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Grand Jury indicts two on burglary charges

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The Nicholas County Grand Jury met Monday and returned indictments against two men.

The indictments came on the heels of testimony from Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton, who was the sole witness to testify before the grand jury.

The indictments stem from a May 12, incident and the indictments state that Linnville and McClain "committed the offense of burglary in the first degree when, with the intent to commit a crime (they) entered and remained unlawfully in a building, namely AK Liquors, and while in

the building or in immediate flight therefrom, either (they) or Jonathan McClain was armed with a deadly weapon," the indictment against Linnville states.

Denton was called to AK Liquors the morning following the alleged burglary and found a large hole in the wall near the drive-thru window.

"We believe this is how the burglars gained entry," Denton told The Mercury regarding the crime. "While inside they removed a large number of items, some cash and a handgun."

Sgt. Darrell Lane and Officer Brad Weaver, both of the Carlisle Police Force, assisted with the investigation, according to Denton.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but is merely a procedural step in the judicial court system. All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty or admitting to a crime.

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Miss Nicholas County Fair Shayla Cropper

City council candidates have one week to file

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Carlisle residents who are interested in serving on the city council have until August 12 at 4 p.m. to file for candidacy.

There are six seats on the city council and only three individuals have filed thus far, according to deputy

clerks in the office of Doug Fryman Nicholas County Clerk.

Only two of the six current council members have filed. Betty Jo Booth and Doug Garrett have each thrown their names into the hat as Carlisle citizen Betty Fry.



No injuries were reported as a result of a single-vehicle accident, which occurred in the mid-morning hours of Aug. 4 on Lower Jackstown Road, Rocky J. Amburgey, 21, of Carlisle, was driving his 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 pick up truck at approximately 7:45 a.m., when it left the right-hand side of the roadway, struck a tree and overturned approximately on half mile south of the intersection of Lower Jackstown Road and Concrete Road, Amburgey was wearing a seatbelt and was uninjured. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett responded to the scene.

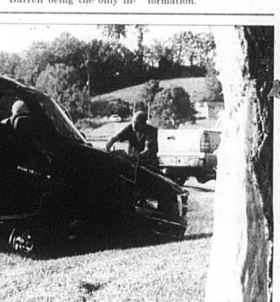


Photo by Charles Mattox

Local Guard to be honored Sunday

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Members of the Carlisle National Guard Unit will have their official hometown homecoming this Sunday during an event called Freedom Salute.

The event will be held Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at the NCHS Football Field. National Guard Information Officer David Altom confirmed the event Monday.

"We're still working on the details," Altom said. According to unit sources, the patriotic event will also feature an awards ceremony for the outstanding performance of the soldiers of Battery B 2-138 Field Artillery Unit. The unit was deployed to Camp Shelby last year for training and then deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit arrived in Iraq at the end of last August with approximately 180 soldiers. The unit lost two soldiers killed and four wounded in the first weeks of deployment after arriving in Iraq, Sgt.

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Special European trip planned

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A local woman with a passion for traveling and history is preparing to escort a group of young Nicholas Countians to Europe next year.

The trip will include visits to many wonderful European landmarks and the group will also visit the final resting places of four Nicholas Countians in France to visit the graves of four young Nicholas County men who lost their lives during World War Two.

"Capt. John W. Melbourne and Pfc. Frank W. Rigdon are buried at St. James Brittany Cemetery," Kelly Rice, trip coordinator said. "Earliest Sunday and Edwin E. Saunders are buried at the Colleville Summer Cemetery in Normandy. We know we will be visiting the graves of at St. James Brittany but aren't sure right now if we will be able to visit Colleville Sur-

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Photo by Dana Price
Sgt. Robbie Caswell, left, Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tinker, center, and Sergeant First Class Rob Hughes, right, are shown with a certificate and an American flag. Soldiers, including Caswell and Hughes, who were members of B Battery 2-138 Field Artillery, flew the flag over Camp Taji, Iraq on Jan. 13 of this year in honor of Tinker. "This touches my heart and I really appreciate this," Tinker said. "I will display this in my office with pride."

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