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Members of the Nicholas County Fire Department helped rescue a mother, her two children and the family's pet when high waters threatened her home on Upper Sharpsburg Road. No one was injured.

Firemen rescue stranded family

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Members of the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department, led by Fire Chief Mark Hughes, rescued a stranded mother and her two children from rising waters Saturday.

When steady rains fell Friday evening and Saturday, the East Fork of Somerset Creek began to rise out of its banks and trapped the family of Shannon Robinson of Upper Sharpsburg Road.

"She couldn't get out across the stream and the waters were continually rising," Hughes said. "She was worried about her children and the rising waters because there was nowhere to go."

Hughes and six of the Nicholas County firefighters devised a method of using Hughes' rollback truck to span the stream and reach the stranded family as the waters continued to rise.

"The rollback worked just like a bridge and we were able to get her and the two children out with no problem," Hughes said.

"We were even able to bring the dog out with us."

Bound over

A Nicholas County woman waived her preliminary hearing and had her drug trafficking charges bound over to the Nicholas County Grand Jury last week in Nicholas County District Court.

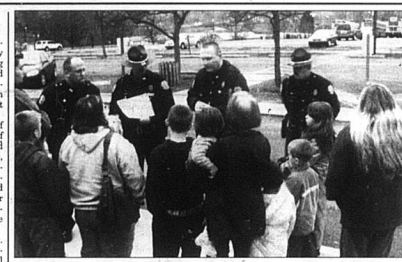
Kathy C. Berry, 42, of Carlisle, had her charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, and trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree, bound over to grand jury after she waived her right to a preliminary hearing before Honorable Judge William Probus Dec. 12.

Berry was arrested Dec. 4, in Carlisle, after Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden witnessed a 1990 Black Chevy traveling east on Concrete Road with only one headlight illuminated, according to Berry's arrest citation.

Berry was the driver of the vehicle.

Berry consented to a search of the vehicle after she failed to produce a license, according to her citation.

Kiskaden found prescription pain medicine hydrocodone in the vehicle.



Carlisle Police Chief William Denton and fellow CPD officers brief children, parents and guardians, before leaving the Nicholas County school grounds as part of the Shop With A Cop program.

Shop with Cop program has first year success

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The first annual Carlisle - Nicholas County Shop With A Cop project was held Wednesday evening Dec. 12 to the delight of 10 local children who shopped for themselves and also selected gifts for their loved ones during a Christmas shopping trip to Paris.

Law enforcement officials with the Carlisle Police Department, Nicholas County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and Nicholas County Jailer Jeff Sidles escorted the children.

"We're going to do this again next year," said Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton. "This year was our first year to be part of the program and I and the other officers feel as if it were a great success."

Denton praised the generosity of the community.

"Officer Brad Weaver was our key organizer and since this was our first year at hosting this project we established a goal of raising \$500.

"We actually received \$800 through donations and were able to allow each child \$80 to spend on themselves or their parents, or other family members."

Local law enforcement officers who participated included Sheriff Garrett, Deputy Sheriff of Nicholas County Bennie Buckler, Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton, Carlisle Police Officers Brad Weaver, who spearheaded the effort, and fellow CPD officers Michael Kiskaden, Kenny Brockman, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officer William Earlywine and Nicholas County Jailer Jeff Sidles.

Denton said everyone had a great time and the success of the project was due to good teamwork with other local law enforcement agencies.

"Other officers agreed and look to next year."

"We all had a great time and the children especially enjoyed themselves," said Sheriff Garrett.

Law enforcement officers and the children left Carlisle on their Christmas shopping adventure from the Nicholas County Elementary School parking lot, where they traveled in a school bus and by privately owned vehicles.

"We took 10 children and they were all smiling the entire trip," Denton said. "So we're definitely going to be doing this again next year."

Accidents abound

Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and Deputy Bennie Buckler joined other emergency responders in responding to nearly a dozen automobile accidents Saturday morning Dec. 15, due to wintry conditions that caused slick roads throughout Nicholas County.

Buckler blamed slick roads for the collisions, which caused damage, but led to no one suffering from life threatening injuries as a result of the accidents.

Garrett and Buckler responded to accidents all across the county from Headquarters, in Moorefield, and back to Myers Station as motorists battled icy roads.



Melanie Hatton, daughter of Greg and Shavna Hatton, presented Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes with a special Christmas present as part of the Toys For Tots project. The Hatton family, like many other generous Nicholas County families, propelled the struggling Toys For Tots program into a great success as Christmas neared.

Sharing

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