MERCURY MEMORIES

10 years ago
The Carlisle Presbyterian Church will have a live manger scene on the Court House Lawn at 6:00. This will include Christmas Carol Singing.

The Baptist Church performed at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home during the week.

Deaths
Florene Briggs Barnett, 85, died, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1987.

Youie Shaw, 96, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1987.

20 years ago
The Nicholas County elementary School is participating in the Campbells Soup Labels for Education Program. The program is designed to help schools obtain audio-visual equipment.

Deaths
Mrs. Addie Hunt, 93, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 1977.

Raymond R. Curry, 59, died, Monday Dec. 26, 1977.

Elementary school elves await Santa!

Nicholas County Elementary students in the kindergarten classes of Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Vice and Mrs. Storey dressed as elves last week in preparation of a visit from Santa Claus. Also pictured are Kathy Caswell's GATE students performing last Tuesday.

Photos Courtesy of Patty Ockerman

This student enjoyed being in Mrs. Caswel's GATE class play.

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Juvenile shooting incident clarified

According to a spokesperson for the Nicholas County Ambulance Service, notification was made to the Kentucky State Police regarding the accidental shooting involving a juvenile in Carlisle two weeks ago.

A State Police Detective and Assistant County Attorney were at the Nicholas County Hospital when the girl arrived.

The trooper sent to investigate the incident wasn't informed the KSP detective was at the scene the day of the incident.

An ambulance spokesperson said there was no time lost reaching the injured juvenile because they knew the driveway was muddy and had already called a second unit to the scene. Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes had already been called to get the juvenile off the hill and take her to the second ambulance already at the scene.

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been? I started Kindergarten this year and love it. I've tried hard to be a good boy this year, but it still isn't easy. Here's what I want for Christmas: Please bring me a Space Shuttle Mega-Rig Set, a Star Wars Millennium Falcon, a Hot Wheels Electronic Garage and anything else you think of that I would enjoy. Santa, please remember my Mom and Dad, my Nana and Papaw Rawlings, my mamaw Herrin and by Aunt Beverly and Uncle Shawn Perrish and don't forget my little cousin Laura! I'll leave some milk and cookies for you on a tray beside our Christmas tree.

Love, Joshua Rawlings

Joshua Rawlings

Dearest Santa,
I don't have much experience with Christmas letters, since this is only my second one. My mommy said she would write it and tell you what a good girl I am. My name is Devyn and I am twenty months old. Daddy says I'm a little devil. Mommy calls me her angel baby. I just answer to both. Please bring me a Disney musical television, a sing and snore Ernie, and a Baby Wiggles and Giggles, a Rug and Wiggle Pooh, an Elmo puzzle and boom box, a porcelain doll, a Disney play and pop, a Sesame Street Melody Keys and any clothes or things for my stocking you think I might need. Don't forget Sara, Taylor and all of my cousins. We will leave you some cookies and Ale-8 under the tree.

Love Yoi,
Devyn Machele Fryman

Devyn Machele Fryman

Hello Santa,
I am Sara. How are you? I have been a good girl this year in first grade. I try to help my mommy and mamaw with my brother and baby sister. They say I am a big girl...I would like a pair of skates and pads, a Newborn Diaper Surprise, a Barbie phone and and answering machine, a CD-Rom, a my size puzzle, an an Operation Game. Please don't forget our stockings. I will make some chocolate chip cookies for you and your reindeer. Please remember my sister, brother, mamaws and papaw's.

I Love You,

Sara Brooke Fryman

Sara Brooke Fryman

Mrs. Norton's Language Arts Primary Class 1st & 2nd Grades

Dear Santa,
I want an alligator for Christmas and a Dog and a Horse and $100.00 and a Eagle and a Kitten.

The End, Ethen

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a bike, All I want for Christmas is a play snake, All I want for Christmas is a real snake, All I want for Christmas is a gig-a-pet, All I want for Christmas is a Ballerina, All I want for Christmas is a box of Chocolate.

Mariah

Dear Santa,
I want a Doll and I want a Bike and I want a gig-a-pet and I want a Baby Cat and I want a Baby Puppy and I want a Ball and a new pair of shorts and I want a play snake and I want a yo-yo and I want a jump rope.

Kayla Linville

Dear Santa,
I want a gig-a-pet. I want a bike. I want a puppy. I just want to have a good Christmas and a Christmas Doll.

Lakisha

Dear Santa,
For My Christmas present I want to have a baby for a Christmas present. I want a kid to be safe at Christmas.

Kaylah

Dear Santa,
I want a gig-a-pet. I want lots of Candy. I want alot of story's. I want a doll. But I just want you to come.

Samantha

Dear Santa,
Please will you bring me a spider and some Money please, and a gig-a-pet and a dog please, and work boots please.

Coleman

Dear Santa,
I want a Dog; I want an Eagle, I want a gig-a-pet, I want a snake.

Jan

Dear Santa,
I want a gig-a-pet, I want a lamp, I want a dog, I want a pet bat, I want a monkey, I want a porcupine, I want a pig, I want a rabbit, I want a kitten

Ashley

Dear Santa,
I want a Bike and Doll and a Computer and Barbies and Books to read.

From
Heather Thornsburg

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, and a gig-a-pet, a T.V. in my room, and a puppy. I just want to have a good Christmas.

Justin

Dear Santa,
I want two puppies, Computer and a gig-a-pet.

Kandice

Dear Santa,
I want toys, cause toys are my favorite. I want a doll because dolls are my favorite. I want a gig-a-pet.

