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Robbery occurs in Carlisle

Staff Report

Kentucky State Police are looking for three men who allegedly stole more than 20 firearms from Ralph's Guns and Ammo Store in Carlisle on Monday.

Police said two armed men who wore ski masks went into the store at 2:30 p.m. They allegedly tied up owner R. A. L. P. Brooks, 50, while a third suspect removed guns from a case, according to police. They then fled the scene in a tan four-door "Oldsmobile type" car, and were seen driving west on KY 96.

Announcements

RC&D meeting set for July 30

The next meeting of the Licking River Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council will be held Monday, July 30, at 9:30 a.m., in Flemingsburg, at the cooperative extension office.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For inquiries call 859-234-3332.

Watershed Watch volunteers to sample sites

The Watershed Watch volunteers will be collecting water samples from Kentucky streams and rivers at more than 500 sites statewide.

The study is designed to get a snapshot of the condition of Kentucky waters during the height of swimming and boating season.

Ten different labs will analyze the samples for fecal coliform, an indicator of the presence of animal waste and sewage. Results will be shared with federal, state and local resource management agencies and community groups working to protect water quality.

For details on studying the Licking River, call Marc Hult at 859-261-3882.

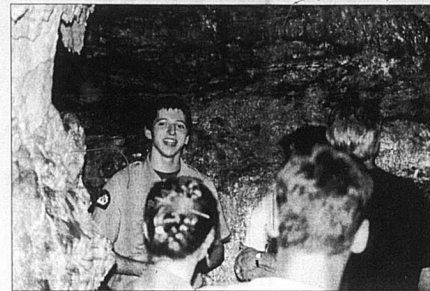
Federal tax rebates not state taxable

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, set at 13.6 cents for 2001.

Carter Caves offers great getaway



Denver Brown photo

Top, Carter Caves tour guide Jesse O'Hill takes a group through X-Cave over the weekend.

Pioneer Week July 23-29 at Olive Hill Park

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

You sort of expected Huck Finn or a T-Rex to jump from around a corner any moment. With its combination of sky-reaching trees, rock formations and subterranean caverns, Carter Caves State Resort Park is like a Tom Sawyer-story meets Jurassic Park adventure. But the breath-taking beauty of the Olive Hill, Ky. park is just one of many reasons to visit.

Carter Caves is home to more than 20 caverns and most are open to the public through guided tours. The unique landscape (or below landscape, rather) attracts folks from all over Kentucky, the United States and even the world!

"I've had folks on my tours from all over the world," said West Carter High School graduate and Carter Caves tour guide Jesse O'Hill. "From as far away as Europe and Asia. I've met a lot of different people here at Carter Caves. And a lot of those people have never seen a cave - so they're always in for a treat when they come here."

The area opened as a State Park in 1946 - but the oldest recorded cave tour happened way back in 1858. But when private business and land owners in the area bought up the land, they decided to donate the rocky splendor to promote tourism. A novel idea that pays, and pays and



Denver Brown photo

Trail rides are just one of the many activities offered at the Olive Hill, Ky. resort.

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"All those folks, those who owned the land back then, wanted to promote the area

pay..."

"We've got a traffic counter down there that counts about 350,000 to 400,000 people coming to Carter Caves each year. It's a busy place.

"And the income for the Park System doesn't just show up on our books, it shows up all over the area. When visitors come into the state and when they leave, they all stop and get gas and buy things. If someone finishes vacation and they have \$500 left, they think they haven't spent enough."

The park may be known for its world-famous cave tours, but too many to mention activities jam the activities and events' calendar. This coming week, July 23-29, is Pioneer Life Week at Carter Caves.

The pioneer encampment will re-live the old days of early Kentuckians as visitors wander through the camp and learn about skills developed by colonial and Native American ancestors. The primitive camp and exhibits are open daily this week 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 29.

Last week, just walking through the grounds, visitors could spot golfers, fishermen, folk dancers, bird watchers, cave explorers and trail riders



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The park's amphitheater hosts many productions during the year

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Congressmen co-sponsor conservation legislation

Kentucky U.S. Representatives Ed Whitfield, Ken Lucas and Ernie Fletcher have joined 223 other co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives to support the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA, HR 701).

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act proposes to reinvest a portion of the revenue received from federal off-shore oil and gas drilling leases to fund projects to conserve wildlife, improve and expand parks and recreation services, save threatened historic properties and protect America's coastlines, funding from CARA would provide approximately \$19 million for wildlife.

CARA would help communities by providing valuable resources to conserve and enhance parks, recreation and wildlife," said U.S. Rep. Ken Lucas.

U.S. Representative

Ken Lucas

"This bipartisan bill enjoys broad support and I believe it is an important step toward protecting our natural resources for future generations."

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Auxiliary to host fourth annual golf scramble

On Saturday, Aug. 4, the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Auxiliary will host its fourth annual golf scramble at Carnies Golf Club in Carlisle.

The cost of the scramble is \$45 and includes one green fee, cart rental, breakfast, lunch, gifts and prizes.

Participants are asked to bring their own team and golfers will begin teeing off at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams, in addition to the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Each golfer on the first place team will receive \$300.

Proceeds of the event will benefit the Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Contact Cassinda Bechman, director of volunteer services, at 859-289-7181 for details about the scramble.

Be alert for snakes, ticks while hiking

Deis Westerman knows the lessons that await hikers and rock climbers this summer. It's one her husband learned years ago.

"He was climbing one of the cliffs in the Red River Gorge, and he accidentally grabbed a copperhead. He got bit on the hand," said Westerman, program coordinator for the undergraduate biology lab at the University of Kentucky.

Westerman's husband left the gorge immediately and drove himself to a Lexington hospital. There, he received treatment designed to keep the snake's venom from causing gangrene

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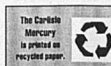
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