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# Jaiden's recovery a miracle

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"We used one finger for yes and two fingers for no, when we first started out," said Pam King, mother of Jaiden Wiloughby.

The doctors at Cardinal Hill have called Jaiden a UK a miracle child," she said. After high risk surgery, the Nicholas youth is right on track for recovery, and a miracle to behold. Jaiden, who is a 12-year-old seventh grader, has

spent the better part of the past two months recovering from traumatic injuries he received when his ATV overturned on Locust Grove Road and he struck his head on a fence post.

He was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Hospital and the extended drama began.

The resulting injury was a fractured skull with subsequent problems, so drastic in fact, doctors and his family and friends were hanging on each minute.

On more than one occa-

sion, especially in the first several days, Jaiden was barely clinging to life.

After the first night they moved him to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and while in there they had taken the tube out of his throat.

Although he was agitated, "he was able to say his last name," his mother said. "That's kind of a hard name so it was a good thing."

"He could also tell us what was hurting, and that too was a good thing."

"They took him to do a

CAT Scan. When he came back I saw he was having double breathing. The nurse said she thought it was just the medicine he had been given.

"All of a sudden he had fluid build on his lungs. They had a very difficult opening the airway up again. There were 15 people in there. By this time I am a nervous wreck."

"They were running in and out and couldn't get the airway open and his oxygen level had bottomed out. Finally he was stable."

A few hours later the medical team did another CAT Scan and that's when we started having the brain swelling."

The CAT Scan revealed a small blood clot, but things got worse.

"They came to us and wanted to do a cranial drain to relieve the pressure." At the time there was his mother and his dad James Wiloughby there to make decisions.

Jimmy Smith was there with the family a great deal of the time these decisions were being made.

A cranial drain would not work.

Believing the family had only 24 hours to make life-altering decisions, the family gathered in Jaiden's hospital room, and as they prayed tried to find a way to secure the best doctor in the world.

"We were not going to give up."

"One doctor was telling us one thing, but the chief of the team talked to us about the swelling."

The team of doctors did not hold out much hope for Jaiden's recovery. While not putting a 24-hour timeframe in place, doctors told the family that within that period the brain could swell tremendously.

Phillip Mattox visited Jaiden, anointed his head with oil, and Jaiden's vital signs began to regulate.

Within a few hours the whole doctor's team joined in the process with the family.

The family was told by a team member there was a very small chance that a portion of the skull could be taken out to relieve pressure.

However, doctors stressed the fact that chances were slim.

"They put us on a rock and rock. They told us if we do this surgery there's a chance he won't make it (out of surgery). If we don't do this surgery we know he won't make it."

The question for the fam-

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Photo by Sandy Hamilton

## Completely destroyed

A mobile home owned by Danny Barnes at the intersection of Johnson Road and Crooked Creek was destroyed by fire, April 25 as flames swept through the unoccupied home. There were some possessions still in the home, which were destroyed or damaged. No one was injured. According to Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes the cause appeared to be either electrical or from lightning.

**National Day of Prayer**  
Thurs., May 3  
12 noon  
Carlisle  
Christian Church

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Although Carolyn and Bobby Crockett of Crockett's IGA, along with Linda Soper of Soper's Family Drug have decided not to be pictured in this year's salute to corporate sponsors it is important to acknowledge that each business presented the Relay for Life this year with checks for \$1,000 as corporate sponsors.

As the Nicholas News did last year, The Carlisle Mercury is an in-kind corporate sponsor in the amount of \$2,000.

## Son of murder victims seeks prayers

By Charles Mattox  
News Editor

A local resident is asking his Nicholas County neighbors to join him in prayer to help find those responsible for the brutal murder of his mother and father.

"They were the best parents you can possibly imagine," said Anthony Gray, 37, who has resided along Stoney Creek in rural Nicholas County since August of last year.

"Anthony Gray is the only son of James 'Jim' Gray, 63, and his wife of 40 years, Vivian Gray, 55, who were both found murdered last week in their northern Scott County home at 8811 Cincinnati Pike, along US 25, near the small town of Corinth, just south of the Grant County border.

He said he moved to Nicholas County last year because he fell in love with the beautiful landscape and enjoys walking along the quaint streets of Carlisle late at night with his girlfriend Rosa Rowland.

"I love the atmosphere of Carlisle and like living close to the lake (Carnico) and

enjoy the wonderful country people. I enjoy the local shops that are operated by older citizens remind me so much of my parents. They are so friendly. My parents were very much like that."

"They were the best. I am doing ok financially, but I do have one special request for the fine folks of Nicholas County. I want them to pray with me. I want them to pray with me that whoever did this terrible thing to my parents is found and held accountable. I also want to ask them to please share any information they may have with the Scott County Sheriff's Office or the Kentucky State Police who are conducting the investigation into the murders of my mom and dad."

The Grays were found murdered Thursday morning April 26, in their Corinth home, which is located across the road from their variety shop called Gray On Main, near the community of Stonewall, just north of Sadieville.

Scott County Sheriff's Detective Jack Patrick continues to lead the investigation

and is being assisted by fellow Scott County detectives Rodger Pevsley and Mike Caudill.

"I concur with Mr. Goble that the crime scene was very disturbing," Patrick said. "This is a trifedy and loss for the community, and a major loss and tragedy for the victims' families."

During a brief May 1 interview, Patrick was cautiously tight lipped when asked about specifics of the crime and progress of the investigation thus far.

He did make one notable observation, however. "We have collected what I consider to be good evidence from the crime scene. Much of that evidence is still being analyzed, but we are very hopeful that the analyzed evidence will contribute in assisting us to solve this tragic double homicide."

Jim Gray sold a bit of everything in the store, and was a well-known and liked barber.

Little is known about the specifics or the motive for the crime, and law enforcement officials have asked

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## Man to face six charges

A Carlisle man has been arrested and will face six counts, two are drug related.

Jonathan Watkins, 34, of Abner's Mill Road, Carlisle was arrested by Carlisle Police Officer Jamie Stamper on April 30.

According to the report filed by Officer Stamper, on April 29, he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed with only one headlight.

Speeds reached, Stamper said, in excess of 90 miles per hour. When pursuit began the vehicles traveled on Main Street and continued on KY 52 to Myers Station Road.

The driver of the vehicle locked up the brakes and went sideways into a driveway and ditch.

Stamper's report shows that Watkins jumped out of the driver's side window and ran off on foot.

There were two passengers in the vehicle, Angelique Beatty and David Sapp.

On April 30, after procuring warrants, Stamper arrested Watkins, who was

then read his rights.

Stamper charged Watkins with wanton endangerment in the first degree, fleeing or evading police in the first degree (in a motor vehicle), speeding 90 in a 35 mile per hour zone and one headlight.

When Stamper executed the warrant, along with KSP Trooper Jones, his second report shows that at his residence Stamper observed in plain view drug paraphernalia and a spoon with white powder suspected to be cocaine. In addition there were Baggies with white powder.

Stamper's report states that after reading Watkins his rights, Watkins admitted the drugs belonged to him.

He was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance first degree, first offense cocaine. The second charge brought was drug paraphernalia, use and possession first degree.

Watkins was taken to Montgomery County Detention Center by Nicholas County Jailer Jeff Sidles.



Photo by Hank Bond

## An early round

This young man hits a drive on Sunday afternoon at Carnico Golf Course, Boogie and Rodney Mathis, have leased the course from the Development Corp, and a part of the clubhouse and will be opening Tues-Sun each week from 8 a.m. to dark. Call 289-6834 for info.

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