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**Happy Thanksgiving from everyone at The Carlisle Mercury**

**What is an Angel Tree?**  
The Angel Tree, located at First National Bank of Carlisle, is your chance to help the less fortunate have a Merry Christmas. For more information, call 289-2251. Last year, 60 children received a gift this way. The Angel Tree offers an easy way to spread the Holiday Spirit!

**A chance to lend a helping hand**  
A Community Shower has been planned for Robert and Nancy Dally, who lost their possessions in a fire recently. The shower will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 5 at East Union Christian Church.

**colder, with the possibility of a hard freeze. Lows near 30. Saturday & Sunday: Continued cold, chance of precipitation. Lows near freezing.**

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**Myers Station home destroyed by fire**  
The Nicholas County Fire Department responded to the mobile home fire in Myers Station Saturday night. According to Chief Mark Hughes, the trailer was the home of Cat and Life Hill, and was owned by Ralph Traxway. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Kentucky State Police Trooper B.D. Corbin attempted to slow the progress of the fire with a hand-held fire extinguisher prior to the arrival of the NCFD.

**Priority roads for snow and ice removal named**  
FRANKFORT—The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has once again completed its yearly re-evaluation and made changes to the snow and ice removal priority plan. Maintenance crews will clear the roads in Nicholas County with the highest traffic volumes first, before moving to the smaller, less-traveled roadways. Secretary Don C. Kelly has announced. The priority road system has always been a vital aspect of the cabinet's responsibilities, because of the impact it can have on the safety of motorists," said Kelly. "But it can be much more effective if citizens will make every effort to use those priority roads if at all possible during inclement weather." Kelly said every year cabinet engineers study traffic volumes and patterns in each county to determine which roads served the most citizens, taking into account geographic factors, before making changes to the system.

**Snow Princess/Queen candidates prepare for Annual Lion's Club parade**



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Nicholas County Elementary School Snow Princess candidates for 1994 include (l-r) Nikki Crump, eighth grade; Jessica Letcher, fifth grade; Melissa Adamsen, sixth grade; and Mandy Adamsen, seventh grade. The candidates will be in the Annual Lion's Club Christmas Parade at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 on Main Street.

**Lion's Club Christmas parade set**  
By Leigh Stone  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - Even if the school district could afford to purchase more computers, there wouldn't be a separate classroom available at Nicholas County High School to put them.

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Field told The Mercury recently that the current year's class and computer class shared one classroom. There are approximately 15 operators and 15 computers in the classroom laboratory. The technology needs of students was discussed by the NCHS Site Based Decision Making Council held last Thursday.

**Editor's Note** The following information is from the Nicholas County candidates of the 1994 Annual Lion's Club Christmas Parade. Hello. My name is Nikki Crump and I am in the eighth grade at NCHS. My favorite sport is basketball. I like to cook a lot at home. I enjoy my friend's house after school. My dad's name is Frank Crump. My mom's name is Vicki Crump. My brother's name is Bobby Crump. My name is Melissa Adamsen. I am a sixth grade student at Nicholas County Elementary School. I am the daughter of Larry and Robin Adamsen. I have an older sister in the ninth grade, Faith Adamsen. I enjoy many sports such as basketball, softball and tennis.

My name is Mandy Dawn Adamsen. I am the daughter of Brenda Clark and I am in the age of 12 years. I would like to be a cheerleader. My name is Jessica Brooke Letcher. She is the daughter of Pat and Dawn Letcher of Carlisle. Her paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Lillian Letcher, maternal grandparents are Howard and Louise Curran, all of Carlisle. Jessica is 10 years of age and is in the fifth grade. She is an active member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church where she serves as an Acolyte and a member of the Youth Choir. Jessica is a little league cheerleader. She plays in the Nicholas County beginner band. Jessica attends gymnastics at Gomez Gymnastics, Mt. Sterling. She is a member of the competition squad. Other hobbies and activities include softball, 4-H and reading.

There are four computers in the high school media center. Typically, students select typewriters or computers as an elective class. Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Everly said he was aware of the need for additional computers. The hold up so far has been completing the wiring for both buildings as required by the Kentucky Educational Technology System (KETS), which works through the Kentucky Department of Education.

"I just had bill cross my desk for \$58,000 for wiring," Everly told The Mercury Monday. He stated the board of education wanted to purchase more computers for the high school but needs a wait for the re-

**School board selects local facilities committee**

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - Selections for the Local Facilities Planning Committee have been selected by the Nicholas County Board of Education. "I think we may have our first meeting next week, said Nicholas County Superintendent Randy Everly. The planning committee, required by the State Board of Education, will consist of 17 members. Nicholas County joins approximately 175 other districts in Kentucky charged with creating the long range planning document. The new document is due to the state board Dec. 31, 1995. Until then, the current, one-page plan is in effect.

**Lady Jackets prepare for season**

By Leigh Stone  
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CARLISLE - Nicholas County Lady Jackets Coach Barbara Kenney has a good team returning to the basketball court this season and welcomes some new players. Senior Tara George, our point guard, has some experience at several of the players. Danika Livingston and Melaine Jones are returning seniors. Becky McClinton is a junior but a lot will depend on how the younger kids can fill in, and that's making a lot. They are so young," Coach Kenney told The Mercury Tuesday afternoon. The new Lady Jacket is Kennetha Isham, a seventh grader, the coach said. High graders returning to the team include Shasta McNabb, Jennifer Livingston and Kathy Schandling. Three freshman will add talent to the varsity team. Amy Hatfield, Trina Isham and Kassi Tubbs.

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Make Christmas especially merry for a Nicholas County youngster by getting a name from First National Bank of Carlisle's Angel Tree. Cheriann Manager Gary Bowles was the first customer assisted by the bank customer service representative Anita Marcum Tuesday morning. Last year, 50 children received a gift. Each angel indicates whether the child is a boy or a girl and the age (up to 12). Either get the child a gift and return it to the bank or give the bank money, usually at least \$20 per gift. Assistance with the project is being provided by Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes and his department. Everyone is invited to participate.

**Nicholas FFA attends national convention at Kansas City this year**

By Leigh Stone  
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF  
CARLISLE - Demonstration of the latest farming technology and a chance to meet U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Doig were a couple of highlights of the Future Farmers of America's Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Nicholas County participants included seniors David Tindler, Stephen Hopkins and Phillip Evans and juniors Whitney Welch and Tim Layne Jr. FFA Secretary Tim Layne Jr. said meeting Secretary of Agriculture and giving them moral and leadership skills they can apply to situations throughout the world. Beckmann hosted the trip of the FFA chapter with half from the Nicholas County Board of Education. FFA participants were responsible for room and meals. "I think it's good to allow FFA members to meet with other members and build friendships," said Nicholas County High School FFA Advisor Doug Beckmann. "They learn new things and it gives them moral and leadership skills they can