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Blue Licks Park commemorates 227th anniversary of battle

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The 227th anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was commemorated over the weekend at the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park.

A wide variety of entertainment and activities throughout the weekend enhanced the annual battle re-enactment, with re-enactors from across the state and nation participating in the annual event.

Several re-enactors

camped together, with their dwellings being identical replicas of those used by Native Americans and Kentucky pioneers in the late 18th century. Several of the re-enactors also sold period goods and other items and shared information with park guests about living conditions during the late 18th century. The Pioneer Museum was the focal point of several programs during the weekend and many guests to this year's event toured the museum while

attending several special events inside. Author Dale Payne was at the museum. Payne's works include "Narratives of Pioneer Life and Border Warfare." Phillip Hoffman, who wrote "Simon Girty Turns Coat Here," was present, as well. Hoffman conducted a question and answer session of the role Simon Girty played during the American Revolution and the Battle of Blue Licks. Girty led the Native American forces against the Kentuckians during the 1782 battle fought within the boundaries of the park, and in accordance with historical accuracy, Native American and British re-enactors



A Native American warrior and Kentucky militia soldier face off near the crowd during the battle re-enactment held over the weekend of Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park. Photo by Charles Mattox

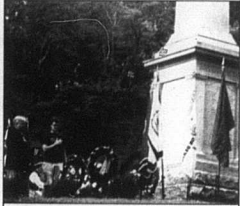


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NEVER TO FORGET

Mayville Meyer David Carmell, left, who is on the board of National Trustees for the patriotic organization Sons of the American Revolution, joins Andrew Greene, right, who represented the George Mason Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, in honoring the slain Kentuckians who perished at the Battle of Blue Licks Aug. 19, 1782. Meyer Carmell and Greene were part of a memorial service conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution at the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park over the weekend during the 227th battle commemoration event. Carmell also serves on the park's commission and said he was honored to participate in this year's commemorative ceremony. He also called the battle re-enactment "one of the best I've ever seen."

Robinson arrested

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A young Carlisle man was arrested and charged with several criminal offenses following an incident in Paris last week, which police say involved an explosive device.

Austin Robinson, 19, of Carlisle, was charged with wanton endangerment, first degree (seven counts); possession of a destructive device, public intoxication, possession of marijuana

and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to Bourbon County and Paris police sources. Robinson was allegedly with William McCarty Jr., 19, of Foster and Michael Alney Jr., 18, of Paris.

Police say the trio threw a homemade explosive device at a home at 308 Stiner Avenue on August 12 just after noon. The bomb detonated outside the home next to a gas meter and caused minimal damage to the home upon detonation.

Wilson pleads not guilty

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Jesse Edmund Wilson, 26, appeared in Nicholas Circuit Court Monday, with his attorney Bing Bush Jr. and entered not guilty pleas to the charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, possession of marijuana, fleeing or evading police, second degree, and tampering with physical evidence.

Wilson was indicted on those charges by a July Nicholas County Grand Jury. McCarty and Alney were also charged with wanton endangerment, first degree, and possession of a destructive device. McCarty was also charged with resisting arrest and fleeing or evading police. Alney was also charged with public intoxication.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court Meeting

By James Smith
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On August 11th at 4 p.m., the Nicholas County Fiscal Court Meeting was held. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance it was time to get down to business.

One of the first items on the agenda had to be postponed until Monday, August the 24th at 4:30 p.m., when Mr. Jim Dotson from World Wide Equipment, who was unable to attend the meeting, will be ready to answer questions about a truck-

Youth hospitalized in serious condition

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A Nicholas County teen remains hospitalized at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in "serious" condition, as the extended Carlisle Mercury holds its breath in hopes of a speedy recovery.

An eighth-grade student within the Nicholas County School System began suffering from flu-like symptoms Friday evening and over the weekend, according to community sources. Community members continue to grow con-

FIRE

Veteran Nicholas County Firefighter Matt Hughes

race toward a burning vehicle on Abernethy Mills Road Monday afternoon. Hughes and fellow veteran firefighter Mike Phillips worked together with several other firefighters to contain the blaze and keep it from spreading to the dry underbrush that lined the narrow road.

According to Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett, Wally Morris was the owner of the vehicle. No injuries have been reported in connection with the fire.

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