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The Carlisle Mercury is pleased that Santa Claus has given permission for The Merc to publish letters Carlisle and area children have written him about Christmas. Please send letters to P. O. Box 272, Carlisle, Ky. 40311 for letters to be published in the Dec. 21 issue.

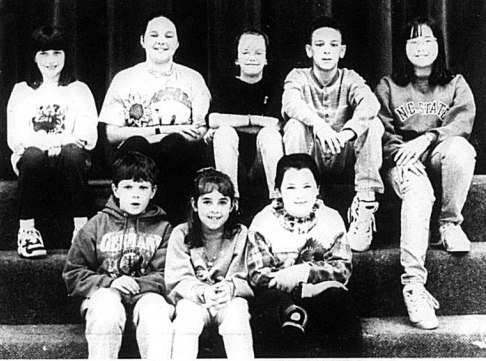
CANTERBURY HOUSE
SEE PAGE 8 IN THIS ISSUE FOR PHOTOS OF CANTERBURY HOUSE, A NEW INDUSTRY IN CARLISLE OWNED BY PAM SPARKS STEIN AND HER MOTHER, CAROL SPARKS, BOTH OF CARLISLE.

Area Weather Forecast
Thursday - Showers. Low 38, High 57.
Friday - Showers continue. Low 38, High 52.
Saturday - Light rain or snow. Low 33, High 44.

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PTA Writing contest winners
Winners of the Nicholas County Elementary School PTA writing contest were, seated (l-r): Grades 3-4 Todd Price, 3rd Amanda Mattox, 2nd, Maddy Herrington, 1st, Top row (l-r): 5th grade Beth Gimes, 2nd, 6th grade Elizabeth McCarty, 1st, 6th grade Pam Prather, 3rd, 6th grade Andrew Brannard, 3rd, 7th grade Jenny Dryden, 3rd, Not pictured were 7th grader Ale Wilson, 1st, and 7th grader Chris Matt, 2nd.

City Council sets zoning meeting

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - City Council acted on the request of Lyle Anderson of Dee Jay Auto Parts, Main Street, at Monday night's regular meeting by setting a public hearing for a zoning ordinance. The meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 at the city office.

Anderson's request pertained to a zoning map amendment changing property on the south side of Main Street with an address of 346 W. Main St. from a residential district to a general commercial district.

"Come on. Put your dollar down. This is for the Nicholas County School System," Ritchie urged.

Before the 25 minute meeting was adjourned, Councilwoman Libby Earlywine sold drawing tickets with the help of City Clerk Mary Tapp for an Afghan displayed in Cary Letzer's Family Store, Main Street. Proceeds will go to The Nicholas County Lady Schickets Basketball Team. All council members and Mayor Clark bought tickets. "Come on. Put your dollar down. This is for the Nicholas County School system," Councilwoman Ritchie urged. Councilwoman Tammy Vaughn helped out the mayor with the loan of \$1 for the tickets. Before the meeting was over, the mayor paid Vaughn the money back and asked the councilman, "Now how much money do you owe me?" All councilmembers were in attendance including Sharon Faulconer, Charlie Fay, Tommy Vaughn, Libby Earlywine, Doug

Garrett and Sandra Ritchie. City Attorney Ship Watson read the Fair Housing Ordinance, which was introduced by Vaughn.

Council members were given a tentative drug alcohol policy for setting OUI license drivers. Clark Tapp said council will look at the policy until next month's meeting, but the drug test will go into effect in January.

The handicap transition plan passed with a motion by Vaughn seconded by Faulconer. "The city stated Tapp since she has experience with senior citizen housing requirements," Tapp mentioned.

The annual city employee Christmas party will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at the National Guard Armory for all city employees.

Special enforcement Dec. 15-17 KSP announces holiday lifesaver program

DRY RIDGE - In our continuing effort to curb deaths and injuries occurring on Kentucky highways during the holiday season, the Kentucky State Police will be participating in the "National Holiday Lifesaver Week."

