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## Police nab man, cash and drugs



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Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler arrested a Cassidy Creek man, just after midnight Thursday morning at a Mulberry Street residence. The arrest netted schedule II drugs and a large sum of cash. The officers discovered a large sum of cash, \$13,665, and three Baggies containing hundreds of pills all controlled substances schedule II, and several prescription bottles that were empty. Buckler said the street value of the drugs is more than \$21,500. The drugs included oxycotin, oxycodone in two-milligram sizes, methadone plus some others. Officers also charged Wilson with possession of drug paraphernalia, stating in the report Wilson had in his possession a pill crusher with powder residue on and in it and straw used to ingest the substance with powder residue on it as well. Wilson was taken to Montgomery County Detention Center by Nicholas County Jailer Jeff Stiles.

**Photo by Hank Bond**  
Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler, seated, Carlisle Police Officer Tim Layne, right and Sheriff Dick Garrett inventory drugs and other items confiscated after the arrest of Jesse Wilson of Carlisle, early Thursday.

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## MARIJUANA

### Police eradicate plants

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the ground team would converge on the location and go to work below. The second day's operation saw Graves flying with civilian pilot Kerry Sabers, with Beigle, Murrell and troopers Jerry Feiser, Mark Griak and Scott Allen, working the ground unit. "Det. Graves used a special imaging device to identify a suspected patch and then gave us the GPS coordinates of the location. "We would go to the GPS coordinates on the ground and by working together and maintaining good communications I believe we were very successful in our mission," Beigle said. "It's not an easy thing to spot small patches of marijuana from a helicopter and Detective Clinton Graves did a very good job." Beigle, who has been involved with marijuana eradication as a trooper for over a decade, praised the cooperation of Nicholas County citizens for providing key information for the operation. "We are very grateful for the information provided to us by good citizens in Nicholas County," he said. "Most of the officers on this two-day detail were actually working on their days off every single tip that we receive from the community. We are dedicated to helping rid the community of drug abuse and we will check out every single tip that we receive from the community. I encourage all of the fine citizens of Nicholas County to contact myself or other officers with information regarding any illegal activity. We want to make Nicholas County a safer place. Callers may remain anonymous if they wish and we can be reached at 1-859-423-1212."



**Photo submitted**

**Questions!**  
Kentucky State Rep. Carolyn Belcher, D-Owingsville, asks questions about the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Employees Retirement Systems' status report on the retirement systems at yesterday's meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on State Government.

## Volunteers sought

Volunteers are being sought to help mark a special anniversary on a section of local hallowed ground. Officials with the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park are seeking volunteers to help celebrate the 225th weekend anniversary of the Aug. 19, 1782 battle fought on ground inside the park. Labeled by historians as the last battle of the American Revolution, the Battle of Blue Licks was a crushing defeat for Kentucky militia soldiers. They were ambushed at the battle by a superior number of combatants consisting of several hundred warriors from several Native American tribes and approximately 30 Canadian rangers, with the enemy forces under British military leadership. Volunteers will be assisting with parking cars and keeping the park clean while thousands of guests enjoy the scenic beauty of the park's landscape, enjoy a weekend of entertainment and fun-filled activities, and watch a thrilling reenactment of the battle fought on the park's grounds. Only 19 hours after emergency service workers tried in vain to revive a 22-month-old, who drowned in his family's Mint Ridge Road swimming pool on Monday evening, they responded to the scene of a second reported drowning at Milltown in

## Tragic accident claims 2-year-old

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A tragic drowning accident claimed the life of 22-month-old Mason T. Curtisinger, the son of Ashley Beatty and Kyle Curtisinger, July 30. "This is a very, very tragic accident," Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Benny Buckler said. "My heart goes out to the family and my prayers and those of sheriff Dick Garrett are with the family at this time." Sheriff Garrett was transporting a prisoner when the 911 call was placed through the Kentucky State Police Dry Ridge dispatch at 7:12 p.m., but joined Buckler later in the investigation. According to besh, Rick Beatty, the grandfather and legal guardian of Mason Curtisinger found his grandson unresponsive in the family swimming pool on Mint Ridge Road, at approximately 7:11 p.m. Also in the house at the time



**Mason Curtisinger** See ACCIDENT Page 3

## Drowning claims teen

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extreme northeastern Nicholas County. The Licking River location was where Chris Watkins, 15, of Cassidy Creek Road was swimming with friends Tuesday afternoon only to disappear, this time the tragic accident happened July 31, near Milltown, along the Licking River and claimed the life of a Nicholas County teenager. "I tried to save him, but I almost drowned too," said Josh Treadway, a very close friend of Watkins who was with him when the tragic accident happened. "I saw him going under and when he came back up I was right there beside him. I would hold my breath and the scene of a second reported drowning at Milltown in

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