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## Across Nicholas County Carlisle Mercury closing

In its 157th year of service to Nicholas County and surrounding areas, *The Carlisle Mercury* will cease operations after its July 25 issue.

According to Publisher Jack McNeely, all subscribers will be given an option of receiving a refund. They will all receive letters by the end of the month explaining their options.

"This has been a very difficult decision," McNeely said from his office in nearby Morehead. "But financially, it's been an inevitable decision for some time."

"We appreciate the loyalty of those subscribers who have remained a part of our readership family," he added.

The Carlisle Mercury is the 10th oldest newspaper in the Bluegrass.

### 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.

### 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.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com), as well. It offers information on financial aid.

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

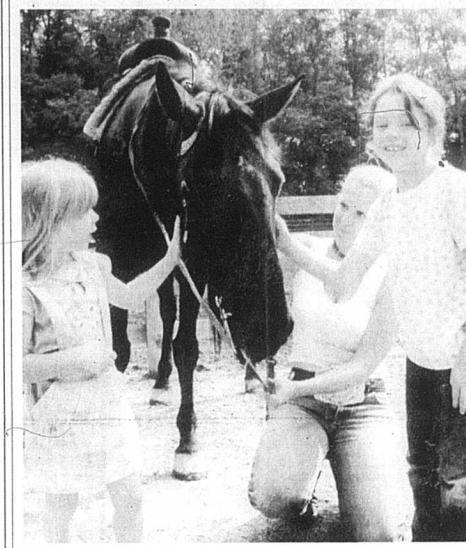
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## Sports at the Caves



Horseback riding is just one of several sporting activities to be enjoyed at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Olive Hill. A 9-hole golf course, swimming pool, putt-putt-golf, tennis courts, hiking and biking trails and, of course, Cave tours highlight the athletic roster of events and activities at the Carter County park.

## Golf, horses, swimming & more at state park

By DENVER BROWN  
Sports Editor

Sure there's holes and tunnels through the massive rocks at Carter Caves Resort State Park in Olive Hill. And thousands of people each year visit the unique park to venture into the under. But just in case they bring along their tennis shoes or 9-iron, there's also plenty of sporting activities on the grounds for the entire family.

Located smack dab in the middle of Carter County (Grayson's a few miles to the

East and Olive Hill's just a baseball throw to the South), the hole resort could be renamed The Carter Caves All-Sports Complex. Visitors come from all over the country, and several foreign country folks make the trip, come to the caves each year. Hopefully they save time before or after the always-busy guided cave tours to enjoy the park's whole golf course, the horseback riding stables, the swimming pool, the putt-putt golf course, too.

"We really love this place," Michelle Anne Riley of Arlington, VA, told *The*

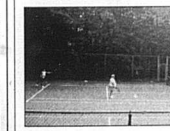
*Carlisle Mercury* of the activities-packed park. "We come four times a year and we always enjoy ourselves. We come for the riding stables. And we just love the fact that the kids can get on the golf course, too."

Riley and her husband bring their two children on the family vacations to Carter Caves. And she said they never need to leave the confines of the park to find something to do.

"That's what we come here for, there's so much for us all to do together as a family," Riley said as Mary Catherine, 6, and Thomas, 4, check out the horses saddled up for the next trail ride. It's very laid back. One day we came to the stables and rode and then played nine holes of golf. And, still sweaty, then we went to putt-putt.

But that wasn't all the roster of Riley got into on the day—after all of this particular afternoon's activities, they headed back to the stables for yet another horseback ride through the forest.

"There's just so much open-



A mom-and-pop matchup takes on a pair of sons in a family fair tennis clash at Carter Caves. The state resort park in Olive Hill offers plenty of sporting activities aside from its world-famous cave tours.

Denver Brown photo

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## Nicholas students graduate with honors

MOREHEAD, Ky.—Two Nicholas County students earned their degrees from Morehead State University during the Spring Semester.

"We are proud to add the May 2002 graduates to our alumni rolls," said MSU President Ronald G. Englin. "These students and their families deserve congratulations for the hard work and dedication necessary to reach this milestone. We wish them the best of luck."



Graduating with honors were: Melissa F. Jolly, Carlisle, Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude; Chitina Jo McGuffey, Carlisle, Bachelor of Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude.

To earn a degree Summa Cum Laude, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 to 4.0.

Morehead State University, located in East Kentucky, offers degrees in 91 undergraduate and 36 graduate programs. The University experienced near record enrollment with 9,027 students last fall.

## Montgomery man dies in ATV crash

From STAFF REPORTS

A Jeffersonville man was killed and two others seriously injured when the All-Terrain Vehicle they were riding traveled into the path of an oncoming vehicle in Montgomery County on Friday, July 5, at 8:46 p.m., according to police.



Kentucky State Police and Robert W. Revel, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene. He had been riding on the back of the ATV. Wayne Martin, 24, was in surgery Monday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center and Cameron Martin.

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## Musicians line up for festival

For the ninth year, another line-up of performers and craft artists will gather in Somerset for the award-winning Master Musicians Festival, on July 18-20.

Thursday's opening night gala at the Center for Rural Development (South Highway 27 at Stoplight #15) features jazz and classical music. The evening will be topped off by a performance from the internationally known Louisville-based cello-piano duo Michael Fitzpatrick and Dick Sisto.

Friday and Saturday the action moves to Somerset Park on Lumphouse Road just off KY Hwy. 80 East (By-Pass). Friday's line-up features an illustrious gathering of internationally known folk blues artists, many of whom are recipients of the National Heritage Award, the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts.

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