care for such animals is the organization known as NCAWS otr the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society.

"I certainly appreciate all of their hard work and the hard work of everyone else who has helped with this shelter," Judge Tincher said. The Mercury will have more extensive details on county employee raises and the new animal shel-

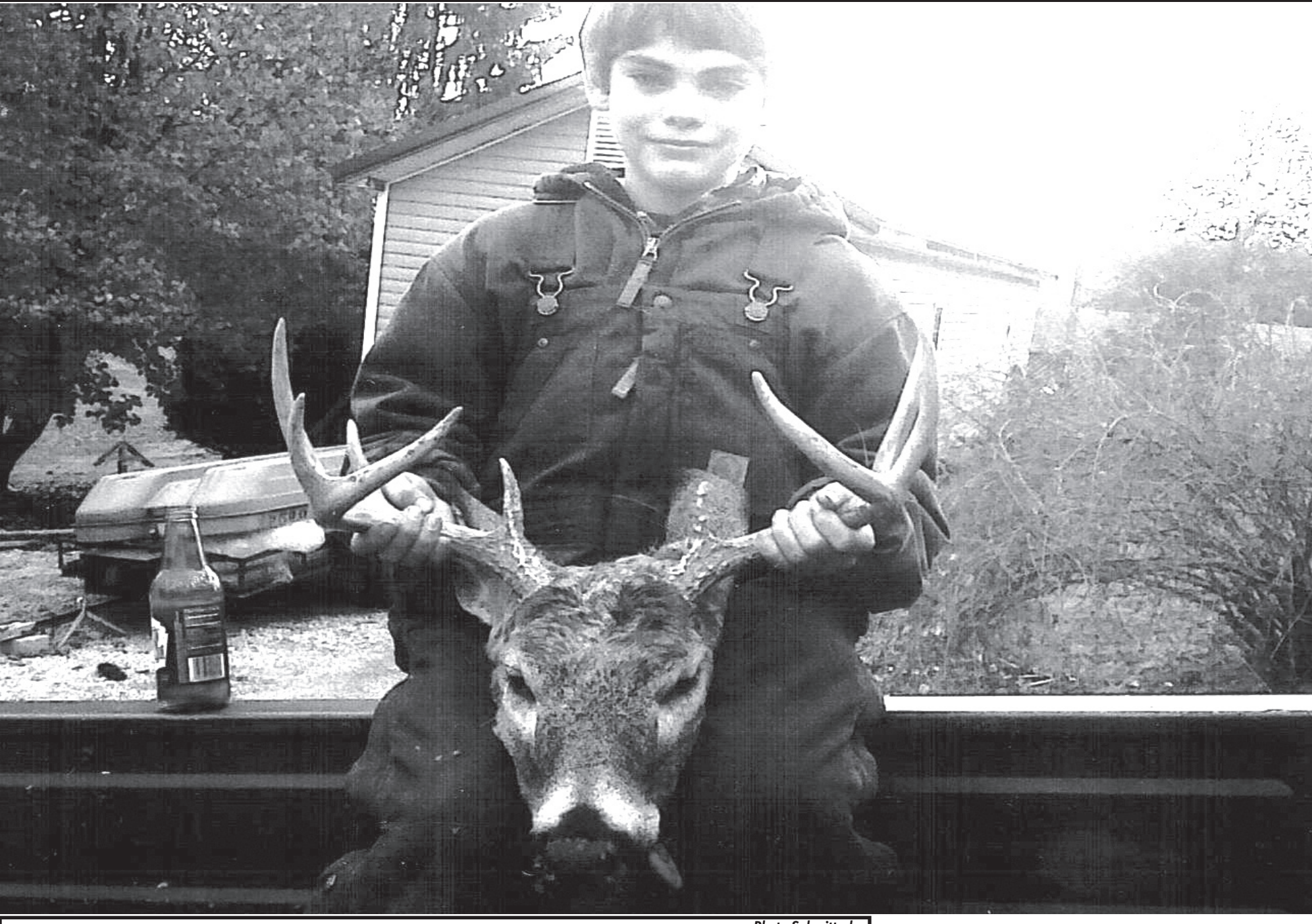


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Logan Sparks shot a 9pt buck November 20, 2010 on Charlie Wilsons farm, with a 30 - 30 rifle. Logan is the 12 year old son of Ricky Sparks and Billie Jo Sparks.

