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# Woman charged with arson



Photo by Hank Bond

A Crooked Creek home was totally destroyed by fire late last Wednesday afternoon. Joyl Rose Middleton has been charged with arson, second degree, in connection with the fire.

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Police say a fire that destroyed a Crooked Creek Road home on the afternoon of June 11 was intentionally set, and they have arrested the woman law enforcement officials say is responsible.

Joyl Rose Middleton, 33, second degree, in connection with the fire that destroyed a home belonging to Paula Perkins at 950 Crooked Creek Road, Kentucky State Police Trooper John Hawkins and Trooper Dennis Mayberry, of the Dry Ridge Post, arrested Middleton at 6:30 p.m. Friday after County Attorney Dawn Letcher issued a warrant for her arrest.

"I read Mrs. Middleton her Miranda rights, and she confessed to using a lighter to set a fire that caused the complete destruction of the residence located at 950 Crooked Creek Road," Trooper Hawkins wrote on Middleton's arrest citation. "This residence is owned by Paula Perkins. Ownership was confirmed by the Nicholas County PVA."

According to her arrest warrant, Middleton "utilized a lighter to catch the curtains afire and thereafter left the residence."

Midleton remains lodged in the Montgomery County Jail on \$10,000 cash bond. She is scheduled to appear in Nicholas District Court June 18, via video arraignment, for her arraignment.

## Relay for Life begins this Friday

Special to  
The Carlisle Mercury

Join Nicholas Countians in the fight against cancer. The American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE will be held June 20-21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the NCHS track. Relay teams will take turns walking or strolling around the track or rocking in chairs beside the tracks. Teams consist of individuals representing churches, clubs, organizations, clubs, businesses or family and friends. During the Relay team members, survivors, caregivers and visitors can enjoy games, food, music and camaraderie while visiting or camping out at the event.

size quilt, quilt representing the 6 years of the NC Relay, handcrafted items, RWB Afghan, ceramic angel purses, big stars, swords, lamp with deerbase, side table, baskets with different themes (ex. UK items including a set of tickets), one with cookbooks etc. and many other items.

At 10 p.m., all partial pants will share in a special luminary ceremony to remember those individuals who have been affected by cancer. Contributions for the legs is \$5 per person to be honored or remembered. Checks should be made to the American Cancer Society. You may purchase these the night of the Relay before 8:30 p.m.

At 8 p.m. there will be a live auction with many items to bid on. This is different from years past, so be there to bid on these items -- twin

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of the event. Come and have supper with your friends and stay for the ceremonies, fun and music.

## Blackberry Festival plans finalized

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Plans are being finalized to help make the upcoming Blackberry Festival the best in recent memory, with lots of activities to be enjoyed in downtown Carlisle and also at the West End Park during the week of July 4. The festival queen candidates were named this week.

and the governor's staff has told the Mercury they are trying to make that happen although the Governor is currently completing a trade visit to Japan and has an extremely full upcoming schedule.

This year's Blackberry Festival Queen candidates are Emily Frederick, Brandi Messick, Lakisha Sargent and Holoe Bretz.

The festival will open Tuesday night July 1 at West End Park with activities and the carnival opening at 6 p.m. The annual parade and crowning of the Blackberry Festival Queen will take place Thursday evening July 3 at 7 p.m. in downtown Carlisle, with Lt. Gov. Dan Mongiardo scheduled to crown the queen at the conclusion of the parade. Organizers are hoping Lt. Gov. Mongiardo will bring Governor Steve Beshear along to enjoy the parade.

Emily Frederick, 18, is the daughter of Jerry and Mary Frederick, of Carlisle. She has been an active member of Technology Students of America for four years and was their president one year. She has been an active member of FFA for three years and was the Dan Mongiardo scheduled secretary for one year.

She has also been a member of the Student Council. Organizers are hoping Lt. Gov. Mongiardo will bring Governor Steve Beshear along to enjoy the parade. See FESTIVAL Page 16

## Parent raises academic concern

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A concerned parent of a Nicholas County eighth grade student raised serious concerns over his son's inconsistent grades during the Monday night meeting of the Nicholas County School Board.

Greg Rawlings told board members, at the conclusion of their listed agenda and after all school business was discussed, that his son, who had been on the honor role in the seventh grade, was having serious academic problems in the eighth grade and professional evaluators had told him his son was only doing math on a fourth grade level and reading on a fifth grade level. Rawlings said he had recently watched his son struggle with simple math problems.

"I'm looking for answers," he said. "How does it happen that one year he makes the honor role and the next year

he's making 'F's? I thought he was squared away last year because he made the honor role and this year the bottom dropped out. He'll be in the ninth grade this year and he can't count money. If you tell him its \$4.52 he'll keep throwing money at you until you tell him to stop. It's pathetic."

Rawlings said he took his son to Sylvan Institute in Lexington to be evaluated and he is currently taking nine hours of instruction there per week. Rawlings said the Sylvan evaluators had told him his son "had trouble focusing after 20 minutes of instruction" and that his reading

and math were consistent with that of a fourth and fifth grader. "My question is how does this happen and if my child is like that how many others are like that? He should have never been on the honor roll is what I'm getting at."

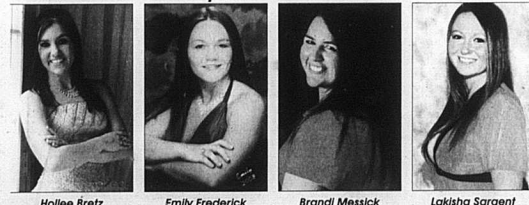
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Photo by Charles Mattox

Board member Steve Linville and Board Chairperson Mona Vise listen intently to the concerns addressed at the monthly Nicholas County Board of Education meeting held Monday evening.

## 2008 Blackberry Festival Queen Candidates



Holoe Bretz Emily Frederick Brandi Messick Lakisha Sargent

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