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'Just be happy, graduates'
Today is the day in which you reflect on your past fondly and look to the future scared out of your wits.

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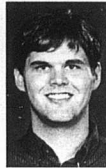
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Wilson receives Transylvania awards

Nicholas County High School graduate and Transylvania University freshman Alex Wilson was honored during the University's Awards Program.



Alex Wilson

Wilson received the Transylvania Bands Outstanding Service Award and the Chemical Rubber Company General Chemistry Award. The Bands

Service Award is presented to an upperclassman for long-time service to the Transylvania bands. The Chemical Rubber Company General Chemistry Award recognizes the outstanding freshman chemistry major.

Wilson is the son of William and Sharon Wilson of Carlisle.

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.

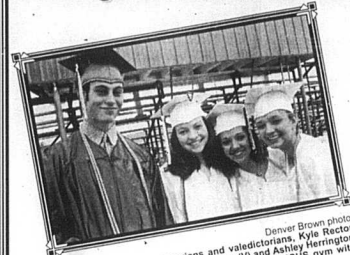
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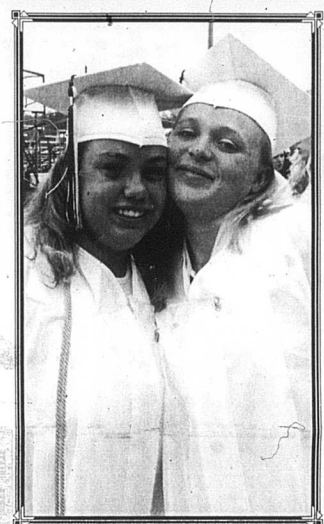
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Congratulations Class of 2002!



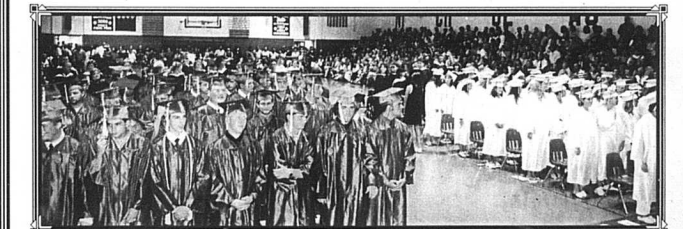
Denver Brown photo
The class of 2002 salutatorians and valedictorians, Kyle Rector (S), Kathy Hamilton (V), Danielle Snapp (V) and Ashley Herrington (S) smile for the camera before filing into the NCHS gym with their classmates.



Denver Brown photo
Nicholas County High School 2002 graduates Heather Harney and Ashley Harmon, enjoy a final moment as a classmates on Sunday night's graduation ceremony in the NCHS gym.



Denver Brown photo
The class of 2002 senior athletes strike a pose for the camera before filing into the NCHS gym with the rest of their classmates.



NCHS bids farewell to 72 graduates

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

The early-summer thunderstorm was only temporary, but the pieces of paper handed to 72 Nicholas County seniors will last them a lifetime. The high school in Carlisle celebrated the annual commencement exercise Sunday evening in the gym after the festivities were moved inside

because of the weather. The graduates, boys on one side and girls on the other, lines up next to the Nicholas County football field and marched into the jam-packed gym prior to the rain. The Blue Jacket marching band, under the direction of Deborah Hale, played the ceremonial processional. "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduates and senior class sponsors filed in, taking their places in front of the stage and dignitaries.

The class of 2002 valedictorians, Kathy Hamilton and Danielle Snapp, and salutatorians, Ashley Herrington and Kyle Rector, were the final members of the class to enter the gym.

But as they prepared to march in front of the hundreds of family and friends, the thoughts that went through their minds were typical of graduates.

"I'm just really excited, right now," graduating senior Josh Manton told The Carlisle Mercury. "You don't know what's out there in the big world. There's going to be a lot of choices and a lot of pressure and we're not going to be in school anymore. There won't always be someone there to show you or tell you what to do."

The band also led the congregation in the national anthem before NCHS principal

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