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## Across Nicholas County

### Flotilla at Carnico kicks off this year's Blackberry fest July 2-7

A flotilla will be set up by boat owners at Lake Carnico on Sunday, July 1, beginning at 3 p.m., at Lake Carnico in Nicholas County, to kick off the weeklong festivities involved with the annual Blackberry Festival.

A flotilla is a group of boats attached together while floating. A carnival will be held as well as a parade on Thursday. Many festival events will be held on the courthouse lawn in town beginning July 2 and lasting throughout July 7.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For details on the boat extravaganza, call Sue Southend at 859-987-3637.

For more information on the Blackberry Festival, contact members of the American Legion at 289-9121.

### Federal tax rebates not state taxable

In response to numerous inquiries, the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet announced that federal individual income tax rebate checks to be mailed to Kentucky residents under the Federal Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001, are not taxable for Kentucky state income tax purposes.

"This is because federal income tax is not deductible on the state income tax return," said revenue secretary Mike Hayden.

According to the IRS, 1.2 million checks are expected to be mailed to Kentucky residents beginning in July.

### Chamber walk to be held July 4

The Carlisle Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its 5k walk/run this year on July 4. It was a big event for Carlisle for several years, and the chamber hopes to make it so again.

If anyone is interested in running or helping with the run, they may call the chamber office at 289-6489. The run will start at 8 a.m., with registration beginning at 7 a.m. The fee is \$10 if pre-registered or \$12 the day of the race. Registration forms can be found in several of the businesses in town call the chamber office.

### Veterans representative to be in Carlisle

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

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.

### Veterans, families to receive assistance

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.

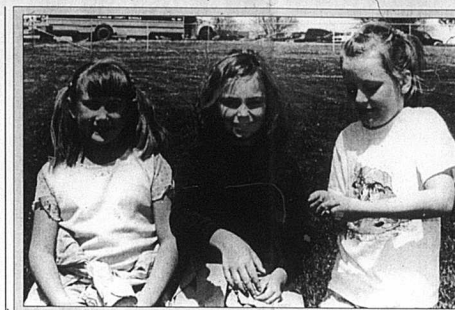
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**Weather**

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**Caterpillar studies**  
Katie Rainey, Kelsey Randolph and Jordan Fryman weren't afraid to pick up some caterpillars on the school grounds during free break recently. They are second graders at Nicholas County Elementary.

Kim Hamilton photo

### Gas prices dropping, but will it last?

Gas prices around the U.S., including Kentucky, are plummeting, after motorists saw the highest average prices in history during May, according to AAA Bluegrass/Kentucky, based in Lexington.

The national average price for a gallon of self-serve unleaded regular is now \$1.60, down 12 cents from the highest recorded average in history, \$1.72, set May 15.

In Kentucky, the drop in gas prices is even more apparent. The statewide average for unleaded regular is \$1.69, down 23 cents from the historic high

average of \$1.73 set May 9. Kentucky now has the 12th cheapest gas prices in the country.

Elsewhere in the state, Lexington has the average price of \$1.43, down a remarkable 38 cents from the highest-ever recorded average in the city, \$1.81, set May 9. In Ashland, the average is now \$1.60, down 21 cents from that city's highest average, \$1.81, set May 8.

"When gas prices suddenly shot through the roof a month ago, it was really disturbing," said Dan Dickson of AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "So it's quite a relief to see significant price decreases again. The question now is, will prices stabilize or

climb dramatically again this summer?" Dickson wondered.

Gasoline inventories appear to be in good shape and fears of a national average price of \$2 per gallon are fading away. However, prices will continue to be high in some cities, especially in the West and Midwest. A possible influence in the increased gasoline supply situation in the United States is the continued slowdown in the national economy.

AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky is a not-for-profit automobile club serving 120,000 members in 61 counties in central and eastern Kentucky and parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

### Experts expect strong holiday travel despite slower economy

Despite the sluggish economy and a holiday that falls in the middle of the week, travel this Fourth of July holiday will be in line with last year's total, according to AAA Bluegrass Kentucky, based in Lexington.

The 36.6 million travelers planning to take a trip this July 4 is slightly more than the 36.3 million estimated to have traveled last year.

Of those traveling, 31.8 million are expected to go by motor vehicle. Another 4.8

million will go by air, train or bus, the same number as a year ago.

At the gas pumps, the \$1.60 average national price for self-serve regular unleaded is down seven cents from last July 4.

"Last Independence Day we were talking about a booming economy and high consumer confidence as reason for an expected upturn in holiday travel," said Dan Dickson, public relations manager for AAA.

"What's unusual this year is that despite the downturn in the economy, projections show that people still want to vacation by car," he said. Many people like to combine the 4th of July holiday with their summer vacation, added Dickson.

The greatest number of motorists will come from the Southeast with 8.1 million traveling, followed by the West, the Midwest, the Northeast and the Great Lakes.

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## Anderson hangs up the cleats

### NCHS coach retires after 33 seasons

By DENVER BROWN Sports Editor

Bill Anderson was a baseball coach for 37 years. And he's been retired for just the past two weeks - so even though he plans a future in farming, there's little doubt he will still be around the ball diamonds in Nicholas

County. But now Anderson will be a fan.

Anderson skipped the Nicholas County baseball Bat Jackets' third-base line for the past 33 years. Before coaching in Carlisle, he put in a year at Williamstown and three years at Deming. But he found his home on Nicholas County's baseball fields.

"I'll certainly miss coaching," Coach Anderson told The Carlisle Mercury. "And I'll miss being around the game and watching the kids come through the pipeline. While most sports legends



mutter along in their final years, slipping in their results, Anderson packed his three final seasons on the Bat Jackets' third-base line with nearly 90 combined wins - to just 22 losses. The boys in blue won 26 games in 1999, a school-best 22 in last season's record-breaking year and still 28 more this time out.

Even with spending three decades in the dirt, he said most of his coaching career highlights came in his final seasons. In 2000, Anderson led his club to the State's

Final Four after collecting Regional and Sectional crowns. He considers wins against Bourbon County, Covington Catholic and Pulaski County in that run as "three of the best of my career."

Anderson had been a first baseman on the Nicholas County ball clubs in the mid-1950's. As a sophomore he was a member of the first baseball team of NCHS. But he was converted into a pitcher at Morehead State

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### Let the buyer beware... Most fireworks purchases are illegal in Ky.

By KIM HAMILTON News Editor

It happens every year. The weather warms up, the time creeps toward the end of June and suddenly, roadsides and shopping center parking lots are sprinkled with tents of all shapes and sizes - all selling fireworks.

But before visiting one of these places, Dave Manley, Kentucky State Fire Marshal, once again reminds everyone that all fireworks are not authorized for sale or use by the public in Kentucky.

The illegal fireworks notice comes from the state cabinet for public protection and regulation.

Per state law, any person violating fireworks laws or who knowingly induces another, directly or indirectly, to violate the provisions of those sections, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 30 days, or both.

In order to comply with state law, folks must read the label on the item to determine if it is legal to sell or possess in Kentucky.

Any fireworks that has wings, fins or other mechanisms designed to help the device fly is illegal.

And if the fireworks carry a warning that includes these words: "explosive, emits flaming pellets, flaming balls, firecracker, report or rocket" - that device is illegal as well.

Each fireworks tent is required to have a permit, posted in plain view, issued by the state

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Beverly Howard photo

**"You go, girl!"**  
Whitney Markham of Nicholas County is pictured running toward a base on the baseball diamond during youth "ponytail" league softball play recently.

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