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Patrick faces charges

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A fugitive has been returned to Nicholas County to face manslaughter charges in connection with a 2004 fatal motor-vehicle accident, which occurred on US 68.

Amanda M. Patrick, 29, who previously listed addresses in West Liberty and Olive Hill, was delivered to the Montgomery County Jail by Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett last week after being arrested in Fulton County, Georgia on the charges of manslaughter, second degree, wanton endangerment, first degree, and DUI.

Commonwealth's Attorney Doug Wright and Nich-



Amanda Patrick

olas County Judge Executive Larry Tischer signed documents ordering and authorizing Garrett to transport Patrick from Georgia to Kentucky after Patrick waived extradition proceedings in Georgia.

Patrick was indicted by a Nicholas County Grand Jury on Nov. 16, 2006, for the crimes, which allegedly occurred on 16 Dec. 2004.

On that date Patrick was allegedly driving a 1988 Oldsmobile Delta eastbound on US 68 while under the influence of alcohol and other substances including cocaine, according to an arrest warrant signed by Kentucky State Police Detective Clinton Graves.

Graves also testified to a grand jury in 2006.

Patrick's sister, Melissa P. Perkins, a passenger in Patrick's vehicle, died from injuries sustained when the vehicle collided with a vehicle occupied by Robert

T. Dufresne, according to court documents.

Patrick was released from jail after a family member posted a surety bond for her release. After being released on bond, she failed to make any other court appearances.

Jailer Jeff Sidles accompanied Patrick when she appeared in Nicholas County Circuit Court Oct. 1, before the Honorable Judge Robert McGinnis.

McGinnis appointed Public Defender Jennifer Wittmeyer to represent Patrick, and Wittmeyer entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of Patrick. McGinnis then set a pre-trial hearing for Nov. 5.

Patrick remains lodged in the Montgomery County Jail without bond.

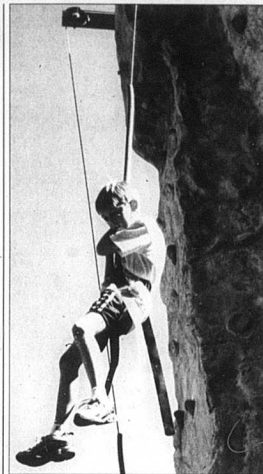


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Hanging in there

Bradley Capps enjoys the rock wall at Saturday's event.



Photo by Charles Mattox

John Irvin, left, Cale Waggoner, and Ed Taylor were judges at part of the Arts Guild Show.

Man injured in farm mishap

A Bartersville man was injured in a farm accident on Walnut Grove Road Sunday.

Allen Burke, 48, of Calcutta Road near Bartersville, received extensive injury to one of his arms, which became entangled in a corn picker Sunday, according to Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett.

"Mr. Burke's arm became caught in the picker and a 911 call was placed by neighbors who heard his calls for help at approximately 5:31 p.m. Sunday," Garrett said.

Garrett responded immediately to the scene, as did Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, several county firefighters and members of the Nicholas County Ambulance Service.

Emergency personnel worked quickly, but carefully to free Burke while preventing further injury and further loss of blood.

A Lifonet helicopter was contacted and landed near by. Burke was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center upon extraction where he remains in stable condition.

A Burke family member expressed gratitude to all Nicholas Countians.

"It's still early in the prognosis and treatment," Gail Jefferson, sister to Allen Burke, said. "The family has no special needs at this time, but we deeply appreciate the prayers and kind thoughts expressed by everyone and ask that they continue to keep Allen in their thoughts and prayers."



Photo by Charles Mattox

City takes possession of new fire truck

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, left, and fire chief Jeff Jefferson stand in front of the new fire truck the city has purchased. The truck was unveiled at Monday's Carlisle City Council meeting. The vehicle cost in excess of \$125,000. Additional details will be included in next week's The Carlisle Mercury.

Arts Guild show deemed a success

Show to continue this weekend

The Nicholas County based Courthouse Square Arts Guild sponsored a very successful Second Annual Membership Art Show in the Neal Welcome Center in downtown Carlisle during Saturday in Carlisle festivities this weekend.

Enthusiastic participation by many local artists who submitted quality examples of their work impressed art guild officers and art show judges alike.

"I'm impressed with both the quality and the quantity of the works of art," Art Guild President Larry Mitchell said.

A total of 48 regional artists displayed 80 works of art at the show.

"Cycle of Contamination," a three-dimensional work of art made by using felting techniques by Jessica Hamilton won first place in the show.

"A lot of thought went into

Police name suspect

Police have named the suspect who remains at large, and who allegedly stole a police cruiser in the evening hours of Sept. 29 following a police chase.

"When looking for Josh Abree in connection with the stolen police cruiser," Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden said Oct. 1. "We have warrants for Mr. Abree's arrest on the charges of theft by unlawful taking (automobile), fleeing and evading police, second degree and operating on a suspended license.

The truck, which led to warrants being issued for Abree's arrest, began when Kiskaden

received several complaints on a red Ford pickup truck with red taillights. Kiskaden spotted the vehicle in downtown Carlisle and attempted to pull the suspect vehicle over.

Avery Jay Dams was driving and Josh Abree was the passenger," Kiskaden said Oct. 1 of the occupants of the truck, which did not pull over and stop, but rather sped away initiating a high-speed chase.

Kiskaden pursued with his siren on and his blue lights flashing, but the truck did not slow or

stop. This is a very thought provoking piece, and it is very intriguing," said the other judge, John Irvin.

The judges made their selection of winners Friday morning after very careful consideration and a lengthy examination of the beautifully displayed works of art.

Irvin, a Carlisle native, and President of the Folk Art Center in Morehead, has also been the curator of the Central Bank of Lexington art gallery for 17 years. He has also been an avid collector of folk art for more than 20 years.

Irvin's journalistic ventures routinely highlight Carlisle's activities in his column, which appears in the Louisville Voice Tribune.

"I'm very proud every time I come into Carlisle," Irvin said. "I always see a new brightness. Every time I come downtown I see something new that makes me feel good and have pride in Carlisle. That's the best thing a small town or com-

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Mitchell home from Iraq

Some folks traveled from other counties and other states for Homecoming 2007, which was held Friday night at Nicholas County High School.

Staff Sgt. Rodney Mitchell traveled all the way from Baghdad.

Mitchell is a member of Carlisle's 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery National Guard Unit, and is the son of Joan Crump and Jeff Mitchell. Staff Sgt. Mitchell was granted emergency leave to return to Carlisle from Iraq to be with his family for the surgical recovery of one daughter and the birth of another.

Mitchell, a Carlisle native and 1996 graduate of NCHS, will be home for Friday's game at NCHS.

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