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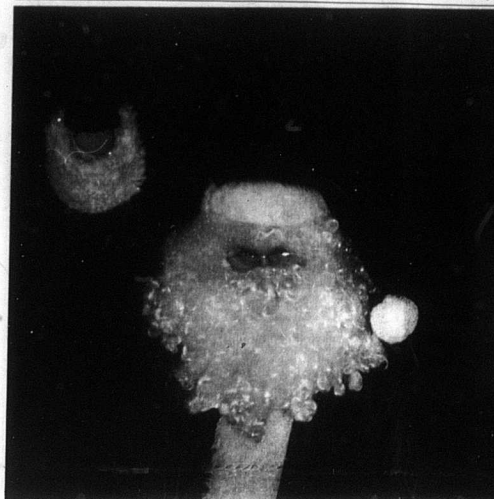
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## A friendly wave . . . and pretty girls

Santa greets the many children who turned out during the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, Saturday night in Carlisle. Christie Padgett, 17 year-old senior at Nicholas County High School, above right, was crowned Snow Queen during ceremonies, Saturday night. She is standing with her father, William Padgett Jr. Below right, Susan Coldiron, 13 year-old eighth grader at Nicholas County stands with her mother Mrs. Philip Coldiron. Susan was crowned Snow Princess following the parade. - *Walter Martin Photo*



## Nicholas School Board delays action on classified raises; new ADA plan

Representatives of several classified positions, including bus drivers, secretaries and cooks appeared before Nicholas County Board of Education, Monday night.

Each group presented a list of requests concerning pay increases, increase in number of sick days and other benefits sought by the employees of the school system.

Bus drivers presented several pages of information board members could consider in making a decision concerning pay increases and other benefits changes.

Board members agreed to study all of the information and discuss it at length at the January 9 meeting, with a possible decision coming at that time.

For the most part information presented to the board was based on what is paid, number of days, sick days, etc. at 10 surrounding school districts, plus a comprehensive sheet showing Nicholas County's rankings against the other school systems in several categories.

There was some discussion concerning how funds are paid. For example, teachers salaries are funded with certain restrictions, as are some other school system positions, by the state. However, any amounts above the state prescribed amounts must be paid with locally generated funds.

The mention of an incentive plan based on number of years worked was also presented to the board and will be considered with the matter comes before the board in its next session.

Nicholas County School Attorney Billy Hopkins presented a resolution he was requested to write, concerning origination of contracts with other school systems for ADA exchanges.

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held a discussion on the factors involved in the attendance policies.

A board dinner was scheduled to honor out going Nicholas County School Board Chairman Billy Hunter, who is stepping down after 22 years on the board.

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## EPA fines Carlisle \$500 for non-compliance

By Sue Pullin

Carlisle City Council learned the Environmental Protection Agency will fine the city \$500.00.

The fine is for not meeting court ordered sewer requirements for October. Gene Kelley, Sewer Plant Superintendent, said, "We may be fined another \$500.00 for November."

According to Kelley, "The City is two months behind in its reports, and no one has been instructed to do the reports."

Council requested Kelley handle the EPA reports. He

said, "I'll have them done by Wednesday."

According to Kelley the EPA fined the city because it did not meet the requirements for biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids. He said, "The court order requires us to do certain things, and we are not doing them."

Skip Watson, Carlisle City Attorney, said, "Does the engineer know we have these problems?" The engineers said they would not have any problem meeting these requirements."

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## Santa planning another visit on Saturday, December 17

The Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department will be host to the Grand Old Man, Santa Claus, in a special event planned for Saturday, December 17.

Santa will be escorted into Carlisle on the department's new truck, then set up shop in the Nicholas County Jail building on West Main Street in Carlisle.

Santa Claus will be entertaining youngsters from 2 until 5 p.m., December 17, handing out candy and fruit. Plus, each visitor to Santa will receive a fire hat provided by the fire department.

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Second Place: VFW Auxiliary  
Third Place: American Legion Auxiliary

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