The RSP will be aggressively enforcing speed laws and other hazardous traffic law violations," stated Public Affairs Officer Jan Wachner of the RSP. Dry Ridge Post. The enforcement period will begin 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 and extend through midnight, Sunday, Dec. 17.

State and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Canada organize this multi-agency crackdown targeting impaired driving and other hazardous traffic law violations.

Historically, the weekend before Christmas is a period of increased travel and alcohol consumption and, as a result, is the focus of RSP efforts. The goal of this national effort is to improve public safety on Kentucky roads. Page 3

Clark commented on two NCIS band. They done great I thought. They sounded good. There were a number of bands, several nice floats - for somebody who never seen it - it was really nice."

The parade was at 10 a.m. Swearing in was 2 p.m. Someone took a photo of Clark with the newly sworn in Governor. He was signing invitations and a handout book.

"I feel like we needed to be represented. We're not represented sometimes you're forgotten about," Clark said.

building has to be handicap accessible. If it's not, we could be in violation of getting federal funds. We made it handicap accessible when we had revenue sharing money, but we have not done an update on it since that time several years ago, back in early 80s, maybe 1982. Community member Betty Fay as-

sumes of Mt. Sterling's bid was \$9.50. The agency included letters of recommendation from the City of Berea, City of Mt. Sterling and County Judge B. D. Wilson. Darke Sanitation's bid was \$8.25; and BFF of Lexington was \$17.83 per month.

The Morehead agency's letters of recommendation were from a city clerk in Olive Hill and a high ranking official at Morehead State University. Page 3



The Carlisle Mercury Leigh Stone Photo
Sarah Pollard of Carlisle brought 34 years of sewing at Jockey on Friday, Dec. 15 at the Fish & Game Club House. The meal will be pot luck.

Better service is expected Fiscal Court raises garbage rate for '96

By Leigh Stone
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF
CARLISLE - Garbage rates in Nicholas County will raise a few cents beginning in January but service is expected to be good.

Fiscal Court accepted a bid from Local Sanitation of Morehead, Ky., during Tuesday evening regular court meeting for a per month fee of \$8.20. The Morehead company was one of four to bid later, giving stray dogs a chance to reveal garbage.

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Rumpke, out of Butler, has had the garbage pickup locally since the early 1960s. Its current rate is \$7.94 per month. Calls about the company's service were received this past year by magistrates and County Judge Executive Chuck Smith.

Rumpke asked patrons to have garbage ready by 4 a.m., but sometimes wouldn't pick it up until much later, giving stray dogs a chance to reveal garbage.

Hodge also said his equipment was in good shape and that his company uses a landfill off 1.64 with a life expectancy of another 20 years.

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Magistrate Danny Hughes asked Steve Hodges of Local Sanitation, Morehead, if he would hire local people to run the garbage route. Hodges said he'd done so in the past, most recently in Bath County. He would hire a Nicholas County person if he received a good applicant. The job pays about \$8 an hour with benefits including dental insurance.

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As Hodge left, he told magistrates Danny Hughes, Avery Thornburg, Melvin Fryman, Daryl Stacy and Amanda Smith, Judge Smith, County Attorney Jack County, County Treasurer Wanda Detson and County Clerk Doug Fryman and Nicholas County resident Dorsey Wadkins. "You'll get to know me. I've been with Local Sanitation since high school. When we get used to Nicholas County it'll

be good."

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Crooked Creek fire damages one acre

County Fire Chief Mark Hughes two trucks and three men responded Tuesday at about noon to a grass fire on the Harold Suller farm. The fire could have been started by someone pitching out a lit cigarette from the road. Responding were Hughes and firemen Doug French and Mike Phillips.

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Fish & Game Club Christmas dinner set for Friday

The Nicholas County Fish & Game Club will be giving its annual Christmas dinner 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at the Fish & Game Club House. The meal will be pot luck.