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Carlisle man arrested following high speed chase

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A Carlisle man who police say had his license suspended for DUI faces multiple criminal charges after allegedly led police on a wild car chase through Carlisle and across East Union Road last week before being arrested on foot near Moorefield.

David Alan Dryden, 29, of Carlisle, was arrested by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler June 19 at approximately 9:15 a.m. and charged with reckless driving, fleeing or evading police, first degree driving on a DUI suspended license and receipt of a stolen credit card.

The chase and subsequent arrest was initiated at East End Foodmart, where Dryden was sitting in a highly intoxicated manner, according to witnesses present. One of those who saw Dryden's bizarre behavior approached Buckler who pulled into the business and was filling his truck with gas.

"The subject (Dryden) got into the vehicle (a green 2000 Buick). I replaced the nozzle

and I followed the subject. He was all over the roadway," Buckler wrote on Dryden's arrest citation.

Buckler immediately followed Dryden closely and attempted to initiate a stop but Dryden sped up along Ky. 36, Main Street, turned right onto Eastern Avenue, then left onto Archelwood and then left onto heading east onto Ky. 36 and then right onto East Union Road.

"Subject then jumped the railroad tracks and exceeded 80-90 mph," Buckler wrote on Dryden's citation. "I pursued the subject about four miles. The subject ditched his vehicle on Stanford Watkins's farm in a hay field."

According to Buckler and witnesses, the Dryden vehicle passed motorcycles in curves and along narrow sections of the road at a high rate of speed.

Dryden allegedly fled on foot after leaving the vehicle in the hay field, and was taken into custody approximately 40 minutes later while standing on the front porch of a home near Moorefield.

Buckler found a credit card belonging to Laura L. Ray in

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No injury accident

Carlton B. 'Dean' McFarland, was driving his 2006 Ford 550 Super Duty pickup for Martin's Sanitation Service of Paris, June 19, along Short Stony Creek Road, when the wooden bridge leading to the home of Tom Hamm buckled beneath the truck. Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett reported no injuries as a result of the mishap, but there was damage to the undercarriage of the truck and the wooden bridge was a complete loss.

Photo by Charles Mattox

Blackberry Festival plans near completion

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Plans continue to be made to make the upcoming Blackberry Festival one of the most memorable in recent history and it should prove to be entertaining for festival goers of all ages, with activities at two locations: downtown Carlisle and West End Park.

Festival organizers, including Dorey Watkins of the American Legion and Gladys ShROUT of the Nich-

olas County Tourism Committee invite everyone to enjoy this year's festival.

Thus far 10 food vendors have committed to joining in the activities at West End Park and the band City Limits is scheduled to play at the park on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, of the festival week, according to Nicholas County Tourism Director Gladys ShROUT.

"We'll have karaoke Tuesday and Wednesday night," ShROUT said.

The festival will open Tuesday night July 1 at

West End Park with activities and the carnival opening at 6 p.m.

The Carnival is called "Family Attractions and Amusement," said festival organizer Jim Galbreath while he explained that the carnival would be less expensive than previous years and arm bands would be good until midnight each night.

"In previous years the arm bands were only good until around 10 p.m.," he said. "We think people will enjoy the extra time this year and the arm bands

will only cost \$12."

Cost of admission to the Carlisle portion of the festival is free and cost to those going to the West End Park will be \$2 per carload, regardless of number of occupants in the vehicle.

One dollar of that charge, per carload, will go to the festival's host organization, the American Legion. The other dollar will go toward future benefits of Nicholas County school children, according to ShROUT.

ShROUT said improvements have been made to the park in anticipation of

the festival.

"Kentucky Utilities has donated electrical wire and put up a new utility pole," ShROUT said. "Doug McCord has helped with the electricity and Jeff Randolph has been working on the electrical panel boxes."

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark pledged his support to the success of the festival to sponsors and has been in charge of preparing the fireworks show that will be held on the evening of the Fourth of July.

"It's going to be a good show," Clark told Carlisle

city council members last week following a special meeting. "There will be about six of us involved in setting off the fireworks," including City Fire Chief Jeff Jefferson. "There will also be an ambulance on the scene as a precaution."

Galbreath said the fireworks this year should be larger than last years with more fireworks and a bigger show.

Clark joined others involved in the event in expressing his excitement

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Motorcyclist injured in single-vehicle accident

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A single-vehicle accident on Bartterville Road sent a female motorcyclist to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries June 11.

Emergency personnel responded rapidly to the scene along Bartterville Road, approximately one mile from US 68, after a passing motorist dialed 911 in the early afternoon to report a motorcycle accident.

Pam Willoughby, 36, of Carlisle was driving a 2008 Rocket 4 motor scooter south on Bartterville Road when her motor scooter left the roadway and overturned near a cluster of trees along the road.

Willoughby, who was

wearing a helmet, suffered small lacerations and abrasions to her face, according to Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler.

Nicholas County Ambulance Personnel joined Buckler, Sheriff Dick Garrett and Nicholas County

Fire Chief Mark Hughes at the scene. Hughes arrived with several volunteer firefighters who worked with ambulance personnel to evaluate, treat and stabilize Willoughby at the scene before she was rushed to the Nicholas County Hospital.

Buckler praised the speed and efficiency of the emergency personnel who arrived quickly on the scene to assist Willoughby.

Kentucky State Police were kept busy last week working a multitude of ac-

cidents including three non-Nicholas County motorcycle accidents.

KSP reports that preliminary statistics indicate that eighteen people died in sixteen separate crashes on

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Photo by Charles Mattox

Emergency responders converged on Bartterville Road to assist Pam Willoughby following a motorcycle accident June 11.

Mercury to begin local NIE Program

The Carlisle Mercury is establishing a new program for school student utilizing the local newspaper in the classroom.

Nationally this program is called Newspapers in Education and it has been deemed an essential ingredient in classroom education and preparation for annual testing.

One educator spoke highly of the NIE program.

"The average newspaper is written on a level that the students can understand and find many different methods for using it as a teaching tool

in the classroom," a local administrator said. "As far as having a local newspaper involved, I think that is great because they can keep up with current events going on in their city and county."

Newspapers in Education (NIE) is a wonderful program designed to help promote literacy in our youth and establish life long newspaper readers.

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