

### Accused woman expresses innocence

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A woman charged with theft by unlawful taking says she is innocent and has been receiving harassing phone calls from members of the community. "It's been terrible," said Melissa Whitt, 30 of Carlisle. Whitt was arrested Jan. 16 by Carlisle Police Officer Ron Allison and charged with theft by deception. The charge was made after Whitt allegedly "played money cans in local business establish-

ments and collected money by creating a false impression that the money would be expended toward payment for funeral expenses of four juveniles who were killed in a tragic fire in Montgomery County," according to Whitt's arrest warrant. Whitt says she is innocent of the charge and is eager to clear her name. Whitt is currently scheduled to appear in Nicholas County District Court Feb. 11 for an arraignment. "I'm not guilty and that's how I will plead," Whitt said.



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### Birth



Riley Jean Hall

Matt and Amanda Hall would like to announce the birth of their 1st child Riley Jean Hall. Riley was born on November 28, 2008 at 5:51 p.m. She weighed six pounds and seven ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She was born at Meadowview Regional Hospital in Maysville, KY.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Betty Willoughby. Paternal grandparents are Eugene and Judy Hall of Carlisle.

Riley was welcomed home by her 2 special aunts, Carla Kelley and Sherry Willoughby and her 2 dogs Noah and Ross

### Birth



Tucker Wesley Beaty

Wes Beaty and Jackie Frederick would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Tucker Wesley Beaty. He was born at Central Baptist Hospital on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 5:35 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Tucker's maternal grandparents are Danny and Susan Frederick of Carlisle. His paternal grandparents are Rick and Lisa Beaty of Carlisle and the late Opal Beaty. Maternal great-grandparents are Bill and Linda Brown and Sandy Brown of Lexington and the late Raymond and Minnie Frederick of Carlisle. Paternal great-grandparents are Ellen Cliff and the late William Cliff of Lexington and Sue Choate and the late Kelly Choate of Elizaville.

Eugene "Sonny" Ring of Cynthiana, Ky. died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. He was born in Nicholas County to the late James Howard and Margaret Robinson Ring. He was a self-employed truck driver.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Stephanie (Billy) Sosby, Carlisle; two grandchildren, Brittanee and Branson Sosby, Carlisle; his mother, Margaret Robinson Ring, Carlisle; one sister, Wendie (Bobby) Stearns, Carlisle; two brothers, Larry (Dorlene) Ring, Carlisle; and Gary (Rhonda) Ring, Columbia, Missouri; a special friend, Rita Beckett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Howard Ring. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Chancellor and Rev. Mark Vice officiating, with burial following in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Sharpsburg. Pallbearers were Larry and Gary Ring, John Arnold, Steve Jones, Bobby Sexton, David Kern, Wayne Weaver, and Gary Gandy. Honorary bearers were Frank Lyons, Gary Gruba, Noel Phillips, Thomas Brisley, Layne Gray, Tom Jones, Wilbur Smith, and Johnny Phillips. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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### Mandy Scott on Dean's List



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Above Angler displays a prized Snokrodoode caught on a recent fishing trip to Barren River Lake. Mr. Fryman stated that this was an excellent trophy catch. When asked if he was going to mount this catch he nodded in the affirmative. Miss Wade stated that there was still plenty of space on the wall since this was the first. Good luck on your next outing.

### SHOOTING

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by midnight that evening. Zach Pollitt knew Hill was involved with horses and called him to help him remove Romeo.

Hill arrived at the scene around 11:30 with a truck and trailer. His wife and daughter were also along. He met Zach Pollitt at the barn and the two loaded the horse, according to investigators.

Brenda Pollitt then drove her vehicle from her house and up the small dirt lane to the barn behind her house, according to investigators.

"The deceased (Dailey) came into the driveway and confronted ME, Hill with a weapon," said Detective Sergeant Jeremy Murrell of the Dry Ridge Post Kentucky State Police. Murrell is overseeing the investigation, which is being conducted by Dry Ridge Detective Nathan Moore. Murrell also confirmed that Dailey had a loaded .22 caliber pistol in her possession, which she allegedly brandished.

Murrell said that at this point in the investigation he believed Hill unloaded the horse at the request of Brenda Dailey. Moments later Hill pulled his weapon and opened fire. Dailey never fired the weapon she allegedly brandished. Nicholas County Coroner Bill Clark confirmed the day after an autopsy was performed on Dailey that she had been struck five times with 40 caliber rounds. Clark indicated that two of those shots struck Dailey in the back. The next grand jury to meet in Nicholas County does so on Feb. 16 at which time the case may or may not be presented. Wright said he had spoken to Detective Moore, but had not yet received Moore's written case report of the investigation. Wright said he typically reads the written report "very carefully and also discusses the case with the lead investigating officer after he has read the report before presenting any case to a grand jury."

Mandy Scott, daughter of Gayla Kelley of Carlisle, received academic recognition for her first semester achievements at Georgetown College. Mandy is a 2008 honors graduate from Bourbon County High School. She earned an academic and gold scholarship to attend Georgetown College. She earned an academic and gold scholarship to attend Georgetown College. She earned an academic and gold scholarship to attend Georgetown College. She earned an academic and gold scholarship to attend Georgetown College.

The Dean's List at Georgetown College is composed of students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.7 or above in at least 12 graded credit hours of classes at Georgetown College. I commend you for your hard work this past semester and for your decision to continue to strive for academic excellence. I wish you continuing success as you pursue your educational and personal goals.

Mandy is majoring in psychology and journalism. Donna and G. Gayle Kelley, residents of Carlisle, are Mandy's grandparents.

### OVERLY

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"The Kentucky State Police are just too militant," said another "disconnect" between police and residents was growing wider. Overly told constituents that the state police were protected from the cuts to a certain extent and joined others in expressing a desire to see more troopers on the road so their individual workload might decrease.

This topic was quickly fueled by discussion with growing crime rates and the increasing jail budget that are literally bankrupting several Kentucky counties and are becoming difficult to budget for Nicholas County.

"The prison population in the state is exploding," Overly said. "We'll be looking for programs that offer alternative punishments for non-violent offenders." Some expressed that too much cutting of government services would have a negative effect. "You don't make any money by starving a cow to death," Barker said. Overly agreed and said she would fight to keep some programs from being cut "at all costs." She complimented Barker's expression to one she had used only last week in Bath County during a similar Town Hall meeting when she told constituents that she had a firm background and knew not

"to eat up the seed corn." Overly expressed support for federal matching programs, such as Medicaid, which matches state dollars with federal dollars. She also said she would fight to protect entities within the state that create more revenue than liability. Dorse Watkins joined others in expressing concern over littering and asked about consolidating Carlisle and Nicholas County governmental bodies, to save taxpayers for an unnecessary duplication of services.

Watkins used new fire trucks housed closely together and used by the city and county entities, as an example. Watkins asked about putting the proposal on petitions for consideration for future elections. Overly said she had seen governmental entities merging but had never heard of one in such a rural environment.

"I will look into this for you," she told Watkins. "It just seems like there are a lot of duplication of services," Watkins said. Overly also heard complaints from welfare fraud and food stamp abuse, and promised that legislators had heard that expressed before and she felt certain.

She said she had her work cut out for her. "The next session will not be all that pleasant," Overly said about pending meetings of the legislature. She also joined constituents in expressing concern about the state's Commonwealth Accountability Test (CATs). "We will definitely see a movement to change out CATs testing in the state," she said. Overly took time to listen intently to all concerns expressed by constituents in the group and individually after the meeting. She also met with Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tinger following the meeting.

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