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## Fallen Nicholas heroes honoured

By Kelly Rice

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on Life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.  
On fane's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents to spread,  
And glory guards, with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead.  
These poignant words from The Bivouac of the Dead by Theodore O'Hara were written in 1847 in memory of the Kentucky troops killed in the Mexican War, but they were recently recited by another group of Kentuckians to honor the sons of Nicholas County who are buried in Normandy, France at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. On

June 16, 2009, twenty students and adults from Nicholas County and the surrounding area, visited the cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, France and sought out the white marble crosses of Staff Sgt. Ernest Snapp and Sgt. Edwin Saunders along with the name of Tech 5 Luther Waugh who is listed on the Wall of the Missing. Students and adults read aloud selections from several poems and the Carlisle Mercury articles from 1944 that announced the sad news of their deaths. Nicholas County soil had been carefully carried to France by two of the adults, and was spread upon each of their graves so that these men might rest beneath just a little bit of home. American and Kentucky flags were also displayed at each gravesite to honor their connections to our Country and our Commonwealth. Each person involved was deeply moved and humbled at being in the presence of so many American Heroes and all felt the connection to these 3 men who are buried so very far away from our little community. Liberty is not free and now these 12 students know, first hand, the price of that freedom.



Jan Tobin of Carlisle, spreading Nicholas County soil on Ernest Snapp's grave

## Local group travels abroad

By Kelly Rice

On Saturday, June 13, 2009, twelve students and eight adults from the Nicholas County Queen's Guard, the Tower of London and many other famous landmarks by the sea when at Heathrow Airport on Sunday the 14th after a long series of flights that skipped from Cincinnati to Chicago to Munich, Germany to reach their final destination of London, England. The sightseeing began immediately visited such wonders as Mount St. Michele, the 9th century Abby/Castle/Prison, which sits on a huge rock in the middle of a tidal basin and is completely surrounded by the sea when at high-tide. Chartres Cathedral provided a wonderful example of gothic architecture and medieval construction. The American Cemetery at Normandy provided a powerful education on the destruction of war and the ability of men to persevere against even the most severe odds along with a chance to honor our home-coming soldiers in France. The group



Photo by Charles Mattox

The Blackberry Festival will feature activities at two locations: at the West End Park, where the rides and carnival activities will be all week long, and in downtown Carlisle where a parade and other activities will take place on July 2.

## Blackberry Festival this week

By Charles Mattox  
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Event organizers are making the final preparations for this year's Blackberry Festival and everyone is invited to join in the annual celebration at two locations.

Downtown Carlisle on July 2 will be the place to be for lots of festivities, including a

parade, with other activities, including carnival rides, entertainment to be featured all week at the West End Park, where a large fireworks display will occur Saturday night.

"We plan to have a great fireworks show starting at 10 p.m., Saturday evening at the park," Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark said Monday. Clark joined Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tincher and event organizer Dorsey Watkins, adjutant for festival sponsor, the Carlisle American Legion, in inviting everyone to join in the fun at both locations.

"It's tough economic times, but we hope that everyone can still get together and have a real good time," Clark said.

In keeping with a patriotic flavor of the annual festival, the Declaration of

Independence will be read on the courthouse lawn as part of the festival activities.

Homestown hero, Colonel Damon Booth, a 27-year veteran with the United States Air Force will be this year's Grand Marshall during the annual Blackberry Festival Parade held July 2.

Colonel Booth and his wife, Janet (formerly of Water Valley, MS), have three children: Leigh, Clay, and Madison, and they reside in O'Fallon, IL.

Col. Booth is the son of David Kimball and Jane Ellen Booth, and brother of Janet Kay Simola (Boose-Wayne), and Sara Ellen Kishaden (Phillip) of Carlisle.

On June 29-30 Mike King will host karaoke at the park, and the musical group The Country Boys will be performing Bluegrass and Country music at the park July 1-4.

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**Correction**

In last week's edition, the Bourbon County child pornography article erroneously identified the subject, Kenneth Shaddock, as a Carlisle teacher. Mr. Shaddock is a Nicholas County resident, but was a teacher at Paris High School, not in Carlisle. The Carlisle Mercury apologizes for any inconvenience or concern this may have caused.