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## Burglary charges bound over

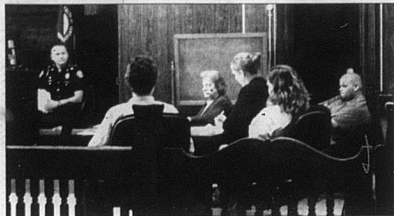


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Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton testifies during a preliminary hearing last week in Nicholas District Court regarding the charges of burglary lodged against Justin Lee Linville, left, Tiffany Marie Rothwell, center, shown with her and Linville's attorney Jennifer Wittmeyer and Johnathan Lamar McClain, far right, shown with his attorney Jimmy Brannon.

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Three Nicholas County young adults had their criminal charges of burglary, first degree, bound over to the Grand Jury following a preliminary hearing in Nicholas District Court May 28.

Justin Lee Linville, 19, Johnathan Lamar McClain, 19, and Tiffany Marie Rothwell, 20, appeared in front of Honorable District Judge William Probas with their attorneys for the preliminary hearing. All three are accused of being involved with the May 11/12 burglary of AK Liquors, of Concrete Road, Carlisle.

Public Defender Jennifer Wittmeyer represented Linville and Rothwell, and Carlisle/Paris attorney, Jimmy Brannon, who also

serves the court in the capacity of public defender, represented McClain.

The three defendants and their two attorneys sat together during the hearing.

Dawn Letcher, the county attorney for Nicholas County, called Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton as her first witness. Carlisle Police Officer Brad Weaver was also present and was prepared to testify, but he was asked to leave the room when Wittmeyer and Brannon asked for a "separation of witnesses."

Chief Denton covered all aspects of the investigation in such detail that Letcher never called Weaver to the stand.

Under direct questioning from Letcher, and cross-examination from both Wittmeyer and Brannon, Denton testified that he had been dispatched to AK Li-

quors immediately after the business opened on May 12, when it was discovered that a large hole had been opened near the drive-thru window of the business and items were missing.

Denton testified that he, Weaver, fellow CPD Officer Mike Kiskaden and Kentucky State Police Trooper Eric Barnett from the Dry Ridge Post, worked together to process the evidence discovered at the scene.

"We are awaiting the results of fingerprint analysis," Denton said. "We have reviewed video surveillance."

Denton said that two males were clearly visible on the video that captured the burglary.

"Did you recognize the two men on the video?" Letcher asked.

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## Patriots to be honored as part of courthouse project

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Do you know of anyone that is currently serving in the military that calls Nicholas County home or attended school in Nicholas County?

If you answer yes then please contact the office of Nicholas County Attorney Dawn Letcher at 289-3745. Letcher and her staff are preparing a patriotic bulletin board identifying all the military personnel that

are serving their country at home and abroad.

The bulletin board will be displayed in the courthouse and will honor the service of Nicholas Countians.

"We hope the families of soldiers currently serving abroad and those who have recently returned home from Iraq will honor us with a photograph of their loved one to include in this project," said Letcher. "We are very humbled by their service and hope to honor them in this small way."



Photo submitted

Members of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery, National Guard Unit, based in Carlisle, are shown just prior to leaving the Middle East, after their nine-month-long tour of duty inside Iraq, where they provided convoy and force security missions.

## Cicadas return after 17-year absence



Photo by Charles Mattox

The 17-year cicadas have returned in full force. Shown above, a cicada emerges from its nymph, or shell-like larvae. The nymphs crawl from the ground prior to the emergence.

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They're back!

The 17-year cicadas have emerged from the ground and are thriving once more across the Commonwealth. Hordes of the insects are emerging in Carlisle, Mt. Olivet, Owingville, Frenchburg and many communities, in between.

"My God they're everywhere," Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tischer said Monday.

Cicadas are often called locusts, but according to scientists, locusts are migratory grasshoppers that often travel in vast swarms.

The male cicada makes the loudest sound in the insect world; they have their own built-in sound system.

Each male cicada sound organ consists of a large plate-like structure, the operculum, which covers a cavity containing a white or yellowish membrane and an oval, ribbed, drum-like structure called timbals. The timbals are vibrated by strong muscles to produce the cicada song.

"Cicadas are said to be the loudest animal in the world. Producing a loud whining sound with structure that is greatly amplified with air-filled resonating chambers, the cicada is also a proficient ventriloquist, making it hard to locate the actual source of the noise. The ancient Greek revered this insect and the Chinese made jade cicada amulets. These amulets were placed under the tongue of the deceased to induce resurrection. This symbolism comes from an observance of immature ci-

cada emerging fresh from their molted skins.

Only male cicadas sing. The females are lured to the sound and fly nearer. A female responds to a male with a flick of her wings. The two gradually draw close to one another until they meet for mating.

Male cicadas die soon after mating. Females lay 400 to 600 eggs in as many as 40 to 50 different nests

before they die. A female cicada lays her eggs in the twigs of trees and shrubs. She places the eggs in small holes that she makes with a saw like organ near the tip of her abdomen.

The Magicicada, the one emerging now, goes through a 17, or sometimes, 13-year life cycle. These long life cycles are an adaptation to predators such as the cicada killer wasp and praying

mantis as a predator could not regularly fall into cyclic rhythm with the cicadas.

The insects spend most of the time that they are underground as nymphs at depths ranging from about one foot. The nymphs feed on root juice and have strong front legs for digging.

Cicadas are considered delicacies in China and several other countries.

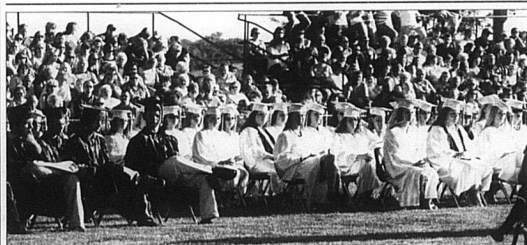


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Graduation ceremonies were held Sunday evening for the Nicholas County High School graduating class of 2008. There were a total of 77 members of the class who received diplomas during the ceremony.

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