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Lindsey Ockerman is crowned Snow Queen during the annual Christmas Parade in Carlisle Saturday. See additional photos of parade on page 8.



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## FCCLA holds food drive

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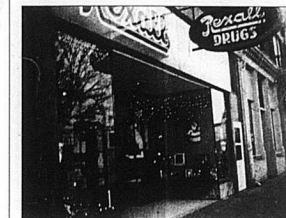
Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), a group of students and staff, held their 2nd annual FCCLA-FFA food drive last week at the Nicholas County schools. The food drive is a joint effort by the FCCLA and FFA organizations where students were asked to bring in canned foods and goods. Students also had a hat day

where they could bring in a can of food or \$1 and be allowed to wear a hat for a day. The FCCLA sponsors are Sue Kirby and Bonnie Metcalf, and FFA sponsor John Fritsch. The food that was raised will be turned over to the Nicholas County Fire Department to be distributed throughout the community. The groups raised over two thousand cans which tops last year.

Seth Saunders, member of FFA, loads donated food onto a pickup truck enroute to the Nicholas County Fire Department. The food will be distributed to needy families throughout the county.



Submitted photo



Elicha Insko photo  
Kentucky State Police is investigating a Tuesday morning break in at Rexall Drug on Main Street.

## Carlisle Drug burglarized in early Tuesday

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On Tuesday morning, December 5, when G.C. and Esther Myers came into work things were not so they usually are. Upon arriving at their business, The Carlisle Drug store, they found that the

store had been burglarized. The front door had been kicked and shoved in. The burglar entered the building through the front door and the only things stolen from the store were Schedule II narcotics. At the time of the robbery, the

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## From her famous yeast rolls to lovely quilts...

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We all think we have the best mother in the world. So I was asked to do some sort of a human interest story on Mrs. Helen Fisher, by her children. December 15, 2000, will mark Helen's 74th birthday and her children are holding an open house to celebrate on Sunday, Dec. 10. So I took an afternoon and went up to Helen Fisher's home and chatted with her to find out for myself what made this woman so special. I know there are several people in the county I have heard speak of her and had nothing but kind and comical things to say.



Elicha Insko photo

Helen Fisher was born in Mason County and raised in Cincinnati. Helen moved to Carlisle the summer of 1953 with her first boyfriend and husband of 48 years, the late George Fisher. She resided here in Nicholas County and worked at the Jockey sewing plant and at the Nicholas County Nursing Home this weekend. The Fishers raised their eight children here in Carlisle. As Helen spoke of her seven girls and one boy, two of which were adopted, her eyes filled with a shine. She even told a few jokes on them. When I asked about her children she told me about her adopted son, the late Larry Fisher. She was his babysitter when he

was an infant. Unfortunately, the child had cerebral palsy. But that was the least of the young child's problems. His mother decided she no longer wanted him. So of course Helen Fisher raised him as her own until he died at the age of 44. "I loved and treated the two children I adopted as if they were my own," says Helen. "I don't know what I would do without my two daughters, Helen and George, they take care of me all the time," she added. It was to my understanding she raised her children that raising kids is very hard and

no matter what, you should let them know everything you do for them is in their best interest. As I sat looking around her home, it didn't take me long to see she is definitely a UK fan and very proud of them for the win over North Carolina this weekend. From all the quilts and different items lying around I could see she also likes to crochet. Mrs. Fisher tells me she loves to collect angels and anything to do with Jesus. Never a time, no matter what crisis, Helen has always been very strong and faithful to God. "When something

frustric happens, I write to God. I swear if he had a telephone I couldn't afford the bill," says Fisher. I got to speak with one of her daughters, Helen Stumper. She just smiled and couldn't stop talking of all her mother's accomplishments. "She is a very loving, caring and unselfish person," says Helen Stumper, "because of mom and dad we were the richest kids around, but actually poor and we didn't even know."

As I went to leave Helen's home that afternoon she filled my arms full of beans and her famous yeast rolls to take with me. I was also handed a cross that Helen had made herself to carry in my pocket. It had a poem that went with it.

It reminds me to be thankful, for my blessing-day by day. And to strive to serve him better in all that I do or say. I even got tips on how to have a happy marriage. One just like Helen and George did.

I must say that this had to be the most pleasant visit I've had with anyone in a long while. I would like to thank the family for inviting me and letting me enjoy their wonderful mother.

To you Helen, have a wonderful birthday and enjoy your family and friends because I know they sure do enjoy you.

## Students of the Week



NCHS student of the week  
Chris Hunter

This week The Carlisle Mercury is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County High School. Chris is a student at the Nicholas County High School and the son of Billy Ray Hunter and Patty Hunter. His interests include Girls' High School Basketball, Pit Crew, Mechanical Engineering and church. Chris was nominated by Susan Roberts because he is a model student who works hard, whatever the task. He is a role model for some of the younger students.



NCES student of the week  
Holland Boone

This week The Carlisle Mercury is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County Elementary School. Holland is a third grader at Nicholas County Elementary and the daughter of Ginger Sexton. Her interests include reading, cheerleading and talking with friends. She was nominated by Daria Tyrz because she is very polite. She is also very cooperative at school and always tries her best.

## STLAP gets first place in regional competition

Student Technology Leadership Program competed in regional competition on November 1, 2000 at McCarty, Katie Gifford, Charity Burton, Nathan Stull, Daniel Sapp and Tony Rhodes. The group has competed for the past three years. They have won for the last two years. The group is sponsored by Thyllis Guthrie.

Members of STLAP include Ryan Hunter, Andy Watkins, Alex Wilson, Elizabeth McCarty, Katie Gifford, Charity Burton, Nathan Stull, Daniel Sapp and Tony Rhodes. The group has competed for the past three years. They have won for the last two years. The group is sponsored by Thyllis Guthrie.



Pictured are: Elizabeth McCarty, Katie Gifford, Andy Watkins, Hopp Burton, Danielle Sapp, Tony Rhodes, Nathan Stull and Ryan Hunter.

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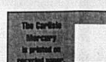
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