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Nicholas County

Blackberry festival set

The annual Nicholas County Blackberry Festival will be held on the courthouse lawn in town beginning July 2 and lasting throughout July 7.

For information, contact members of the American Legion at 289-9121.

Special meeting set

Nicholas County Board of Education will hold a special called meeting on Thursday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at the board office.

City council meeting set

Carlisle City Council will hold its regular meeting on Monday, June 11, at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

Fiscal court to meet

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 12, at 4 p.m. at the courthouse.

School board meeting

The Nicholas County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m., in the school systems district office.

Site-based meeting set

Nicholas County High School's site-based council will hold its meeting Wednesday, June 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the council office and faculty room.

Veterans rep in Carlisle

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle on the third Wednesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Veterans and their families may receive counseling and assistance in applying for state or federal veterans benefits.

This is a free service, provided by the state department of veterans affairs. Bring appropriate documents at visit.

For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-0308. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.

Summer II starts June 18

Morehead State University will hold its second summer session from June 18 through July 13. A post summer session begins July 16 and runs through Aug. 3.

Full payment of tuition and fees is due on the first day of each session to avoid late charges. The cost is \$105 per credit hour for resident undergraduates and \$278 for out-of-state students; for graduate students, the cost is \$151 and \$405 for resident and non-resident students, respectively.

For additional information, call the registrar's office at 606-783-2008.

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Seniors say farewell to Nicholas High

By BEVERLY HOWARD
Staff Associate

On Sunday, June 4, the class of 2001 said hello to the future and goodbye to their fellow classmates.

The 89 seniors began their journey to receive their diplomas as the Nicholas County High School Band played music in the background.

Guest speaker was Kentucky State Representative for Carlisle, Ernie Fletcher, who gave a brief, but inspirational speech to the graduating class.

Superintendent Greg Kidd then presented the seniors with their diplomas as high school principal Doug Bechman read the names aloud.

Bechman also gave a brief speech to the class. Valuedictorians were Jay Grant, Dustin Hill, Ryan Hunter, Andy Watkins, and Alex Wilson.

Salutatorians for the class were Jennifer Dryden and Alisha Frederick.

After graduation, the seniors traveled to Lexington to

for a night of fun for Project Graduation. They rode go carts, used baseball batting cages, had a hoola hoop contest, a pass the lifesaver on a toothpick game, a Survivor game, Twister, Karaoke singing and other games.

On May 31, the high school held class night for the seniors.

Those receiving scholarships and awards were Track Scholarship, Alex Wilson, Charles Cox Memorial scholarship, Jenny Dryden, Charles Cox Vocational scholarship, Jonathan Doyle.

Carlisle Community Womens Scholarship, Jay Grant and Hollie Bassell; Chamber of Commerce, Dustin Hill, Jeffrey N. Lester Scholarship, Eric Lane;

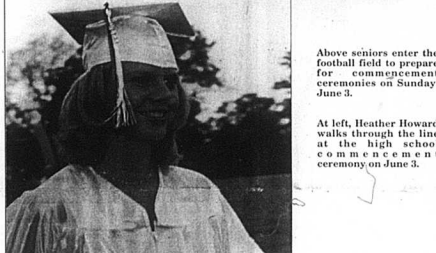
Thunderheart Studios, Ryan Hunter, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Ryan Hunter, Nicholas Co. Conservation District, Seth Sadler and Kevin Taulbee;

Nicholas Democratic Womens Club, Lindsay Ockerman; Limestone Academic League, Alex Wilson;

STL Ball South, Lexington to

"Entertainment Express"

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Above seniors enter the football field to prepare for commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 3.

At left, Heather Howard walks through the line at the high school commencement ceremony on June 3.

Eighth graders graduate, prepare for high school

By BEVERLY HOWARD
Staff Associate

Nicholas County Middle School held its eighth grade graduation on Friday, June 1.

Principal Miller opened the ceremony with a brief word of encouragement to all students going to high school next year.

Several awards were handed out during the ceremony by teachers Ms. Clay, Ms. Curran, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Massie.

Medals for Outstanding Achievement in the classroom were Art, Holly Barbee; Computer, Bethany Norton; Drama, Alan Curtisinger; Language Arts, Rachel Brewer;

Math, Ashleigh Sidles; Music, Jenny Rice; Physical Education (male), Alan Curtisinger; Physical Education (female) Heather

Treadway; Presidential Physical Fitness, Heather Treadway and Jamie Warmoth; Reading, Daniel Fugitt; Science, Daniel Fugitt; Social Studies, Lesley Gilvin; Citizenship, Lesley Gilvin.

President's Education Awards: Brittany Baird, Samantha Bussell, Adam Dunn, Daniel Fugitt, Lesley Gilvin, Anthony Grigg, Jai Hardin, Ashline Howard, Angelica Lea, Ashton Markland, Lemica Mitchell, Lacey Osborne, Tyler Pryor, Jennifer Rice, Ashleigh Sidles, Jessica Smith, and Crystal White.

Certificates for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA for the year): Brittany Baird, Rachel Brewer, Samantha Bussell, Alan Curtisinger, Adam Dunn, Elizabeth Etheredge, Daniel Fugitt, Lesley Gilvin, Whitney Gray, Ashline



These young women, dressed in their best, were just some of the eighth graders who graduated Nicholas County Elementary School.

Extra-inning loss ends 'Jackets' season

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

You don't coach high school baseball for nearly three-dozen years without learning how to sense things.

Nicholas County head baseball coach Bill Anderson has skipped the Bat 'Jackets' for the past 31 years and early last week he was leery, if skeptical, about being into the 10th Region Tournament. His club drew the second day to play - and they were pitted against Estill County. After both those curve balls, Anderson had at least hoped not to get into an extra-inning contest with pitcher Josh Kirby and the Engineers.

Another ironic twist. All things Anderson had not wanted to happen did

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Coach Anderson

Fiscal court to ask for federal funds for project

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

On June 15, Nicholas County Fiscal Court will request the Kentucky Department for Local Government to release federal funds for a company start-up project.

The project will be requested funded under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The title of the project is Nicholas County/Panel Masters of Kentucky LLC

"It's the same project we've been working on for about a year for the old Jockey building," said Judge-executive Larry Tischer. "The company manufactures steel panels for siding to construct homes and steel trusses for roofing. It's currently a small operation in Canada, but they've also been hoping to locate to Nicholas County as well."

Fiscal court's action entails a basic procedure to get funding released.

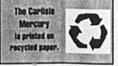
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