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Teen's death saddens, mystifies community

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On Saturday, Aug. 14, 14-year-old Jerry Patton joined his Middle School teammates in a football game against Bracken County.

Within 48 hours, the otherwise healthy young man became ill, complaining of a headache. On Monday he went to the Carlisle Clinic, a medical treatment facility in Nicholas County. Within minutes of being seen at the Carlisle Clinic, he was admitted to the Nicholas County Hospital and later transferred by air to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

On Friday, Aug. 21, Jerry Patton's youthful and vibrant life ended.

"Someone that sick had a serious infection," Dr. Janet Tamaren said Aug. 24 in a brief interview with the Carlisle Mercury. Tamaren was the physician who had Patton admitted to the Nicholas County Hospital Monday, Aug. 17, after she saw him at the Carlisle Clinic. Patton was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center later that same day.

The young man's condition worsened, and despite efforts of all attending physicians his life ended Friday, Aug. 21.

According to Dr. Tamaren, the University of Kentucky Intensive Care Unit doctor, Dr. Bernard told her he applied mosquito repellent when going outdoors.

"There is no information we can release at this case," said Amanda Nelson, spokesperson for the University of Kentucky medical center. "There's just nothing legally we can release."

With no information forthcoming, community members grow concerned as they continue to mourn the passing of the young Mr. Patton.

"It's very scary," Dr. Tamaren said of the lack of information available and the cause of death.

Dr. Tamaren said that some forms of meningitis could be transferred to humans through mosquito bites and recommends that everyone apply mosquito repellent when going outdoors.

"We have received no official cause of death from anyone at the University of Kentucky," Nicholas County Coroner Bill Clark said over the weekend. According to Clark an autopsy was performed at the University of Kentucky and those results have not been made available to him.

"It's unbelievable," said Nicholas County Middle School Football Coach Chris Fryman. "He was playing football on Saturday and on Monday he was being airlifted to UK."

Coach Fryman clarified an injury Patton incurred during the game. On Thursday Patton's leg whipped into another player and caused the opposing player's leg to break.



Jerry Patton
On Saturday, Patton twisted his ankle. "He went to the hospital in Bracken County as a precaution," Coach Fryman said. See JERRY Page 13

Millersburg Farmers Market

Sherry Snapp, owner of Yesterday's Treasures, has spear-headed the newly opened Market on the Millersburg Square in beautiful downtown Millersburg. "Our area farmers produce wonderful veggies as well as a wide assortment of produce. The need for a venue to sell them was great!" Sherry said.



Selena Oertz, from ARTCROFT, offers fresh herbs and produce at her stand at the Millersburg Farmers Market.

After making many phone calls to invite 40 plus local farmers and craftsmen, The Market on the Millersburg Square began in early July. Vendors set up on 5th Street in Millersburg, next to the historic Millersburg Square. Depending on the week, local residents like Teddy Tostvaine and Dennis and Mary Lynn Stone, offer home made breads. Sharon Crump and her daughters Jenny and Katin bring a bounty of freshly harvested produce from their garden along with homemade banana blackberry breads.

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Paterson's preliminary hearing scheduled for this week

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A former Carlisle woman who police say deliberately helped her boyfriend set fire to their apartment is scheduled to have a preliminary hearing in Nicholas County District Court August 26.

Phylicia Peterson, 21, formerly of Carlisle, is set to have a preliminary hearing on the charges of arson, first degree, wanton endangerment, first degree, criminal mischief, assault third degree, and terroristic threatening, second degree.

Franklin County, Officer Snedegar's arrest warrants implicated both Trimble and Peterson in connection with the March incident at Hall's Apartments. "Mr. Trimble set fire in his apartment attempting to burn the entire building and everyone in it," Snedegar wrote on Trimble's arrest citation. "Fire was started in floor with off West Main Street while ensuring the fire was completely extinguished and the injured were treated."

Peterson turned herself in to Carlisle Police on March 26.

Officer Snedegar is expected to testify at Peterson's preliminary hearing. If probable cause is found following testimony, Peterson's charges may be bound over to a future Nicholas County Grand Jury, which may or may not indict her on all of some of the charges.

Everyone is considered innocent until proven guilty or admitting guilt.

Burbrink indicted

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A single indictment was issued against a Nicholas County woman during a meeting of the Nicholas County Grand Jury earlier this month.

Members of a Nicholas County Grand Jury indicted Angela Burbrink, 27, of Cassidy Creek Road, on Aug. 17 on the charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree; and possession of a controlled substance, third degree. The indictment came on the heels of testimony provided to the grand jury by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Dennis Buckler.

According to the indictments issued against Burbrink, she unlawfully possessed oxycodone and alprazolam on or about May 1 of this year.



All Fired up
The Nicholas County Bluejackets Football Team members shout a war cry in anticipation of meeting rival Both County. The Bluejackets claimed a victory 22-17 over their long time rivals, in a hard-fought contest last Friday night in Owingsville.