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Christmas spirit abounded at the recent Santa Shep held at Nicholas County Elementary School. These young ladies and gentlemen seem pleased with their selections.

Board adopts anti-drug policy

CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night, and discussed several issues. Board voted to accept an anti-drug and alcohol policy for bus drivers that will become effective on January 1, 1995. The policy reads as follows:

The Nicholas County Board of Education is dedicated to providing safe and efficient pupil transportation for the children in our school district.

Our employees are our most valuable asset in ensuring the quality of this service. The goal of the Nicholas County Board of Education is to provide our employees with a workplace environment which promotes health and safety. In order to achieve this goal, the Nicholas County Board of Education does hereby endorse the Federal Highway Administration's Anti-Drug Policy and Regulations. The Nicholas County Board of Education will not tolerate unauthorized use, abuse, possession, or sale of controlled substances

by its employees. Drug testing will be an integral part of our program. Any employee who occupies a safety sensitive position requiring a CDL that tests positive for drugs and/or alcohol concentrations of 0.02 or greater shall be subject to termination procedures or relieved of their voluntary duties. The Nicholas County School District will provide training, education and other required assistance to the school district's employees to help them understand their responsibilities in achieving a drug-free environment.

The policy was adopted by unanimous vote.

In other business the board:

- Voted to say Boggs Roofing

- Approved a request from David Zachary and Gary Gilbert to use the NCHS for Sunday afternoon basketball from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., depending on the availability of the gym, from December to March.

- Approved a motion by Sam Vise to allow Superintendent Nancy Ewby and board members to attend a National School Boards Association convention in San Francisco, California in April 1995.

- Accepted the resignation of Harrell Sexton as bus driver effective November 26.

- Approved employment of the following: John Eskin, substitute bus driver; Shirley M. Doughton as substitute teacher, pending certification; Kathy D. Gausser, Kimberly Dyer, Rosanne Morris, and Glenda Dwyer as substitute food service workers, pending completion of requirements for employment.

- Approved a leave of absence for Jack Hayes from January 23 to February 4, 1995 for annual U.S. Army Reserve Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

- Approved a request from sponsor of the National Honor Society to take the group to Blue Creek, Ohio to see Christmas lights on Wednesday, December 14.

City council adopts ethics code; Meets state requirements, deadline

CARLISLE - The Carlisle City Council adopted the state-mandated code of ethics in regular session Monday night, making the deadline of January 1.

The code, which saw first reading at the council's November meeting, includes the required policy on nepotism. The code adopted by the city reads "no officer or employee of the city or a city agency shall advocate the employment, appointment, promotion, transfer, or advancement of a family member to an office or position of employment with the city or a city agency, where such family member receives greater benefit than any other employee or prospective employee."

The code also prohibits officers and employees of the city from participating in any action relating to the employment or discipline of a family member, except as relates to the budget.

any functions of elected or appointed officials.

Section 19 of the code creates a board of ethics to mediate and investigate ethical questions.

Council also heard from representatives of the accounting firm Morris, Ingram & Brunker concerning the audit of city accounts.

Council reviewed the lengthy audit report, and Councilman Charles Fay made a motion to accept the auditor's report. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business: "Council voted to authorize Mayor Ronnie Clark to sign an agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.



Personnel from the Nicholas County Sheriff and Ambulance Service responded to this accident Monday afternoon. According to the report filed by Deputy Clyde Miller, the 1987 Dodge Hader was traveling north on Old Pate's Pike when the driver, Karen Kirby, of Saltwell Road lost control and hit an embankment, causing the vehicle to roll over. The report states that Nathan Kirby, 16 months, was treated and released from Nicholas County Hospital.

Kentucky Tobacco Growers



Co-op continues farmer support

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky Burley Growers Cooperative is continuing its statewide campaign with the unveiling of a third billboard in support of farmers.

The billboard, which reads "Kentucky Tobacco Growers: Our future's worth fighting for."

Court to try combined ASCS office

By Priscilla Chandler
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met Tuesday and agreed to work with local officials in an attempt to keep a local ASCS office.

Nicholas County Judge/Executive Chuck Smith asked for and received unanimous approval to work in conjunction with Robertson County in find-

ing premises for an office to be open here in Nicholas County 2 out of 3 days of the week and the remaining two in Robertson.

"I'm not sure it will do any good to fight the federal government," said Smith. "But it's important to let people know we can't be pushed around."

Court voted to move ahead with the proposal, with the Old Army to be the tentative site.

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This message is certainly appropriate at this point in time," said Danny McKinney, the Co-op's chief executive officer. "There are values attached to tobacco, beyond the obvious economic impact the crop has on all Kentuckians. It's speaking to such things as the work ethic it instills in our young people and a sense of pride in a hard job well done."

McKinney said few other crops require so much intensive labor.

"Tobacco means jobs at a level where they're desperately needed," said McKinney. "All these positive flows through our communities and provide support for our quality of life."

The billboard is the last of three in 1994. The campaign also includes radio and newspaper messages.

Griffith named new MCC Coordinator for Nicholas County

CARLISLE - Charity Griffith has been named the new coordinator of programs for Mayville Community College classes taught in Carlisle.

MCC night classes are offered at Nicholas County High School one night each week from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Griffith, a Nicholas County Elementary School seventh grade teacher, is pleased with her new responsibility.

"It's a chance to be of service to the community. I talked with Paula Hunter, who used to have the position, and she was just wonderful. She did a fabulous job," Griffith said.

Griffith asked the community to sign up for MCC classes at registration Jan. 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the high school. Classes begin Jan. 11.

A list of classes includes:

Griffith and her daughter, Robin Griffith, also teach adult education classes Monday through Thursday evenings at the Community Action Council building at Sorenggrass Road.

The classes are free for someone interested in brushing up skills or obtaining a GED. Courses are tailored to each individual student's needs. These classes are taught 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Griffith has a bachelor's and master's degree in elementary education from the University of Kentucky.



Charity Griffith