

FEATURE AT SIX

Dolwick offers students a DARE

By Hank Hoad
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
DARE - A classroom full of sixth grade students gather at Nicholas County Elementary and before that class stands a veteran Kentucky State Police (KSP) Trooper.

The trooper has been with the KSP for more than 21 years and he's there to talk about drugs.
In a program titled D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Trooper Jim Dolwick talks easily, but firmly about the topic at hand.

From a program begun nationally in 1983, this is the second year Dolwick has had the opportunity to talk to Nicholas County sixth graders about the subject. Dolwick has children of his own, and is concerned about the growing substance abuse problems faced by today's generation - as well as every citizen.

Dolwick is in the classroom at NCEB about five hours each Wednesday - for 17 weeks - to give individual instruction on the problem and most importantly the consequences of substance abuse. During the 17 lessons, those involved are given a pre-test to ascertain the actual knowledge those in the group have of the substance abuse problem.

That way, Dolwick explains, the instructor has a general idea of how to present the lessons. One of the goals is to teach without the fear often associated with drugs - and the police - by many students.

"The target grade, almost everywhere in the grade where students are preparing to enter junior high," he added. Dolwick acknowledged he is not a certified teacher - and doesn't pretend to be - but however, he said he uses as many ways as possible to positively communicate with the students in each class.

Since this is Dolwick's second year at NCEB, there is a different perspective on his instruction. "I have found that in this county, there is more information to give the students," he said.

In the first three classes this year, I found we were running out of time. There's just more information. Now I'm covering the basics and getting into each area of subject matter and adding to it. This year, things are a little different. Last year, many students had no idea of what to expect from the class. This year, many of students had heard about the classes last year - some had relatives in the class - now more of the students already knew what DARE is all about," Dolwick said.

In an effort to give priority to Dolwick's presentation, he was asked for the number one thing he wants to have re-

membered about DARE and its subject matter. "I want the students to learn about themselves and have a clear mind. That is the biggest thing."

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I hope the feeling is mutual between students and me," he said. "I am still the same person. Not just a trooper, but a real person to them - Dolwick said if everything goes as scheduled, the DARE graduation should be held sometime in January.

I am looking forward to another year with this DARE class," Dolwick said. "This is a great group - just like last year."

The National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth initiated the wearing of red ribbons as a symbol of tolerance to drug use, and to mark the need for a drug free lifestyle.

Wednesday has been declared wear red ribbon week, and there will be a rally at the state capitol in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

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Students will decorate their ties and bushes with red ribbons. There will be a bon fire held on the baseball field Wednesday night during the bon fire. Students will perform skits to accent the message of the day.

There were designated tasks for teachers during one period of the day about drugs. Students will be given red poppers. High school students will go to the elementary school to have talks with sixth grade students.

In addition, Nicholas County Elementary Principal Gerald Hamm will also plan to be still in the working stages, in a 2 1/2 hour interview last Thursday.

Of course, the students will be wearing the red ribbons, and Trooper Jim Dolwick will be there during the week to speak to students in the sixth grade classes. Hamm said. "We're also attempting to get firm steps for the different grades, which address the issue."

"Some of our plans are still tentative," he said Thursday. Students from the high school participating in the activities include members of the high school student council and the Team Leadership Council.

According to a state spokesperson, Red Ribbon Week is primarily used as a campaign designed to make people aware that there is a drug problem.

It is admitted, the red ribbons do very little to stop drug abuse, but it is done in hopes that people will stop and think about the drug abuse issue.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Jim Dolwick, who teaches the DARE program at Nicholas County Elementary School has some definite ideas about the subject. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

"I don't believe the average person really knows the extent of the problem in addition I don't think the general public realizes the harmful effects from drug abuse - the physical or the mental effects. In addition, I doubt if anyone has any idea of the amount of money spent on illegal drugs, or the kind of corruption it leads to," Dolwick said.

Dolwick also said abuse of alcohol is a very serious problem. "When you consider the monetary side of drug and alcohol abuse it is substantial."

"You must consider the millions of dollars in lost wages - lost productivity - and other considerations, not to mention the medical costs involved - it is almost incomprehensible."

"In the area of traffic accidents you must consider hospital costs - losses caused by alcohol, plus, and certainly most importantly, the loss of lives."

"Over 44 percent of the fatal accidents in Kentucky were alcohol related last year. That represents a substantial number."

"It just boils down to the fact there are a lot of people who have no idea of problems caused by any type of substance abuse."

"Alcohol is a dangerous drug, as well as the illegal drugs used by people. Anything that impairs a person's ability to walk, talk, operate a motor vehicle must be considered dangerous."

"The same effects apply for illegal drugs or alcohol - resuscitated or under the influence of drugs - it is a serious problem."

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Talk to your child about alcohol and other drugs
Learn to really listen to your child
Help your child develop strong values
Be a good role model or example
Set firm rules about drinking and other drug use
Encourage healthy, creative activities
Talk with other parents
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Help your child feel good about himself or herself

The Choice For Me
Drug Free
Eight Ways to say NO!
Say, "No Thanks!"
Give an excuse or reason
Broken record
Walk away
Change the subject
Avoid the situation
Cold shoulder
Strength in numbers



The Carlisle Mercury Staff photographed Trooper Jim Dolwick talking with students during career day at Nicholas County High School last Friday. In addition to his duties as public affairs officer of the Dry Ridge Post of the Kentucky State Police he is serving in his second year as the DARE instructor at Nicholas County Elementary.

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OBITUARIES

LEMONS were the grand ones Roger John Samuel (Sam) Lemons of the Upper Jackson Road, Carlisle, died Saturday, October 21 at 10:51 p.m. at the U. K. Medical Center from a stroke at age 79. He was educated in the Nicholas County Schools. He was retired as a truck driver from the Nicholas County Road Department and a member of North Middletown Christian Church.

He is preceded in death by a son, John Samuel (Pete) Lemons.

He was born in Nicholas County to the late William and Lida Hamm Lemons.

Survivors are his wife Lillian File Lemons, three daughters, Beverly Blanche Butler, Paris, Doris Jean Stone, Lexington, and Sarah Belle Shepherd Hamm, Harrodsburg.

Surviving are a son, Earl Hamm, of Mayville, and one grandchild, one grand-grandchild.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 21 at the Moore and Parker Funeral Home in Brooksville.

Burial was in the Concord Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Honorary casket bearers

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