A Simpler Way to.... Holiday Postal Service Tips

Carlisle, KY – This holiday season the U.S. Postal Service is reminding customers to take the hustle and bustle out of holiday shopping. Here are a few tips to make this mailing season easier. Stamps There are a number of holiday stamps for customers to choose from, including the Evergreens (Forever), Winter Holiday, Angel with Love, Madonna and Child, Hanukkah, Eid and Kwanzaa. Holiday stamps can be delivered to any address when ordered through www.usps.com, by calling 800-STAMP-24 or by completing a Stamps-By-Mail form (available from mail carriers). Shipping:

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military personnel at APO/FPO addresses overseas) Deadlines: The U.S Postal Service recommends the following mail-by-dates so that holiday cheer arrives safely and on time: December 15 Parcel Post December 20 First Class Mail December 21 Priority Mail December 22 Express Mail The Postal Service is projecting Monday, December 20 as the busiest mailing day and Wednesday, December 22 at the heaviest delivery day this holiday season. Customers are urged to mail as easily in the season as possible. Letter

mail volume (Mostly stamped holiday greeting cards) triples during the holiday mail season that begins on Thanksgiving and ends on Christmas. The Postal Service projects national volume for the period to exceed 15.8 billion pieces. For a full list of military and international deadlines, please go to usps.com. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. Visit the Postal Service's interactive holiday press room at usps.com/holidaynewsroom.

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Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows ^{PG-13} 1:30, 6:00, 9:15	Tangled 3D 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 9:35
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Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation with its principal office at Nicholasville, Kentucky, and with its address as P.O. Box 990, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340, intends to file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2010-00185 an application to adjust its residential security deposit. This Adjustment will not result in a general rate increase to the member-consumers of Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation.

The residential security deposit proposed in this application is a residential security deposit proposed by Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order a deposit to be charged that differ from the one proposed. Such action may result in a deposit for consumers other than the deposit in this application.

Any corporation, association, body politic, or person may by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes request leave to intervene. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the rate application and any other filings made by the utility by contacting Donald Smothers, Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation, P.O. Box 990, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340, phone 859-885-4191.

Any person may examine the rate application and any other filings made by the utility at the office of Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation or at the Commission's office.

Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corp. P.O. Box 990 Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340 859-885-4191

