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ets softball team defeated a strong Covington Holy Cross team 7-3 at home April 30 and advanced to the Class A State Tournament at Louisville, May 10 where they played well.

The NCHS Marching Band also competed at state competition Saturday, Nov. 1. Band Director Debbie Hale and eight senior band members led the band, which performed "Vanish" and impressed judges as they had fans all year long. It was also a repeat trip for the band, which has qualified for state competition several years in a row.

4. A Carlisle woman accused of burning her home had her arson charge dismissed at the end of a preliminary hearing in Nicholas District Court in May. A criminal charge of facilitation to commit arson, second degree, against Mary White was not bound over to the grand jury, she stated that she did know who they were.

nary hearing in Nicholas District Court May 7, but rather dismissed at the request of White's attorney, Jeremy Matton, after testimony was given by veteran Kentucky State Police Dry Ridge Post Detective Clayton Graves, May 10.

Graves testified for approximately one hour during the hearing after being called to the stand by County Attorney Dawn Letcher. Graves testified that White told him he had been shot during a struggle with two men who had entered her home that night and that she had lost consciousness after being shot during a struggle with the two of the two alleged perpetrators. Graves testified that White told him that she had later awakened to find the home fully engulfed in flames and she had crawled out of the house and dialed 911.

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"She stated specifically that it was Stewart Jones who struggled with her and Josh Abene was also there," Graves said. "She specifically said Stewart Jones shot her. She gave me his name and said she knew him and that he had broken into her home before."

Graves said Jones was in fact incarcerated in jail at the time of the incident and had been for several days prior to the incident. He also said an interview with Abene and others confirmed Abene had a solid alibi and was not involved with the incident.

3. Carlisle brothers Brandon and Clayton Kimes were found not guilty of burglary charges following a daylong trial in Nicholas Circuit Court Thurs., July 24.

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"Justice was served," Brandon Kimes, 18, said with a broad grin as family members embraced him following the trial.

"I'm just glad it's finally over," Clayton, 21, said, following the same emotional embraces from his loved ones.

The brothers, who both testified, never denied working together as a team on Jan. 15 to remove a Play Station II control set and a collector set of Buck Knives from the residence of James Robert Willoughby on Upper Shiloh Road. But, they said they had given permission to enter the home in the manner they did and even been paid to do so by Willoughby himself, the morning of their arrest.

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Henry Buckler and Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton arrested the Kimes brothers on Jan. 15 following the incident at the Willoughby home, which also involved a shooting.

"We got shot at 17 times," Clayton Kimes said with a grim expression after the arrest.

Mary Kearns, a neighborhood resident, testified during the trial that she saw Clayton Kimes and also testified during the trial.

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"He (Jim Robert Willoughby) paid them to do it because he wanted a new front door," Public Defender Jennifer Whittmeyer, lead counsel among the attorneys representing the Kimeses, told jurors in her opening statements. "Brandon and Clayton did not go into that home without permission. They did what Jim Robert asked them to do. They did what Jim Robert paid them to do."

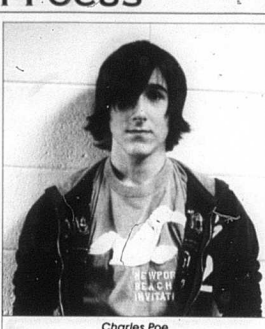
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STUDENT FOCUS



Kela Frederick

Mrs. Melanie Swartz proudly nominates Kela Frederick for the Student Focus. Kela is a member of the yearbook staff and has excelled from day one. She is steadfast, conscientious worker who takes pride in her work. Her yearbook spread is really and accurately completed because she didn't want her spread to be just "mediocre." She has worked dili-



Charles Poe

I would like to nominate Charles Poe for this weeks Student Spotlight Showcase. Charles has been a delight to have in class all year. Charles displays outstanding work not only in the classroom, but also with the FFA. Charles single handedly created a website for the Nicholas County FFA. This website is a wonderful and much needed addition for the chapter. It now gives us the ability show off all the things that our great students and members, such as Charles, accomplish. Not only has he created this website, but his written work in my class has been way above par. He is very knowledgeable over many of the agriculture related issues we cover in class. He is always the first to participate and everything that he does, he does to the best of his ability. I am looking forward to four great years with Charles in both the class room as well as the FFA. Mr. Wade Agriculture Education FFA Advisor

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