

Christmas Special

See next week's Mercury for a special Christmas section featuring local crafters Sandy Laughlin and Sue Bowles!

Sewer Project

The East End sewer project has passed the first funding stage according to Farmer's Home Administration said Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark. The project will serve 110 customers. The city's responsibility is \$402,000 with a grant of \$49,000. Total cost \$896,000.

Game Cancelled

Lady Jackey Head Coach Barbara Kenney has announced the Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball game scheduled with Easton County Dec. 19 has been cancelled.

SANTA LETTERS

The Carlisle Mercury welcomes youngsters to send their letters to Santa Claus to the Mercury. Please have the letters in the office by 5 p.m. Dec. 18 for publication Dec. 19.

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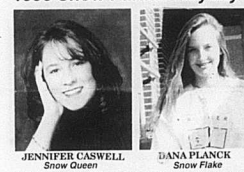
Magistrates table water district's raise request

Extension service, road dispute also part of discussion
By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Members of the Nicholas County Water District will wait a while longer before receiving a raise.
Magistrates tabled any action on giving the water district until it clarified whether the water district was asking for \$125 per month for the five board members.
According to a letter sent to County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, the members get \$50 per meeting and asked for \$125 per

meeting. County Attorney Jack Conley said the court's agreement made Oct. 11, 1994 was for the members pay not to exceed \$2,400 per year.
"You know, I just can't see it. I don't know how you feel about it. There's one single reason, the water board is just now getting water to the people in the county," Smith said adding the water district agency is Phase IV of a water expansion project and would be meeting more than once a month. He said the vote for the raise was three to two and he didn't want to tell which members voted for the rate.

"I think it needs to be per month, not per meeting," said Magistrate Daryl Stacy. "Don't get me wrong. They're doing a great job. We have people on a lot of board's who don't get anything. And their vote wasn't unanimous."
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Daryl Stacy
Magistrate
Following a 15-minute discussion during the two-hour meeting, Smith and magistrates agreed to table action until next month's meeting to get more information.
Secretary Dana Price said the nearby Sharpburg Water District serves 1,200 customers and members receive \$125 per month.
EXTENSION SERVICE
Judge Smith said magistrates needed to look down the road about asking the County Extension agency to have its own taxing district. Currently, there's \$28,000 a year in the budget to support the program.
"We can't let the courthouse fall down. The writing's on the wall. We've got to look down the road," commented Stacy. He asked Attorney Conley if grants were available. Conley said yes, mainly through the Blargras Area Development District, but grants were hard to attain. The Bourbon County courthouse

Caswell & Planck named 1996 Snow Parade Royalty



JENNIFER CASWELL
Snow Queen
DANA PLANCK
Snow Flake

The Annual Carlisle Christmas Parade held Saturday, Dec. 7, featured a parade with the local National Guard, Nicholas County marching band and other local participants. The highlight of the event was the crowning of the annual Snow Queen and Snow Flake. The weather was clear and cool and made for a fine turnout.

Jail housing fund sees unexpected money

Magistrates select rural roads for state repair funds

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
More money has been put in the Nicholas County Jail Housing Fund.
Unexpected money and some carry-over in the budget have added the needed funds. Up until last month, the county had less than \$600 to pay for housing.
County Treasurer Wanda Dutton explained that the general fund contributed \$12,076, an insurance dividend added \$10,827, a carryover of \$12,194, a reimbursement of \$3,608 and carry over of \$3,129 put \$41,234 available for housing, hopefully

enough to last through June 1997.
"Hopefully we won't have to use it all. We transferred \$20,000 of that into housing but I'll still have the other recorded so it could be transferred."
"Maybe they'll stomp on it this year."
Avery Thornsbarg
Magistrate
ROAD WORK
Magistrates Daryl Stacy, Danny Hughes, Avery Thornsbarg, and Melvin Fryman and County Judge Executive Chuck Smith welcomed

Transportation District 9 Engineer John Keith of Flemingburg and his associates Tommy Carpenter and Henry Roark. Magistrate Juanita Smith was absent due to her mother's illness. County Court Clerk Doug Fryman was also in attendance.
Keith said the Rural Secondary Roads allotment for Nicholas County came to \$400,986 with a recommended expenditure of \$254,737. Last year, improvements to county roads through the state program amounted to \$234,000. Keith noted. Keith letter to the state requested that the Concord-Taylor's Creek road be resurfaced, and state road KY 3316 Upper Jackson have 6.751 resurfaced along with KY 1244 Bartterville-Barpoff Needmore receive 1.5 miles of resurfacing.
County Roads requested were CR 5213 Miller Station bridge repair, CR 5021 Old U.S. 68, bridge deck, CR 5003 Hickory Grove and CR Kenney Road, both resurface, CR 5004 Stony Creek/Blue Licks, slide repair, and CR 5009 Tom Sapp, slide repair for the \$243,723 total.
Magistrates asked that Johnson Chapel to Fremonts Ridge, Buffalo Trace, Locust Grove and Whetstone receive funding. Hughes noted that 1.6 miles of Hickory Ridge already was approved.
Thornsbarg said he asked for Whetstone to be repaired last year without success. "Maybe they'll stomp on it this year."
The motion to request those roads for repair was made by Stacy with a second by Thornsbarg with all in favor.

Johnson Mathers auxiliary Christmas Bazaar has another great success

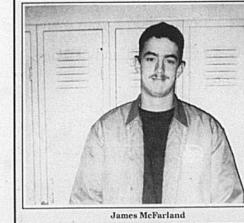
By Josh Shephard
Johnson Mathers Health Care
The Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary volunteers are pleased to report that the 1996 Annual Christmas Bazaar was among the most successful fund raising events of the year, and best of all - it's still going on. I think we can call the Ba-

zaar a wonderful success, as far as Christmas goes, the Bazaar is far from over," said Ginny Kinsinger, manager of the Auxiliary Gift Shop in the hospital is sponsoring a 22, there's strong evidence that Christmas sales throughout the holiday season with many items marked down. Beautiful Christmas gifts are still avail-
able, and always the proceeds are being used to help the Auxiliary continue to provide for the health care needs of Nicholas County.
But as for the Bazaar Nov. 22, there's strong evidence that the changes in location and format compared from the last two years are beginning to catch on. Continued on Page 3

Carlisle Home Tour sets Christmas mood



Gladya Shroud displayed her collection of Charles Dickens with more than 100 pieces at the Christmas Home Tour held in Carlisle Sunday, Dec. 7. A tour of the Joseph Corley Home, Ken Cockle Home, Terry Lenox Home and Henry Putts Home, all of Sycamore, was also part of the tour.



James McFarland

Student of the Week

James McFarland, a sophomore at Nicholas County High School, has been named Student of the Week by teacher Kathy Green.

McFarland is the son of Tari and Bill McFarland. He was selected for his "improved attitude toward learning, enthusiasm, and cooperation in activities."

McFarland is active in sports, and particularly enjoys football.

He also enjoys horseback riding. Upon graduation, McFarland plans to attend college.

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