Amanda

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, I want a good ball, but I want a dog, I want a good truck, I want a good student desk, I want good books, I want a good chair, I want a good train, I want a good Jeep, I want a good Wagon, I want a good Car, I want a good Bus, I want a good Taxi, I hope you have a Happy Christmas

Jamie

Dear Santa,
I want a Dog; I want a pig, and a snake, I want a gig-a-pet, I want some puppies, I want 1,000 Dollars.

Larna

Dear Santa,
I want a yo-yo, I want a bike and a gig-a-pet and a kitten, and a butterfly and a hen, chicken and turkey and a rooster and a baby kitten and baby puppies and a bunny and $100.00.

The End,
Keny

Dear Santa,
My name is Eric and I am nine years old. For Christmas this year, I would like a Sega Pet, a Super Nintendo and some games. I like surprises too! Please don't forget Mommy, Daddy, My Mamaws, Papaws, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and my Friends. Don't forget my brother Stephen though sometimes we argue. I will leave some milk and

Your Friend,
Eric Tolson
P.S. I would really like to have a basketball goal if it's not too big for your sleigh.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Stephen and I am in the first grade. I have tried to be good this year, but it is sometimes hard. For Christmas I would like a dog, some baseball bases, some games and anything else you would like to bring. Don't forget Mommy, Daddy, My Mamaws and Papaws, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and my brother Eric. Please don't forget my friends in Mrs. Spickler's class. I'll leave some milk and cookies under the tree for you.

Love,
Stephen Tolson

P.S. It it's not too much trouble could I have a baseball or basketball jersey too?

More Santa letters on Pages 6, 7 and 8

Juvenile receives 20-year sentence for murder of his mother

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

The juvenile charged with murder in the shooting death of his mother, Sharon Young of Carlisle, was sentenced to 20 years in prison at Nicholas County Circuit Court Wednesday, Dec. 17.

According to an aunt of Mark A. Young, 16, the youth charged with murdering his mother at their home on East Union Road on Tuesday, May 6, the Young was quiet during his sentencing, showing little emotion.

"It's over. We want to get our lives together and go forward. We need to put this behind us and live our lives with dignity," said Helen Williams, an aunt of Young and sister of Sharon.

Sharon was employed by Johnson Mathers Health Care Inc., Carlisle. A tree bearing her name has been planted in the lawn.

According to the Commonwealth Attorney Jack Keith, Young will be eligible for parole in 10 years.

Keith praised Young's family for cooperation.

James Brannon, Young's appointed attorney, had been prepared to take the case to trial, but the family agreed to a plea bargain agreement before the trial, originally scheduled Dec. 1.

Keith has reportedly stated Young shot his mother in the back of the head as she was walking to her car to go to work that morning. The youth, a student at Nicholas County High School, was noted by school officials as a quiet student.

Young will serve in a juvenile facility until he is 18 years old.

Keith said the youth felt his mother was against him continuing his current relationship with a girlfriend. Young stated he had since broken off the relationship since pleading guilty to murder.

From left, Jack McGraw, project supervisor for General Restoration Company, and James Piper, project architect representing Lyles & associates architectural firm, make a visual and hands-on check of the custom-made windows at Lexington, make a visual and hands-on check of the custom-made windows at Nicholas County Courthouse as the work has nearly come to an end.

Courthouse restoration comes to an end

From left, James Piper, architect, Larry Starner and Jack McGraw make a final visual inspection of the Nicholas County Courthouse as the restoration project came to an end Friday, Dec. 19. There are, however, some windows that have yet to be delivered and a crew will return sometime in January to complete the work.

Water

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invaluable to us over the years. I can't say enough good things about the ADD. They've been great to everyone," Simons began his brief talk. The chairman referred to the project as a joint venture.

Fern noted the historical value of Blue Licks and the added fire protection the new lines will provide for the new 16-road lodge currently under construction.

"We're happy to be a part of that," he said.

Members of the water district besides Simons are Sue Kirby, secretary/treasurer; and Commissioners Sam Reynolds, Mary Jo McCord, and Steve Hamilton.

Also present were Jim Letcher, Joseph C. Frazier, Dorothy Fannin Smith and Mary Linda Copher of the USDA Rural Development and Bluegrass ADD.

"The park initially had water but the capacity of water flow was not sufficient to meet the needs of the entire park," Fern stated. "This project will enhance water flow to the camp grounds, museum, and the new Worthington Center, thereby giving sufficient pressure to enable the park to the better protect these facilities in the case of a fire.

Fern stated that the water project funding will provide citizens of Nicholas County with potable water, as well as enhance economic development for the area. This is in keeping with the Clinton-Gore Water 2000 initiative which strives to place quality water in every household by the year 2000.

This project includes the installation of 25.5 miles of rural water lines. Most of these water lines are being installed in Northern Nicholas County. New customers to be added are 125. Existing customers are 31.

For all but one area, potable water will be purchased from the Buffalo Trail Water District. Buffalo Trail Water District purchases its total potable water supply from the Western Fleming Water District. Buffalo Water Association has agreed to sell this needed quantity of water, estimated at less than 20,000 gallons per day, to the Nicholas County Water District.

The project consists of the following funding: $1,039,700 (USDA Rural Utilities Service RUS Loan, $247,000), USDA Rural Utilities Service RUS Grant $247,000, Fiscal Court contribution $10,000, Community Development Block Grant, $519,600, and applicable [illegible] contribution $16,1000.

Joe Sisler of the Central Associated Engineers CAE, Inc. of Lexington, Ky. is the Consulting Engineer, D. F. Bailey, Inc. of Owingsville is the Contractor, and Ronnie Brooks of Morehead is the CAE Resident Inspector.

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