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Arson likely

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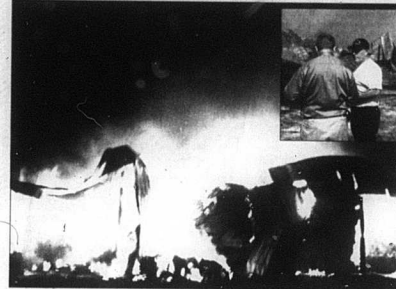
Nicholas County firefighters saved two barley tobacco barns filled to capacity from a Monday morning fire on Bethel Road, but were unable to save a hay barn. Investigators believe an arsonist started the blaze. "There's a \$10,000 cash reward being offered by one of the farm owners, Darrell Myers, for information, which leads to a conviction in connection with this fire," said Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes. "I definitely feel like the fire was started by an arsonist."

Hughes and nine of his fellow firefighters responded immediately to the fire at approximately 5 a.m. Monday morning. When they arrived at the Myers' family farm, near the intersection of Bethel Road and Dixie Road, located in southeastern Nicholas County, they saw one building completely engulfed in flames with the blaze threatening two tobacco barns and an abandoned farmhouse all of which were located very close by.

"We were able to prevent the spread of the fire," Hughes said while praising the efforts of the Nicholas County firefighters. Flames actually reached the base of one of the barns, but the blaze did not catch thanks to the quick action of the firefighters.

About 400 large square bales of Alfalfa hay, each weighing approximately 1,400 pounds, and farm machinery, including a hay

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Photos submitted and by Charles Mattox

A Kentucky State Police Arson investigator talks with Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes following an early morning fire, Monday, on Bethel Road. The barn was totally destroy with more than \$50,000 worth of hay inside. Some equipment was also lost. Arson is suspected. There were no injuries.

Scammer busted



Photo by Charles Mattox

Carlisle Police Chief William Denton, left searches a vehicle while fellow officer Michael Kiskaden, far right, searches Ronald Carter for weapons.

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Quick action by Carlisle police officers led to the arrest of a Lexington man who allegedly took money from several local businesses under the guise of using a portion of the funds to support the Nicholas County High School's athletics department. Ronald Carter, 64, of Lexington, who is also known as (aka), Eric Carter, aka Ron Johnson, aka Bill Carter, aka Robert Johnson, was arrested Sept. 20 by Kentucky State Police Detective Clinton Graves, on outstanding warrants from Jessamine

and Marion counties. Carter may soon face criminal charges in Nicholas County. "It's a bad day when an individual comes into the community and scams our local businesses under the pretense of helping the school. We have great support for the school and athletics programs in our community. If it wasn't for our local businesses we couldn't survive," said Bluejackets Football Coach and NCHS Athletic Director Robert Hopkins. Police say they have collected evidence which indicates Carter was involved in a scam that involved eliciting

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Cruiser stolen; man is charged

Second suspect remains at large

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One man was arrested and police continue to search for another who is suspected of stealing a police cruiser during a wild and drunken Nicholas County Saturday night escapade.

Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden arrested Jeremy Dennis Dunn, 25, of Carlisle, Saturday evening at approximately 10:30 p.m. Kiskaden charged Dunn with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol - drugs; resisting arrest; disarming a police officer (complicity) and fleeing or evading police, first degree.

Those charges came after Dunn and a passenger in a 2001 red Ford Pickup truck, led Kiskaden on a high-speed chase through the heart of Nicholas County.

Kiskaden had received alcohol-related complaints from citizens earlier in the evening and when he spotted the vehicle that matched the complaints he initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Broadway and Main and was culminating at

Broadway and Locust Street in Carlisle. Kiskaden noted that Dunn was behind the wheel of the vehicle and one other person was in the passenger seat. Dunn initially slowed the truck and Kiskaden thought he was going to pull the truck over, but just as quickly the truck sped off and the chase began. "The suspect's vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed," Kiskaden said of the pursuit. "They were going in excess of 80 m.p.h."

According to Kiskaden, Dunn drove the truck a distance of approximately eight miles through Nicholas County before stopping the vehicle near a barn on Dunn Road in a remote section of northern Nicholas County. "I exited the vehicle with my weapon drawn and ordered the driver out of the vehicle," Kiskaden said. Dunn exited the vehicle... and then ran.

"I closed the door on the cruiser, holstered my weapon and followed him," Kiskaden said. Kiskaden captured his suspect after chasing him approximately 30 feet, but the excitement was far from over.

"(The) Subject pulled off road and bailed out of driver's side. (He) ran behind a barn and I pursued," Kiskaden wrote on Dunn's arrest citation and added "The passenger of the (Ford) vehicle got out and drove away in my cruiser."

Kiskaden could do little more than keep his prisoner secured and await backup that was in route as his cruiser was driven from the scene.

"The siren and the lights were still on," Kiskaden said. "He didn't know how to turn them off I suppose."

Dunn continued to struggle and resist arrest. The stolen cruiser traveled only about 500 feet before



Photo by Hank Bond

Total loss

Fire destroyed a cabin behind the Mike Jolly residence on Myers Road last weekend. There were no injuries.

Man arrested on porn charge

Kentucky State Police Trooper Eric Barnett and Carlisle Police Chief William Denton arrested Karl Gene Klickner on a federal warrant Sept. 11 at his Carlisle home.

According to Denton, Barnett and Deputy U.S. Marshall Craig Smith, a charge of intent to distribute child pornographic images was filed against Klickner. Klickner appeared in federal court in Lexington Monday for an arraignment.

According to Smith, Klickner had been in court twice in connection with the charge. "Mr. Klickner has appeared in court for a detention hearing and then his initial appearance," Smith said.

Group planning gift packages

Everyone is encouraged to help with a community project geared to let our local National Guard soldiers in Iraq know how much they are missed.

The Family Readiness Group for the Carlisle National Guard Unit, Battery B 29138th Field Artillery, is going to be preparing individual care packages for all of the soldiers for Christmas.

"There are over 180 soldiers (most males and a few females) and we want to get the local community involved in helping with this project," a press release from the group states. "We are in need of items to be donated in order to fill the

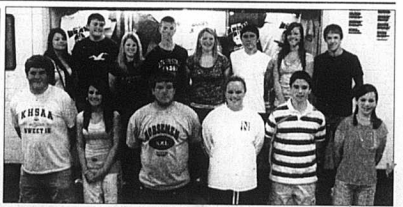


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NCHS Homecoming Court

Members of the homecoming court this year, include, front, left to right: Daniel Broderick, Kristen Letcher, Cody Barnett, Megan Hunter, Jared Napier and Andi Reiter. Back row, left to right, Kayle Mitchell, Bradley Morris, Andrea Bromberg, Mason Milton, Lindsay Crawford, Alex Florence, Hannah Garrett, and Jonathan Mattox. The king and queen will be crowned Friday night as part of homecoming. See slated article on Page 15.

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