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Snow Queens and Flakes vie for crown Saturday

Snow Queens

SUSAN RENEE COLDIRON
Susan Renee Coldiron is the 17-year-old daughter of Phillip and Beulah Coldiron.

Susan has been an active member of the Boy's Varsity Cheerleading squad for four years and captain for three years. She is also involved in French club, Art Club, and pep Club. Her freshman year she was the football Homecoming attendant.

Susan plans to attend Morehead State University in the fall of 1993 and major in Interior Design.

ANDREA GALBRAITH
Andrea Galbraith is the 17-year-old daughter of Jerry and Donna Galbraith. Her grandparents are Donald and Della Stone and Mae Galbraith.

She has been a member of Student Council for one year, Who's who Among American High School Students for three years, Art Club president for one year, Pep Club for four years, president for one year, Drama Club two years, French club, four years, A.P.E.S. for one year, F.C.A. for one year, S.A.D.D., one year, Newspaper Staff for one year, Lady Jackets basketball player two years, Lady Jackets Statistician for two years.

She will be attending Eastern Kentucky University and majoring in Primary Education. She is a member of the Carlisle Baptist Church. Her hobbies are being with friends, spending time with family, and listening to music.

MELINDA SUE GRAY
Melinda Sue Gray is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Layne Gray and Mrs. Pat Rawlings.

She has been involved in Drama Club, Pep Club, French Club, F.H.A. and H.O.S.A. Her sophomore year she was basketball Homecoming attendant.

Melinda plans to attend Maysville Community College and major in nursing.

MELISSA HENDERSON
Melissa Henderson is the 17-year-old daughter of Diane Bourne and Donnie Gray.

She has been a member of H.O.S.A., F.F.A., F.H.A., and the French Club. She enjoys reading, swimming, writing poems, playing volleyball and spending quiet evenings at home with her boyfriend Todd.

After she graduates she plans on going to Maysville Community College to become a registered nurse.

KELLY RENEE PUCKETT
Kelly Renee Puckett is the 17-year-old daughter of Tommy and Sonya Puckett.

The activities of her high school years have included Drama Club, Stage Manager of the Drama Club Play, Pep Club, Ecology Club, French Club, F.H.A., F.C.A., Prom Committee and she is part of the American Private Enterprise Systems. She is included in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Kelly has just been accepted to Eastern Kentucky University where she plans to major in computer technology and minor in business communications, and has hopes of becoming a computer programmer.

Christmas Parade December 5 at 6:30 Featuring Floats, Band and Crowning of Snow Queen and Snow Flake

Snow Flakes

JENNIFER CASWELL
The eighth grade candidate for Snow Flake is Jennifer Caswell, daughter of John and Janna Caswell.

KARI GIFFORD
The seventh grade candidate for Snow Flake is Kari Gifford, daughter of Melanie and Calvin Denton and Mike Gifford.

SARAH CURTSINGER
The sixth grade candidate for Snow Flake is Sarah Curtsinger, daughter of Steve and Mary Curtsinger.

KENNETHA ISHMAEL
The fifth grade candidate for Snow Flake is Kennetha Ishmael, daughter of Kenneth and Betty Ishmael.

State presents priority roads for snow removal

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Last Tuesday morning, early risers were greeted with a half-welcome sight — snow. Amid predictions of flurries, sometimes heavy, a large portion of central Kentucky found itself suddenly blanketed in a half inch of snow.

The sudden fall prompted numerous school closings in the area, including Nicholas County, although by mid-day, most of the main roads were clear and reasonably dry.

This was the second such surprise accumulation over the past few days, further increasing the possibility that the winter, though expected to be mild, may suddenly deliver several inches of the white stuff when drivers may least expect it.

Advice for the season is as old as the boy scout's motto — Be Prepared. Especially if your work place is several miles out of town.

Kentucky has established a system of ice and snow removal around the state and the roads around Nicholas County have been prioritized according to the amount of traffic they carry.

There are three categories of roads which have been prioritized: Priority A roads, B roads, and C roads.

Priority A roads will be cleared first as they usually carry the bulk of automobile traffic through the county and state. The category includes interstates, parkways, urban expressways, and other state roads with an exceptionally large volumes of traffic. Kentucky Transportation Secretary Don C. Kelly ex-

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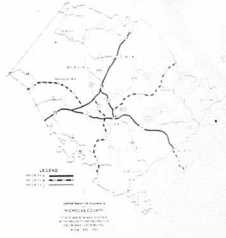

Fire department collecting for "Toys for Tots"

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — It's Christmas time. Time to think about The Nicholas County Fire Department Toys for Tots and Food Drive which begins this week and will continue until Christmas Eve.

"This is about the best time for the fire department every year, a time when we can say thanks to the people and makes things a little bit easier for folks on the holidays," Fire Chief Mark Hughes said.

The volunteer fire department extends its sincere appreciation to all Nicholas Countians who participated in the drive last year and encourage everyone to get involved again and make this the biggest drive yet.

Last year the fire department delivered new and good condition old toys to about 100 Nicholas County children last year. They also delivered about 50 food boxes to Nicholas County families for the holidays.

"For some people, the demands of the holiday are just a bit wider than they can afford. That's why the toys for tots and food drive was established. Christmas should be a time for everyone. This drive really helps out," Hughes said.

Donations are needed. By special arrangement with Crockett's Shopwise and Carlisle IGA, collection boxes for canned food items will be located at the front of the store to make giving to the project easier.

Also boxes will be placed on Main Street during the annual Christmas Parade Saturday, December 5 to accept donations to both drives.

Donations of canned goods and toys may also be delivered to the fire department as well.

As for Toys for Tots, the fire department will accept donations of new and old toys, in good condition, at the fire department.

If you have no toys, but want to contribute, cash donations are acceptable. Money raised will go toward the purchase of new toys for every child on the sign up list, Hughes said.

The Toys for Tots and Food Drive is the Fire Department's biggest and most rewarding project of the year and it has enjoyed growing success with each year it has been in service.

To sign up children between the ages of birth to 12-years-old, people may contact Mark or Cindy Hughes at 289-7226 or 289-2369.

SANTA IS COMING

Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to the County Fire Department on Saturday, Dec.19 from 2-4 p.m. and will be visiting with children and passing out bags of fruit and candy.

Finally, the department would like to extend its thanks to those people who helped with the family picture project last month. Proceeds earned from the project were put to good use in purchasing good up-to-date fire fighting equipment for the department and rescue squad.

But the month ahead will be a busy one for the department. Every effort will be made in the hope that every Nicholas County family, its people and its children, have a very Merry Christmas.

Firefighters respond to house fire during early morning snow fall

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

LOCUST GROVE — Nicholas County Firefighters managed to save most of a Locust Grove family home during an early Tuesday morning blaze, despite unexpected snowfall through the late night hours.

According to Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, the department responded to the call at about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday morning at the residence of Clarence and Carol Workman. A smoke detector in the house awakened the family and allowed them to escape from the home without injury, Hughes said.

But there were other hurdles to cross. During the early morning hours, snow had blanketed the roads and left no indication of possible slick spots on the way to the Workman home.

"Fortunately, the snow didn't slow us down that much. If it had, there might have been a greater loss than there was," Hughes said.

As fire fighters arrived in the scene, the living room of the home was already fully engaged in the blaze. But the fire had not reached other

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