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Susan Coldiron, senior at NCHS, was crowned Snow Queen by Grand Marshal Dr. Alvin Hammons Saturday night at the Lions Club Annual Christmas Parade. Susan also was selected Snow Flake four years ago when she was in the eighth grade. Snow Queen Jennifer Caswell, an eighth grade student at NCHS, cradles her bouquet after she was crowned Snow Flake by last year's Snow Queen Hope Cooke.



They kids write Santa. In keeping with a long standing tradition, The Carlisle Mercury will again publish letters to Santa this Christmas season. Deadline for letters to Santa is December 16. So get busy, it's later than you think.

Tourism honors project end

By Josh Shephard
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Looking building to restore," Shroat told those gathered for the awards ceremony.

But it was true. The building looked as though its only hope was to be condemned.

According to Shroat, when she and Metzger approached Judge Executive Reese Smoot with their idea of restoring the jail, he asked them if they had seen the building recently.

Few could believe the old jail could be restored. It had been a monkey on the back of the Fiscal Court since it closed, since winds had ripped the roof apart and supposedly sealed its fate as an eyesore until it was torn down.

It was apparent soon that the determination on the part of Tourism Inc.'s co-chairs would not be enough to bring it back. Nor would the small donations afforded them by the city council and fiscal court in their support of the restoration effort.

Where they succeeded finally, Shroat said, is in the labor provided by so many people willing to give over work free of charge, to those who volunteered to do the job, to businessmen who gave Tourism Inc. significant discounts on products to equip and adorn the new building.

It was to those organizations, those businesses, those people, that Shroat and Metzger heaped praise for the near completion of the project.

"There are still many things to be done, but the hardest work, the most expensive work, probably has been done," Shroat said.

No one earned a penny for their work. Tourism Inc. had no payroll. What Tourism Inc. did have was a mass of support, two very determined leaders, and a building undergoing a rebirth each day hands were laid upon it.

To celebrate the rebirth of the residence section of the jail, Tourism Inc. had several special awards to give to the former Nicholas County Jailers who inhabited the building before it was closed.

A portrait of Bill Owens, who served as Nicholas County Jailor from 1926-1954, a total of 28 years at the post was shown and Wendy Price, Owens' Great Granddaughter, accepted a special award in his honor.

The eldest living Nicholas County Jailor, Christine Booth, who served at the post with her husband, Albert, for 29 years was recognized as Nicholas County Jailor Emerita.

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Miller Station listed as state priority

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CARLISLE — Magistrates can't guarantee anything will happen, but at least they were of one mind when they listed the entrance to Miller Station Road as top priority on their list of requests from the Kentucky Road Department.

Area Kentucky Road Department representative John Keith came before magistrates for the annual road work requests to prepare to send to Frankfort.

According to Keith, Nicholas County state roads scheduled for re-surfacing are sections of Ky. 57 near the Bourbon County line, sections of Upper Jackston Road, and portions of Sugar Creek Road near Barterville.

However, in tandem with his announcement, Keith said Frankfort is also considering requests for additional road work to be done in areas not officially scheduled.

"I promise your recommendations for extra road work will be very carefully considered in Frankfort. But they have the final decision to give the go-ahead on work you request," Keith said.

Magistrates have requested extra road work on several county roads, but all agreed that, as a group, the top priority is the Miller Station Road entrance.

The entrance has always been a potential hazard for local people. But since the recent construction of several homes along Miller Station, the situation has become much more dire.

Poor visibility and increased traffic at that intersection, magistrates said, make moving the entrance much more sensible, magistrates said.

Magistrates who had already made requests said they would relinquish top priority of their recommendations if the Miller Station entrance could be moved with state help.

Keith said he would present Nicholas County's recommendations to Frankfort for consideration.

Toward the conclusion of the fiscal court meeting, a question was raised in regard to paying bills.

"The County, according to County Treasurer Wanda Dotson, had very recently received a bill for the repair of a broken axle on the County Jail's car. Though the car needed to be in working order,

Dotson said there had been no word of the damage to the jailer's car. Just the bill for repairs.

With the Jail Budget already in bad shape and the County General Fund with no further room to cover many unforeseen expenses, it has been a policy of County Government to report damages to county vehicles that would require major repair.

A broken axle, she said, would probably fall under the category of major repair.

"The County has to be advised of these problems purely from a budgeting standpoint," Dotson said.

Magistrates agreed. While members realized that repairs of County vehicles have to be made when they break down, it would help if the county knew what bills to expect before arriving due in the courthouse.

In an effort to curb expenses, court members also agreed that gas for jailer's car would be supplied at the rock quarry with the cost of the gas reimbursed by the jail fund.

Because the county buys gas in bulk at the quarry, the jail could save money buying gas from the county road department.

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NCES Council selects primary aides

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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Elementary School Site Based Council interviewed and selected candidates to be recommended to Nicholas County Superintendent Robert Gilbert for aides for R-1.

The council selected Mary Jo McCord, Jane Ellen Grimes, Patty Evans, and Danita Harmon.

Nicholas County Principal Gerald Hammons said, "McCord had been an aide before, Grimes has been a substitute teacher and Bible School teacher, Evans has experience from a year ago and also in special education, and Harmon has worked in the primary program as volunteer."

In discussion of where teacher's aides would be placed, council member Sandy Sweeney said Hammons, being more familiar with aides and their work, should be the person to make their assignments.

The council reached consensus on Sweeney's suggestion and gave Hammons authority to place K-1 aides.

Hammons told the council they have the right to set the cap on classroom sizes. Cap size is the maximum number of students allowed in each classroom, Hammons explained.

If a school has no site based council, the state sets the cap size, Hammons said.

At the present time the cap size for elementary school classrooms is 28 students. However, he said, there are 29 children in one fourth grade class.

"This has just occurred because a student has recently moved into the area and we aren't sure how long this child will be in the school system. The child's family moves from place to place because of their work," Hammons explained.

If the council stays with the 28 student cap size, as dictated by the state, the school will have to hire yet another

the middle school teacher's aide, teacher's in the fourth through sixth grades also requested a nine week grading period.

Their argument, as Hammons summarized it, is that the current academic units they are using to instruct students need to be longer than six weeks.

The council agreed to put the fourth through the eighth grades on a nine week grading cycle with the stipulation that each teacher submit interim student progress reports every three weeks.

The seventh and eighth grade teachers asked the council to consider giving them an aide to help with running off papers, etc.

The council agreed to send a letter to the board of education requesting a part time aide for the fourth through sixth grades and one part.

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Let me think
J.R. Peppery, five years old, told Santa what he would like for Christmas Sunday afternoon at the National Guard's annual Christmas Dinner at the armory.