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Santa's Letters

The Carlisle Mercury is pleased to present its annual "Letters to Santa" page 3, 5 and 6 in this issue for letters from local children to Santa Claus!

TOYS FOR TOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF MARK HUGHES SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN IS "COMING ALONG GREAT. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF TOYS AND THE MAJORITY ARE NEW TOYS. NINETY FAMILIES HAVE SIGNED. THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL ACCEPTING TOYS AT WOODY'S CAR REPAIR, ELMST., CARLISLE."

Area Weather Forecast

Thursday - Partly sunny. Low 20, High 33.
Friday - Some sunshine. Low 20, High 25.
Saturday - Some sunshine. Low 21, High 28.

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The birth of Jesus: the true meaning of Christmas

Holy Bible, New International Version
Luke, Chapter 2
In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.
So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house with the line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn.
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. Bring your flocks to the manger; they shall be safe. This sign will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had happened to the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.
On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.
When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord): "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

School Board hears FFA-FHA presentations

The Nicholas County Board of Education heard presentations from FFA Sponsor Doug Bushman, FFA Advisor Bonnie Metcalf, Sun Kirby, and issued G. E. D. certificates to Leri Hutchison and David F. Tunny during regular session 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18.
All board members were present including Chairman John Cleaver Jr., Vice Chairman Mona Vio, and members Louise Zachary, Don Elder and Ricky Hicks.
Also present were Superintendent Randy Ewry, School Board Attorney Dawn Letcher, Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Red, Elementary Principal Gerald Hammons.
In a motion by Elder and a second by Zachary, the minutes of the Nov. 20 and Dec. 12-13 called meetings were unanimously approved.
The treasurer's report was approved unanimously with a motion by Elder and second by Vice. The payment of bills was approved with a motion by

Hicks and second by Zachary.
The following personnel actions were deemed qualified and hired by the superintendent pending certification and satisfactory completion of all requirements set forth by the Nicholas County Board of Education:
Substitute teachers: April Herrington
Child care assistant Bonita Schanding effective 1/27-26, hourly rate \$4.88. This is a new position, but replaces a co-director of Little Jacks Daycare, who resigned to accept another position.
Instructional assistant: Johnnie Purcell, effective 11-27-95. Funds derived from grant. Parents as Teachers.
The superintendent accepted the following resignations: Melanie Kelly, effective 11/22/95. A motion was made by Elder with a second by Vio to acknowledge receipt of the personnel actions. The motion passed 4-0 with Zachary not present.
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Old fashion gospel scheduled Dec. 19

There will be an Old Fashioned Gospel Concert 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at the Moorefield Christian Church.
MCC spring registration to be held Jan. 2 at Nicholas County High School.
Registration for the Spring semester for Mayville Community College will be held January 2 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Nicholas County High School. Classes cost \$41 a semester. Class times are 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at NCHS classes begin January 10, 1996. A schedule is on page 8 of The Carlisle Mercury. For more information call Charly Griffith at 289-7465 or M.C.C. at 600-758-7141.

Farm Bureau winners, contestants, announced

Debbie Card of 105 W. North St., Carlisle, was the first place winner of the Farm Bureau Insurance Christmas Decoration Contest.
Denny Clark of 54 Cane Run, Carlisle, was the second place winner. Ted Dierling placed second. Bonnie Broderick of 412 Second St., and James Allen Murrell of 557 Sharon Way, Carlisle.
Farm Bureau Board Member Earl Noffsinger commended during Thursday night's meeting that he was well pleased with the enthusiasm expressed by

the community about the project and the number of entries.
"We hope this will become an annual event," he said.
Judges included Juanita Smith, fiscal court magistrate, Leigh Stone of The Carlisle Mercury and Billy Dale Crawford of The Nicholas County Extension.
Supervision was provided by Noffsinger, Eugene Snapp, Jimmy and Bernice Whirlin.
Other contestants included Judy Faye, 259 Moorefield Road, Tim Wilson, 220 Young St., Frances Linville, 563

Gosser Court, Jim Middle, 164 Calla Court.
Johnnie Snapp, 2804 Bartlettville Road, Charles Pope, 207 Law Blvd., Dennis Allison, 210 Cliffway Sr., Stanley Caswell, 264 Cliffway Drive.
James Snapp, 719 Lower Jackson Road, Joe Metcalf, Second Street, Tom Metcalf, Second Street, Kathy Roark, 141 Orville St., Eddie Carter, 219 Eastern Ave., Roger Banta, 210 Eastern Ave., Dick Garrett, 223 Walnut St., and Betty Barton, 220 High Street, Carlisle.

Kentucky State Police prepare for holidays

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's highway patrol will be full running ahead of last year and the Kentucky State Police are stressing motorists exercise caution this busy holiday season.
On Dec. 15, 84 people had been killed on state roads this year. That's 53 more than on the same date last year and that, says commander of KSP Operations, Lt. Col. Roy Sturgill, calls for higher visibility of officers on the roads.
"We've been holding roadblocks,

stepping up enforcement... we set up statewide sobriety checkpoints during the first National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend. We're in the first major thrust of the "Get Stupid! Get Blasted!" campaign, which emphasizes driving sober, driver's license limits and buckling up. We really hope these publicity remind drivers of their responsibilities when they get behind the wheel."
During the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods last

year, 16 people died in 13 vehicle crashes on Kentucky roads (five fatalities in five crashes during Christmas; 11 fatalities in eight crashes during New Year's). Of these 13 crashes, three were alcohol-involved (two at Christmas, one during New Year's).
Motorists can help keep the roads safe not only by driving sober or designating a sober driver, but by calling police at a toll-free number, 1-800-222-3333.
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