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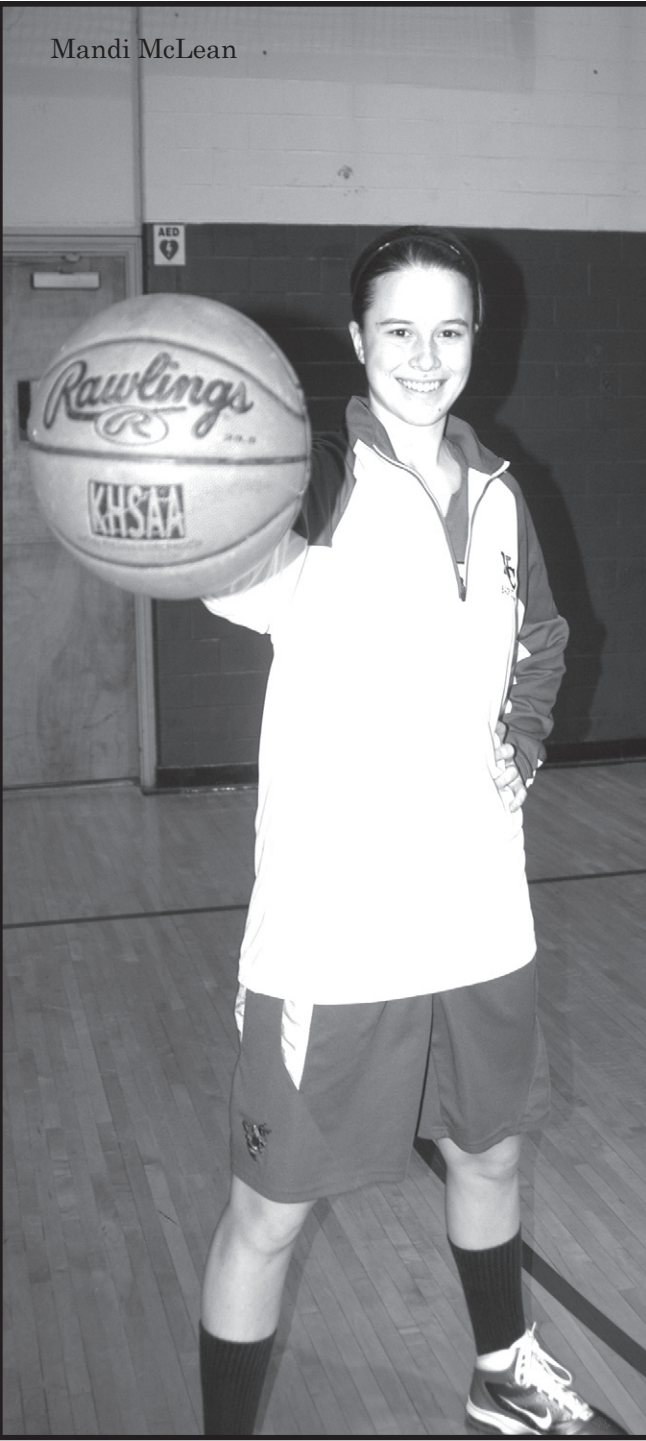
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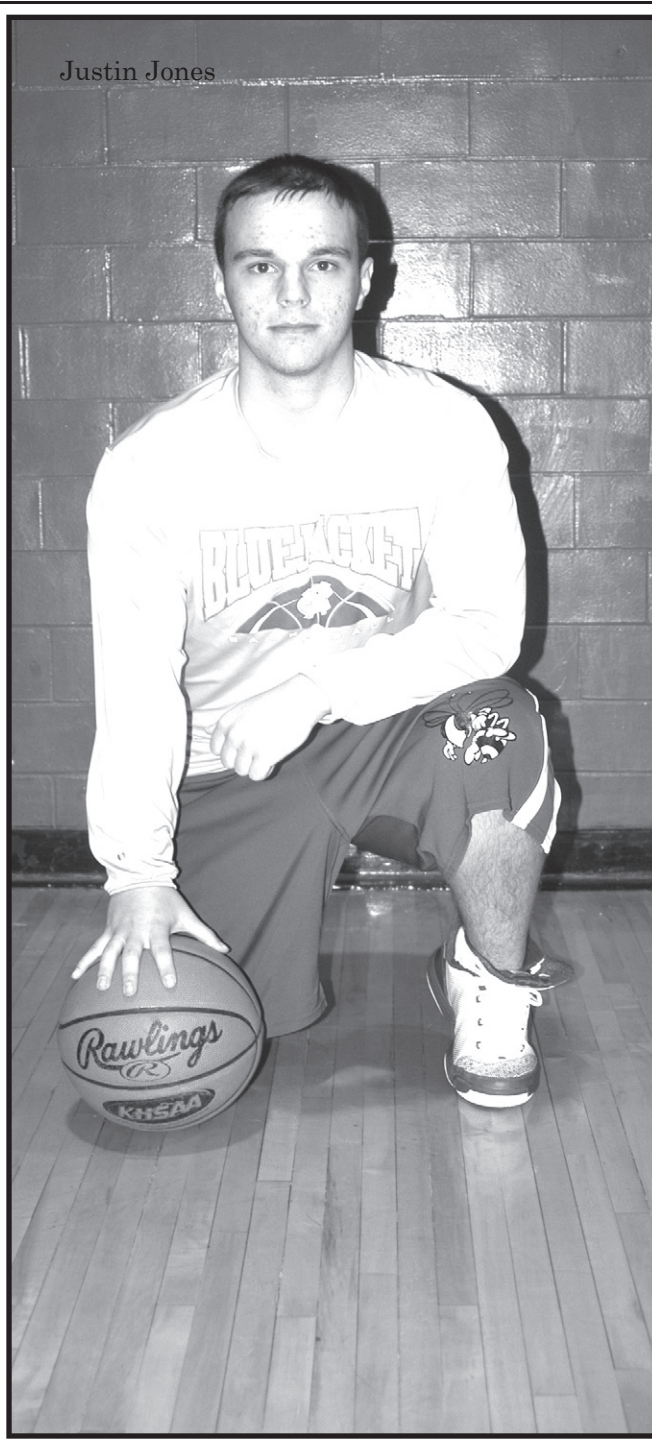
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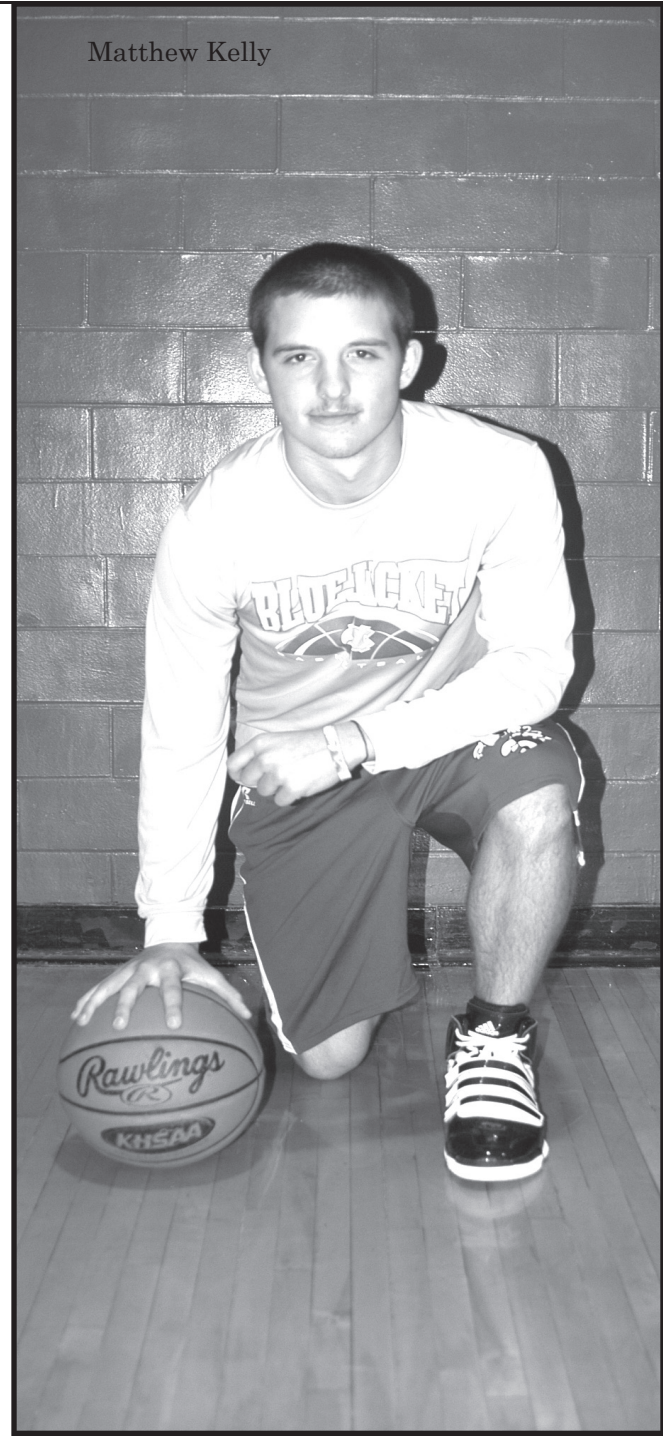
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\$16,000 Call Cecil

1200 Locust Grove Rd
Carlisle

\$708,500. Call Barbara or Butch

211-215 E Pike St
Cynthiana

Call Barbara or Butch \$215,000

1942 Thatchers Mill Rd
N Middletown

Call Barbara or Butch \$89,900

551 Miller Station Rd
Carlisle

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Lee Rd
Carlisle

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1 Stone Rd - 2 Stone Rd
Carlisle

\$79,900 and \$124,900 Call Barbara

2572 Stoney Creed Rd
Carlisle

\$244,900 Call Cecil

440 Houston Oaks
Paris

\$564,900.00 Barbara

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Paris

\$89,900.00 call Betsy

3772 Bald Hill Rd
Carlisle

\$79,900. Call Barbara or Butch

217 Elderberry Dr
Carlisle

Call Barbara or Butch \$350,000

804 Roseberry Rd
Paris

\$225,000 Call Barbara

1711 Hinton St
Paris

\$92,500 Call Barbara

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Carlisle

\$35,000. Call Barbara or Butch

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\$84,900. Call Barbara