

CHILI SUPPER
Nicholas County High School will host a chili supper 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Proceeds go to Special Olympics.

CARLISLE CRAFTS
Downtown Carlisle hosted a craft display at The Old Jail last Saturday, sponsored by Nicholas County Tourism. Tours were held by Cora Allen, Garrett's Furniture, Carlisle Cleaners and Canterbury House. Local crafters have great gift ideas for Christmas. See Pg. 5-6.

OYSTER SUPPER
First Christian Church of Carlisle is sponsoring an Oyster Supper beginning 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at the church on Catherine Street. The Oyster supper costs \$4 with vegetable soup. There will be sandwiches and pies. The public is invited.

Christmas Tour
The public is invited to participate in a Christmas Tour 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at 504 Stocking Row, (Sycamore Street, Carlisle). Homes include the Ken Knapp's Home, the Joseph H. Conley Home, the Terry Leont Home and the Henry Potts Young Home.

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Police report worse vandalism seen in 20 years; county struck too



HANNAH HUNT



JENNIFER CASWELL

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Vandalism and property damage destroyed windows and dented door panels of at least a dozen vehicles parked in Carlisle and three vehicles in the county sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.

"We believe these are random events," said Carlisle Police Chief Sam Finch Tuesday morning. "They got my police cruiser, a 1995 Crown Victoria, and the Mayor's 1995 pickup truck as they were parked at home. Several other vehicles were vandalized as well."

Finch said the vandalism was the worst he's seen in 20 years. Patrolman Jerry Bloomfield showed The Mercury the small red and white damage and said he would be talking to some suspects as described by witnesses. The charge will be vandalism and criminal mischief.

Bloomfield said vans, pickup trucks and even Mercedes and Jaguars were damaged along with some older vehicles. Damage estimates would be difficult to obtain, although the police department was filing reports for insurance purposes on all



This pickup truck owned by Ronald McClain of Carlisle was just one of a dozen vehicles struck by a pellet gun in Carlisle Sunday. Three reports were listed in the county. Damage consisted mainly of shattered windows and windshields.

Thieves steal tobacco at Walnut Grove



CHANDRA EVANS



ASHLEY HILL

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Thieves made away with 1,700 lbs of cured tobacco from a farm on Walnut Grove in Nicholas County Monday night.

All we had stripped was taken - it was about half of what we had on that farm - 17 bales," she commented Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Gaunce said her son had been a farmer all his life and was working at four different farms. Some of the family's tobacco was stored on the farm.

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Lester's Family Store to close in January

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
A downtown landmark is about to close.

Lester's Family Store, 118 Main St., Carlisle, is going out of business. Owned and operated by Carly Ann Lester since 1983, the store is known for selling name brand jeans, boots and bathrobes and women's apparel.



"We started her in 1983 and at that time the buildings here were filled I guess probably our last years were from 1987 to 1990 that's when everything was here and there was a variety of things to shop for. There was Carter's, Lerman's, a 10 cent store, Western Auto, another dress shop, Baker's was on the other end, later called Loville's. There was a True Value on the corner and a hardware besides Reid & Vico."

We had a big variety of shopping available. Then, one by one, they started to go. Customers started to buy just what they needed, but didn't just come here doing regular shopping. Carly missed Tuesday morning from her office.

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County fire dept. asks citizens to contribute gifts



ASHLEY HUGHES



GINGER LYONS

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Once again the Nicholas County Fire Department requests your help to make sure every child in Nicholas County receives at least one new toy this Christmas.

Food basket items will be appreciated as well as the fire department annually distributes both food baskets and toys.

We enjoy seeing the less fortunate have a good Christmas. We visited about 100 homes last year. Besides toys we give some food boxes. We gave between 50 and 75 last year. We need non-perishables and the fire department threw in more ham and turkey and fresh vegetables and fruit. Any cash donation to help buy food or toys is greatly appreciated," said Calvin Denton, rescue coordinator of the Fire Department.

The Toys for Tots program has been a department project

for about 12 years. Anyone wishing to be placed on the list or receive either food or toys call Woody's Auto Repair at 289-7226. Those wishing to place a family on the list should also call.

Make checks payable to the Nicholas Fire Department Christmas Fund. Persons should give a telephone number and complete address so the department can find the homes Christmas Eve when the items are distributed. Last year, a few of the recipients had moved without the fire department being notified.

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Annual Christmas parade set Saturday

The Annual Carlisle Christmas Parade is set for 7 p.m. Saturday with the crowning of Snowflake and Snow Queen.

This year's Snow Queen candidates are Nicholas County High School students Ashley Hill, Hannah Hunt, Mandy Storm, Chandra Evans and Jennifer Caswell.

Ashley Hamilton is the sixth grade daughter of Joanne and Steve Hamilton. She is involved in junior high basketball, baseball and track.

Ashley Hamilton is the sixth grade daughter of David and Jean Hughes. She is involved in junior high cheerleading and is also a member of the Nicholas County



Amy Campbell

Student of the week

This week's Student of the Week is Amy Campbell, a Nicholas County High School freshman.

Campbell, 15, is the daughter of Martha and Buford Campbell, and is in the Ecology Club and FCA. She plays baseball, and enjoys hanging out with friends and talking on the telephone.

After high school, Campbell plans to attend Morehead State University to

become and X-ray technician. "She is a hard worker," agreed faculty advisors Charity Griffith and Ron Baker. "She has a positive attitude."

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.