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Happy Birthday America!

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Nicholas County Barker named to dean's list

The Cumberland College Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs announced that Paul Barker of Carlisle was recently named to the dean's list for the Spring semester. Full-time students who have obtained a cumulative scholastic standing of 3.50 and have no grade of "I" are eligible for the Dean's List.

Class of 1972 to meet

Bourbon County High School's 30th reunion of the class of 1972 will be held Saturday, Aug. 24 at Stoner Creek Country Club. For more information, contact Peggy Tracy at (502) 223-2691.

Blackberry Festival set

The Annual Blackberry Festival begins Monday, July 1, until Saturday, July 6, on the courthouse lawn.

There will be rides, food and games for all ages.

Library closed next week

The Nicholas County Public Library will be closed July 1 through July 6 in honor of the Annual Blackberry Festival.

Veterans rep 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.

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.

Free higher ed guide for seniors

The 2001-2002 edition of "Getting In," a free guide to postsecondary education in Kentucky, is now being sent to guidance counselors for distribution to all high school seniors.

The booklet is published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and is available online at www.khea.com, as well. It offers information on financial aid.

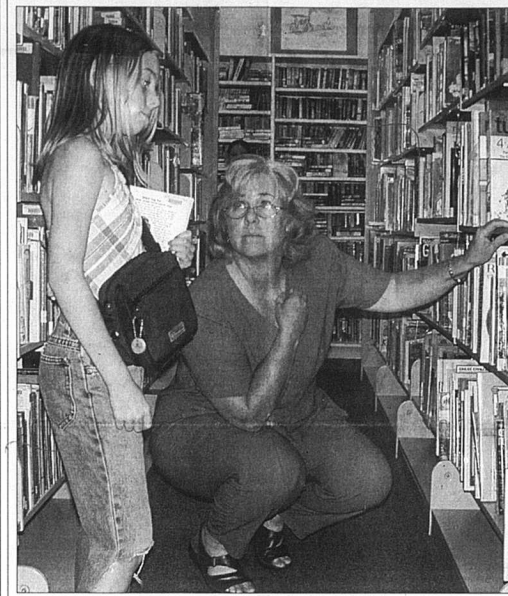
For more information, call 1-800-928-8926.

Assistance for adults returning to school online

Adults interested in returning to school have an online guide to help them plan and pay for college or technical training: the 2001-2002 edition of Adults Returning to School can be accessed at www.khea.com, the website of Kentucky's Higher Education Assistance Authority.

For more information about programs and services, write to the Kentucky Higher Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-9253 or call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

Searching the stacks



Ron Middleton photo

On a rainy Tuesday afternoon, Brittany Ferris, 11, searches the stack for a book about wars with the help of librarian Becky Reid. It was Ferris' second trip ever to the library. The library has been closed all week to observe the annual Blackberry Festival, being held across the street on the Courthouse lawn. The festival runs through Saturday.

Nicholas students make MSU Dean's List

From STAFF REPORTS

MOREHEAD, Ky.—Nineteen students from Nicholas County were named to the Morehead State University Dean's List for the 2002 Spring Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and achieve at least a 3.5 point average on a 4.0 scale, for the current semester.

The Dean's List includes: Leah Berry, Carlisle junior; Rebecca

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Rise in holiday travel expected

Despite continuing concerns about the economy, an estimated 38.7 million Americans are expected to travel 50 miles or more from home this Independence Day, according to AAA.

That figure is up almost 9 percent from last year's total of 36.4 million estimated travelers. This year the Fourth of July holiday falls on a Thursday giving consumers an opportunity for a long holiday weekend, and that may have some influence on the decision to travel, AAA says.

The \$1.59 average price for self-

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State summer games to start ■ Reid honored

Annual Games to run July 19-21 and 26-28

By DENVER BROWN Sports Editor

It may not be the Olympics, but it's the next best thing for hackers, weekend-warriors and wannabes from across the Bluegrass. The State of Kentucky's annual Bluegrass Summer State Games are just around the corner - and it's time to register for your favorite athletic event.

Amateur athletes from across the state are invited to take part in any of 28 different sports in this year's Games, which will be held in Lexington and



surrounding Central Kentucky communities during the month of July. First-up events and dates include: Sailing, July 6; Equestrian (hunter), July 14; individual and team sports ranging from Archery to Wrestling, July 19-21; and from Basketball to Volleyball, July 26-28. On August 3-4, a combined Dressage/Hunter Equestrian event will be held. This year's Opening Ceremonies will be held Friday, July 26 at

Applebe's Park in Lexington, home of the Lexington Legends baseball team. So get out into your ball glove and practice your jump serve. It's easy to participate in the State Games, just pick up an entry booklet at one of the convenient locations and fill out the form. Or go to the Bluegrass State Games website at www.bsgg.org and download a copy. Or call the Bluegrass State Games office at 1-800-722-2474.



Richard Reid, right, a recent graduate of Nicholas County High School, received an award and possible scholarship from the Jerry D. Claiborne chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame at a banquet held June 13 at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington. Reid plans to attend Morehead State University and study Sports Medicine, Agriculture or Engineering.

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