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## Community mourns passing of former sheriff

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The community mourns the passing of a local community leader and former Nicholas County Sheriff who served the community faithfully for 21 consecutive years.

Charles A. Ring, 75, died Oct. 9 after battling a long illness.

Community leaders say he was pillar of the community, an honest lawman and good friend to all he knew.

Nicholas County voters

elects Charles Ring to five consecutive terms as Sheriff of Nicholas County from 1982-2003.

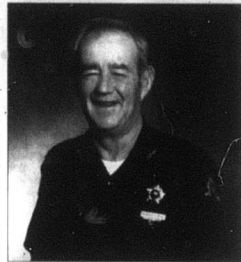
"He left the sheriff's office in very fine shape with all the tax records updated and everything in order," Sheriff Dick Garrett said. "I knew Sheriff Ring since I was knee-high to a duck and I believe the community has lost a very fine fellow and a very good man."

Others were quick to agree.

"He was a very caring and accommodating person," Nicholas County Chief of Police William Denton

said. "He grew up in Carlisle and knew him as the sheriff when I was growing up. He was also the sheriff when I was a young patrolman in Carlisle," Chief Denton said. "I always knew him as Sheriff Ring and I always thought of him as my hero. He was a pillar of the community and he will be greatly missed."

Funeral arrangements for Sheriff Ring are featured inside The Mercury on page 3.



Former Sheriff Charles A. Ring

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Photo by Charles Mattox

**Housing Tobacco**  
Tobacco harvest season is in full swing and workers on Ky. 36 were teasing out sticks and moving quickly to get the tobacco to the barn Monday morning.

## Local business burglarized

By Charles Mattox  
News Reporter

Concrete Road on the west end of Carlisle, early Monday morning, Oct. 5.

Workers reported money missing from the business that morning that had been present when the business closed Saturday evening.

"I found no signs of a forced entry," Denton said. "I am currently reviewing video surveillance footage, but have

thus far noted no abnormalities in the footage or any signs of anyone inside during the hours when the business was closed."

Denton said an "undetermined amount of cash" was taken from the business.

Anyone with any information regarding the crime is urged to contact Chief Denton at 289-3710.

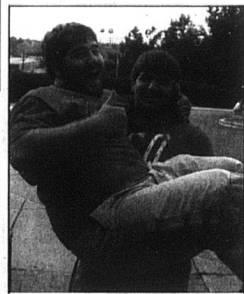


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**Ready to play**  
Nicholas County senior Blue Jacket strong men: Cody Barnett and Patrick Fryman, responded last week when asked if they were ready to play Lewis County. The Jackets beat Lewis County 23-16.

## Juvenile arrested for sex crimes

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A 12-year-old girl was allegedly sexually molested Saturday evening Oct. 4 by a 17-year-old male.

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Buckler continues to investigate the alleged crime and has charged the 17-year-old boy with sexual misconduct, first degree, and attempted rape, first degree in connection to the alleged crime.

According to Buckler and community sources, the crime allegedly happened near the Dorseyville community, on the east end of Carlisle, during the late evening hours of Oct. 4, in a home where six

Leans had gathered to watch movies. No adults were present.

According to community sources, an unidentified adult allegedly purchased a bottle of Heaven Hill whiskey for the group of teens earlier that day.

"The 17-year-old male that has been charged was the oldest person present," Buckler said. "The 12-year-old girl was the youngest present."

The 17-year-old male separated the 12-year-old girl into an unoccupied room and forced himself upon her, according to Buckler and community sources.

After the incident, the 12-year-old girl told one of her friends and officials were contacted.

The girl was taken to the Nicholas County Hospital where she was gently but thoroughly examined.

Buckler's investigation revealed the girl had suffered several bruises on her body as a result of the incident.

He interviewed all present in the home and charged the 17-year-old male.

Buckler said he will be speaking to County Attorney Dawn Letcher about the case this week and there is a possibility of the 17-year-old being charged as an adult.

According to Buckler, this incident is not the first the 17-year-old has had as far as run in with law enforcement.

Carlisle Police Officer Mark Snedegar is assisting Buckler.

## Wilson pleads to drug charges

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Jesse Edmund Wilson, 26, appeared in Nicholas Circuit Court Monday, Oct. 5, with his attorney, Bing Bush, Jr., and entered Alford pleas to amended drug charges.

An Alford plea is not technically a guilty plea, but is a plea, which acknowledges that if the case were to go to trial enough evidence might be found to result in a guilty verdict being rendered.

Circuit Judge, Honorable Robert McGinnis, will formally sentence Wilson on Oct. 19.

According to court documents, on Oct. 27, 2008, Wilson was in a vehicle, which was stopped by Carlisle Police Officer Mike Kiskaden. Kiskaden stopped the vehicle after being contacted by an individual at Shell Mart who told police that an individual in the vehicle had shoplifted items at the store. The individual said the shoplifted items had been placed in the trunk of a 1992 Honda.

When Kiskaden stopped the vehicle

and received consent to search, he found a metal box containing 18 aluminum pills, 65 oxycodone pills, 18 oxycotin pills, a small bag of marijuana and approximately \$900 in cash.

As Kiskaden was separating the three occupants of the car, one of which was Wilson, Wilson sprinted to the trunk, grabbed the metal box and continued running away from Kiskaden, according to court documents, including a warrant for Wilson's arrest.

Kiskaden ordered Wilson to halt and when he did not comply, Kiskaden fired his Taser at Wilson. Wilson dropped the metal box, but was able to continue with his escape.

Wilson was indicted by a Nicholas County Grand Jury in July 2009 on the charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree; trafficking in a controlled substance, a pro-trial hearing on Oct. 5 when Wilson entered his Alford pleas to amended charges of possession of a controlled substance, trafficking in a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance.

The indictments against Wilson were issued after



Photo by Charles Mattox

Jesse Wilson, 26, appearing in Nicholas Circuit Court earlier this summer. Wilson entered Alford pleas to amended drug charges in Nicholas Circuit Court Oct. 5.

Officer Kiskaden provided testimony to members of the grand jury.

Wilson appeared calm and humble as he stood before Nicholas Circuit Judge, Honorable Robert McGinnis, in previous court appearances.

Judge McGinnis set a trial date of Oct. 16 with a pro-trial hearing on Oct. 5 when Wilson entered his Alford pleas to amended charges of possession of a controlled substance, trafficking in a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance.

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