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The Carlisle Mercury/Hank Bond Photo
 Dennis Jeffrey Ritchie, 31, Route 4, Cynthiana, sustained multiple injuries when the apparently lost control of a 1977 Chevrolet, struck a tree, and was thrown from the vehicle around midnight, April 19. The accident occurred on Salswell - Starterville Road, about 5.5 miles west of U.S. 68. Ritchie was transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance and taken to UK Hospital by UK Air-Med. Following impact, which split the car in half. The vehicle then caught fire. Nicholas County Fire Department responded to the call. The accident was investigated by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith. Above, the front of the vehicle is in the foreground of the picture, with the back half of the vehicle in the top right of the picture.

Liddy talks to overflow crowd at MSU

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 MORRHEAD, April 17 — "What you think about, you do, what you do, you become. It is 100 percent in your control, no one else can control what we become," said convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy, to his Morehead State University audience Tuesday night.

Liddy, a former FBI agent, who is now an actor and nov-

elist, spoke to the overflow crowd in the Morehead State University Student Center. To Survive or Prevail: The Choice is Up to You."

Liddy, who refused to implicate anyone else in the Watergate affair, served five years in nine different prisons with 106 days in solitary confinement, for his involvement in Watergate.

The Watergate break-in, and subsequent uncovering of

then President Richard Nixon's involvement in the cover-up, led to his resignation midway through his second term.

President Jimmy Carter requested Liddy's release "in the interest of justice," ending his confinement.

Speaking to the crowd, Liddy said, "He (Nixon) is a real survivor is the one to continue, to live or to exist. But, if you persist to gain the victory, achieve and triumph you will win. This is what it means to prevail."

He said no matter what you do to be on top or how you apply the principles if you don't see clarity of thought, you are just like other people.

"People in the United States have a trust, instead of believing in reality we turn away from it through the misuse of reality," he said.

He demonstrated this by giving examples and reasons why a person says another person is visually impaired instead of blind.

The reason the man said visually impaired instead of blind, according to Liddy, is because the man cannot accept someone he knows as being blind.

He said people learn from their failure, if they permit themselves to be the only way to stop the failure is to keep trying and it will finally die.

"Reputation is what people think of you, which is something none of us can control, but character is what you really are and you are the only one effecting that," Liddy said.

People are presented with problems daily, but those who prevail use a variety of different angles to get around daily problems, he said.

"People who survive and

Rob Hester resigns post as administrator; Ending 11 year tenure

CARLISLE, April 17 — Rob Hester, administrator of Nicholas County Hospital for the past 11 years has resigned.

His resignation will become effective, July 1 of this year.

Hester submitted his letter of resignation to the April 17 meeting of the Johnson Mathers Health Care Board, which oversees the operation of the hospital and Johnson Mathers Nursing Home, in Carlisle.

Hester will move to a position with the Kentucky Hospital Service Corporation in a consulting position, dealing directly with certain member services.

Hester, a Lexington native, is a graduate of Sayre High School, the University of Kentucky and is attending Eastern Kentucky University.

Hester, his wife Betty, and their children Lauren 9, and Michael 6, reside in Carlisle, but according to Hester will probably relocate in the future.

During his 11 year tenure with the facilities, he was in the post when final construction was done on the Nicholas County Hospital now is use.

Hester pointed to several events in his tenure, but was most pleased with, "The addition of diagnostic and treatment services" at the hospital.

"Over 70 percent of the people in Nicholas County who are admitted to the hospital come here," Hester said. "I believe the people here have a high regard for the hospital and the service we provide."

Hester is the Treasurer of the board for the Kentucky Hospital Association and Chairman of the board for the Kentucky Hospital Association Trust.

With the election of a new president, in the near future, Hester will end his second term as president of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

"I love the hospital and the town have been well served by the 11 years I have been here," Hester said. "Our entire family has enjoyed living here. It is a really quality place to live and there are some real, top quality people here."

Grand Jury meets; issues no indictments

CARLISLE, April 18 — Nicholas County Grand Jury met for two days and issued no indictments, but did recommend turning over one case to the next Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury received evidence on two cases, according to the final report signed by Brenda J. Vaughn and dated April 18.

"In the case of the Commonwealth of Kentucky vs John E. Eaton we have received evidence from Kentucky State Police, (and) Special Investigations Detective Larry Patterson," the report stated.

"We have returned no indictment for insufficient votes in this case."

"We (the grand jury) strongly recommend that the business procedures and accountability process at the quarry (Nicholas County Rock Quarry) be restructured. Mr Eaton does not need to be involved in the accounting process at the quarry, as well as his other many responsibilities," the report continued.

In the other case brought before the Grand Jury the report said, "We have considered the case of the Commonwealth of Kentucky vs Robert D. Herrington and pass this case to the next grand jury for additional testimony."

Chamber banquet is postponed

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, which was scheduled for April 20 was postponed, according to Chamber President Rob Hester.

The banquet will be held at a later date, which will be announced by the Chamber.

Testing dates set for NC Schools

Parents asked to help out
 May 1-4 and May 7-10 all students enrolled in Nicholas County Elementary will take CTBS/4 Benchmark Edition standardized tests required by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Nicholas County Board of Education.

Nicholas County High School will be testing May 1-3 and 6. School administrators stress the importance of the tests and attendance during the testing days. The test results will be used to make decisions about education programs.

In that manner, tests can be taken under ideal conditions. Students who are absent will make-up tests at a different time. The administrators urge parents to have children in school during these testing dates. Parents are asked not to arrange doctor, dentist and other appointments at home.

Parents are asked to make certain children get a good night's sleep on nights preceding the testing. Children should have a good breakfast on test morning.



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Walking for Mother Earth
 More than 1000 students from Nicholas County Schools filed the streets of Carlisle, April 20, in a walk from the schools to the Nicholas County Courthouse and back in observance of Earth Day. Earth Day, officially cast on April 22, marked its 20th anniversary with the celebration this year. Nicholas County students joined students all across America in the celebration to bring awareness to destruction of the environment.