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# Alleged cattle rustlers, drug dealers and others indicted

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Three alleged modern-day cattle rustlers were indicted on felony criminal charges in Nicholas County Circuit Court on July 20 by a Nicholas County Grand Jury.

Jeremy Terrill, 29, Angela Barbrink, 37, and Christopher "Pancake" Myers, 34, each were indicted on a single count of receiving stolen property, \$500 or more.

The indictments against the three were identical and alleged that on May 1, 2009 all three defendants committed the offense

against Clarence Terrill. According to court documents, law enforcement officials, and community sources, Terrill, Myers, and Barbrink were arrested May 1, after allegedly taking four head of cattle from a farm on Miller Station Road and selling them for \$1,200 to a buyer outside of Maysville Stockyards.

Jeremy Terrill, Myers and Barbrink, appeared in Nicholas District Court June 3. Terrill appeared with his attorney James Branson and waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Myers and Barbrink proceeded with their preliminary hearing and

were represented by Public Defender Jennifer Wittmeyer.

County Attorney Dawn Letcher called Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler as her only witness during that hearing.

Deputy Buckler testified that he and Sheriff Dick Garrett conducted the investigation into the alleged cattle theft, spoke to the owner of the cattle, who is a relation of Terrill's, interviewed the man who bought the cattle and interviewed each of the three suspects.

Buckler said Terrill confessed to the crime. "He admitted he took

them (cattle)," Buckler said. "He said he was addicted to pills."

Buckler testified that Terrill "also implicated Myers and Barbrink when interviewed."

District Judge Honorable Jay Delaney listened intently to the testimony of Buckler and heard the comments from Letcher and Wittmeyer.

On a motion of the commonwealth the theft charges against Myers and Barbrink was amended to receiving stolen property, more than \$300.

Buckler also provided testimony to the members of the grand jury before

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Photo by Charles Mattox  
Hollie Bretz, center front, was joined by parents Penny and Barry on each side, as well as St. Catharine's Lady Patriots Softball Coach Holly Smith, back left and Nicholas County Schools Athletics Director Robert Hopkins during a July 20 season-opening signing of a letter of intent to play softball for St. Catharine's.

## Bretz signs with St. Catharine's College

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Hollie Bretz, daughter of Penny and Barry Bretz of Nicholas County, signed a letter of intent to play softball with the Lady Patriots of St. Catharine's College on July 22 at the Nicholas County Schools campus.

"We're very excited to have Hollie joining our Lady Patriots," said Lady Patriots Coach Holly Smith. "She knows the game and she plays hard," he said. "I've been following her for three years. We have plans to use Hollie as a catcher."

Bretz will be joining a team of national champions, as the Lady Patriots were very pleased with their daughter's decision. Conference, one of the toughest conferences in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics or NAAI. The Lady Patriots also won the national title in the eight-team tournament of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) by defeating Robert Morris University-Springfield (Illinois) 6-4.

This will be Coach Smith's sixth season with the Lady Patriots. "I think Coach Smith and St. Catharine's will be getting a great student-athlete."

Nicholas County Schools Athletics Director Robert Hopkins said. "Hollie is one of the greatest softball players to ever come out of Nicholas County."

Hopkins, who joined a large contingent of family and friends for the ceremonial signing, said Bretz's knowledge of the game was unmatched.

Hollie's parents said they were very pleased with their daughter's decision. "We're very proud of her," Penny Bretz said.

Hollie, who's dynamic play helped her Blue Jackets compete at the state level, while she was a student at NCHS, said she was looking forward to wearing a Lady Patriots uniform.

"I appreciate all the support I've received from my family and friends."



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## Havoc's Bring Home Gold!

Havoc's 12U traveling team came in 1st in the Bluegrass State games in Lexington, KY after winning 4 games back to back and having to play 8 games total, they end up finishing with the Championship! Team members are:

Front Row left to right: Morgan Hamilton, Jesse Howard, Brandi Ellis, Allison Sandefur, and Kierlin Robinson.

Back Row left to right: Coach Greg "Flash" Bretz, Megan Bretz, Kassy Painter, Lindsay Haynes, Whitney Willoughby, Jordan Turley, Jess Stamper, Head Coach Tim Robinson, Far Back Row: Coach Jason Sandefur and Jeff Stamper. Player Absent from photo was Sydney Fryman

## Paris resident indicted, perishes in accident

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Approximately 48 hours after a Nicholas County Grand Jury issued multiple indictments against a Paris man, he perished in an automobile accident.

Joey Trimble, 56, of Paris, was indicted on July 20 by a Nicholas County Grand Jury on charges of arson, first degree; wanton endangerment, first degree; criminal mischief, first degree, and terroristic threatening, third degree.

Trimble was in-

terested, when he attempted to pass another car. Police said Trimble lost control of his vehicle and it flipped several times.

Sources say neither on Trimble's neighbors was hurt in the crash.

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**Addendum**  
The Bennie B. Buckler Jr. that is in the court news is NOT the Bennie V. Buckler, Deputy Sheriff.

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