



Sandy Laughlin holds a precious message made in cross stitch, a gift from her sister. Laughlin has been a crafter for many years and has beautiful Christmas items to bring about the holiday spirit.

Carlisle crafters have the perfect Christmas gifts

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Keepsake Christmas craft decorations are a labor of love Sandy Laughlin.



Sandy Laughlin shows off one of her many Christmas crafted homemade gifts.



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Sue Bowles, co-owner of Bowles Grocery, Ky. 36, has been a crafter since she was 19 and once again is offering a wonderful assortment of holiday gifts, some with a piece of Nicholas County history.

Bowles has both pretty and practical gifts

By Leigh Stone
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Practical or just plain pretty can describe the works of Carlisle crafter Sue Bowles.

At the grocery she owns with husband Bobby on Ky 36 just outside Carlisle there's an assortment of garden angels with grapevine wings and Spanish moss hair, bird houses and bird feeders, and other assorted goods, just in time for Christmas ranging in price from \$4.50 to \$45.

"I'll paint anything that'll stand still!"
Sue Bowles
local crafter

The garden angels can be put in your yard and sit them on a perch, but some bird seed in. You can use them as a snack tray," she said of one of the more popular gifts.

A "self-taught crafter" since she was 19, Bowles true love is painting. "I'll paint anything that'll stand still," pointing to saws and shovels painted with scenes of Kentucky. "I do a lot of here. I have my own work room. Bobby helps me out with the wooden stuff."

She's fond of the vests made in Mexico with sheep-wool lining. "I handpainted them." One has a deer, another a horse and a Native American on another one.

Those wishing for a piece of Nicholas County history will find the little decorator bird feeders made from tent poles the CCC used in Nicholas County projects back in the 1920s. "Just \$3," she said.

Bowles has just the thing to make someone's Christmas more beautiful with a thoughtful gift. Contact her at 289-3127.

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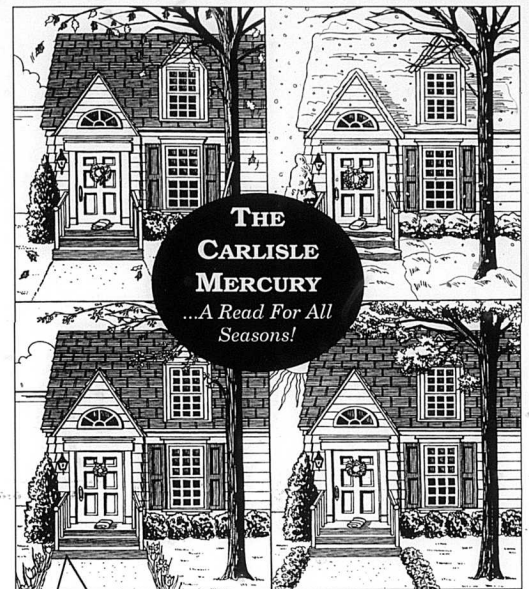
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