

**1993 Lions Club Christmas Parade set for Saturday**

The Lions Club Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. Snow Queens from Nicholas County High School and Snowflake Processors will be announced, as well as float winners during the parade.

**Have breakfast with Santa Claus!**

The Nicholas County Chapter of the Future of Agriculture from America will host a Pancake Breakfast for the community at Nicholas County High School. Residents are urged to bring their children who may even pose for a picture with Old Saint Nick himself!

**Water dilutes tobacco profits**

Critics at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture warn farmers adding water at the wrong time can be expensive. Excess water brings the fresh cut dark-fired tobacco and leads to spoilage and lowers profits for farmers.

**Area Weather Forecast**

Thursday & Friday - Chance of rain, less than 20 percent. High in the low thirties, lows in the mid to upper thirties. Saturday & Sunday - Cloudy days and cold nights. Chance of snow increases to 40 percent, high in the low thirties, lows in the thirties range.

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**Fire destroys home; Blaze still under investigation**

While investigating, Burnette brought a dog, trained by the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Department for the Commonwealth, to help in finding accelerants which may have started the fire. "Whatever she finds must be supported by evidence as well. The dog is used as an investigative tool and function is to tell us if we are moving in the right direction," Burnette said. She narrows the site down pretty quickly and makes it easier to get samples which will be sent to the lab for testing. "Her findings are put with what firemen can tell us about the scene. For instance, what color smoke is seen during the fire, what color the flames are, and what eyewitnesses at the scene actually saw. It all goes together to form evidence." Afterwards, Johnson said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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**County and City fight fire at local business**

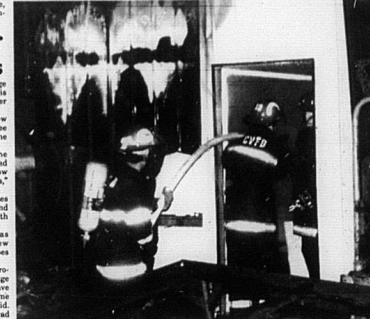
By Jason Hart  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - A welding business located at 124 Moorefield Road, was completely gutted by fire Tuesday morning, despite the efforts of both the Nicholas County and Carlisle Volunteer Fire Departments. The cause of the fire that destroyed H&H Welding is still under investigation, according to Nicholas County Fire Department Rescue Coordinator Calvin Denton. "We're not really sure how it started up," said Denton. "It is still under investigation at this time." Firefighters were summoned to the business, owned by Jeff Hardin, about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Carlisle police officer David Hardin called in the alarm after being alerted to heavy smoke on the East end of town by two passers-by. "Two noon hunters stopped me near the police station at about 12:30," said Hardin. "They said they had seen heavy smoke down there. I thought it was from a wood-burning stove, but when I got down there, I could see flames coming from the H&H Welding place." Hardin called for fire personnel, and was escorting the building home occupying a young man whose name was not available at press time, from the adjoining structure when fire personnel arrived. "This guy was asleep in the part of the building that houses Tantalizing Tans," Hardin said. "He's not supposed of setting the fire or anything, he was supposed to be in the building. He didn't break in." Tantalizing Tans sustained no damage, according to Denton. "We were on the scene until about 1:30 a.m.," Denton said. Firefighters removed several bottles of copper and analysis, which is used in welding, with an incident.

**Local advocates for children review cases**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
LOUISVILLE - Barbara Hopkins and Dorey Watkins represented Nicholas County at the Foster Care Review Board statewide conference held in mid-November in Louisville. According to the Administrative Office of the Courts in Frankfort, the three-day conference provided the opportunity to develop professional technical training and skills. Workshops, seminars and small group discussions centered on topics including grant issues, review procedures and guidelines, mental health issues and innovative programming for children. According to Watkins, chairman for the Foster Care Review Board in Nicholas County, members of the community which form the board collaborate with the local department for human resources and review foster care cases involving children in Nicholas County.



The Carlisle Mercury/Heather Mathes Harris Photo  
Larry Burnette, Assistant Director at the Kentucky Fire Marshal's office in Frankfort, uses Sugar, a two-year-old now veteran in the area of "sniffing out" fire accelerants, to point to evidence of fire causing agents in the area in and around a fire site. He explained the dog is used as another investigative tool in the process of rooting out the causes of fires. Although courts do not rely solely on the evidence found by dogs at the scene, these animals can point investigators on the right track.



The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hart Photo  
Carlisle Volunteer Firemen work to extinguish a blaze at H & H Welding early Tuesday morning. Despite fire fighters' best efforts, the business was a total loss, according to Calvin Denton of the Nicholas County fire department.

**In Brief**

**Rotary Club to celebrate 50th**  
The Carlisle Rotary Club will be holding a 50th anniversary dinner December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary Cafeteria. The Rotary Club will honor charter members and friends and celebrate the organization of the club on December 11, 1943 and chartering on January 7, 1944. The Rotary Club will also hold Rotary Bingo on December 10, 7 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria.

**Boxers on sale**  
Nicholas County High School is holding a Christmas Christmas shoe sale on NCHS Basketball paid boxer shorts in sizes large and extra large. The shorts now cost \$10 per pair. For more information call Kaye Earlywine or Brenda Day at the high school, 285-3700.

**NCHS Band holds Christmas program**  
The Nicholas County High School Band will hold a Christmas Recital on Sunday, December 12 at 12 p.m.

**Church youths host program**  
The Carlisle United Methodist Youth Choir will hold a Christmas Program, "Miracle at the Manger," on December 18 at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle United Methodist Church.

**Bluejackets dig into season**  
The Nicholas County Bluejackets to off the Harrison County Tourney on Wednesday, December 16 and play until Saturday. They meet up with Grant County on the home court Tuesday, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Nicholas County Lady Jackets take on Ashland on Saturday in an away game, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. On Monday the Lady Jackets square off against Powell County, also away.

**School meetings set**  
The Nicholas County Elementary Site-based Decision Making Council meets at 7 p.m. in the NCEB Library on Wednesday, December 17. The High School Site-based Council will meet on December 14 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. The Nicholas County School Board meets on Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the central office.

**Community calendar**  
On the eve of the Carlisle City Council meets Monday, December 13, 7 p.m. in the city office. The Nicholas County Water District meets in the courthouse on Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

**Holiday cheer coming your way**  
The Carlisle Mercury will present the Christmas Carol and Recipe Book on December 9. Area homemakers, Moms and Dads are invited and urged to submit recipes to be printed in this edition. Recipes must be submitted by Thursday, December 2. They may be dropped by the Mercury office, in the news slot, or sent to P.O. Box 272, Carlisle, KY 40311.