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In keeping with a tradition of nearly 100 years, The Carlisle Mercury welcomes back the Sooty Santa to our young readers who are interested in sending a letter to the editor. Warren R. Fisher, Sr., welcomed Sooty Santa home just after the turn of the last century.

Happy Holidays!
Santa Letters
are welcome

For those interested in sending a letter to the grand old man of the Christmas season, Santa Claus, The Mercury will be glad to publish those letters and send the word on to Santa.

The deadline for letters will be Dec. 12, but we'd like to get an early start on spreading the word for those Christmas lists.

Please mail your letters to The Carlisle Mercury, P.O. Box 272, Carlisle, Ky. 40311 or drop the letters by The Mercury office at 117 S. Locust St., in Carlisle. Our fax number is 859-289-4000.

If mommy and daddy have to help out you may email them to editor@thecarlislemercury.com.

We will try to get the word to Santa as quickly as possible.

If you would like to include a picture with the letter to Santa the cost is \$5.00 and should be brought to The Mercury's office along with your letter.

Happy Holidays and we look forward to your letters!

Victorian Christmas is planned

The first Victorian Christmas Festival is scheduled to take place in downtown Carlisle on Dec. 1.

A parade will come through town at 6 p.m. and after the parade Santa Claus will be available to take special requests and pose with children for photographs.

Happy Holidays and we look forward to your letters!

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Only slight injuries
A single-vehicle accident Nov. 14 near Millersburg on US 68 sent Carlisle resident Jonel Vaughn, 45, to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, according to officials with the Kentucky State Police Dry Ridge Post.

Board faces light agenda

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Nicholas County High School seniors will make a trip to the Big Apple, March 30 through April 5 for the annual trip.

The Nicholas County Board of Education approved the trip as part of the agenda during the Nov. 19 meeting.

The board members also approved the following grant applications: Kentucky Department of Education \$130,000; Hidden Valley Ranch - Love Your Veggies Grant \$10,000; and Target Field Trip Grant \$1000.

The board approved the second reading of an amendment to the school policy stating in the make-up work section allowing a student three days to make up written work.

In addition Supt. Greg Reid was authorized to advertise for letters of intent to provide architectural services for future building and construction projects.

As an annual duty board members voted to approve non-resident contracts for the 2008-2009 school year with Bourken, Harrison, Montgomery and Rowan counties.

The board voted to authorize the school business administrator, Rodie Stevens to solicit bank quotes for the board and school deposits for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

Board members agreed to approve changes to the Special Education policies and procedures manual to incorporate updated and revised forms.

In Supt. Reid's report to the board, members heard of resignations from Jessica Mitchell as staff support secretary for the FRYSC and Jeff Cornelius as music teacher NCEMS.

Those employed were: Jeffery Glenn Hamilton, Rebecca E. Harding and Nita Fryman as substitute teachers; Jessica Wallace as substitute bus driver; and Marilyn Bond as staff support secretary for the FRYSC.

As part of that team, which travels to many other school districts across the state, Bechman understands and helps devise the solutions other districts implement for their problems.

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threat of students being exposed to the age-old evils of substance abuse, alongside the new threat of accessing undesirable material through advanced technology. The Mercury recently discussed safety issues with

Nicholas County Safety Director Doug Bechman. Bechman has been involved in education for over 15 years as a teacher and principal, and thus has an in-depth familiarity with the community and the infrastructure of the Nicholas County Schools campus, but more significantly, Bechman is a part of the Kentucky School Safety Assessment Team.

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Indictments are returned

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The Nicholas County Grand Jury heard testimony from law enforcement officials regarding alleged crimes that ranged from trafficking in cocaine to stealing police cruisers.

After hearing the various testimonies, the Nov. 19 session of the grand jury returned felony indictments against three men and two women. They also returned a misdemeanor indictment against another man.

Jeremy P. Cheek, 32, was indicted on the charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine), first degree. After hearing testimony from Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden, the grand jury charged Cheek with committing the offense they say occurred on, or about, on July 22.

Paula J. McFarland, 23, was indicted on the felony charge of criminal possession of a forged instrument, first degree, and the misdemeanor offense of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Members of the grand jury heard testimony from Carlisle Police Officer Brad Weaver. The alleged criminal activity occurred on Sept. 8 of this year when McFarland allegedly produced reproductions of twenty (\$20) dollar bills, according to the indictment.

Angela Marie Martin, aka Angela Marie Riddle, 33, was indicted on 10 counts of criminal possession of a

forged instrument, second degree, after Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett testified. According to the indictment, the alleged criminal activity occurred in August and September of this year. James N. Gallagher, 35, was indicted for the offense of burglary, third degree, after Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler testified. The alleged offense occurred on Oct. 29, according to the indictment.

Mathew T. Ring, 22, was indicted for two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree, after Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler testified. According to the indictment, the alleged offenses occurred during August of this year.

Joshua Abnee, 28, was arrested Oct. 7 and charged with theft by unlawful taking (auto), fleeing and evading, second degree, and operating on a suspended license. Those charges came in the wake of a Sept. 22 incident in which a Carlisle Police Cruiser was taken after a high-speed chase.

The grand jury heard testimony against Abnee and returned a single, misdemeanor indictment of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt; it is merely a procedural step in the judicial system to determine if enough evidence has been obtained to proceed with the charges to the circuit court level from the district court level.

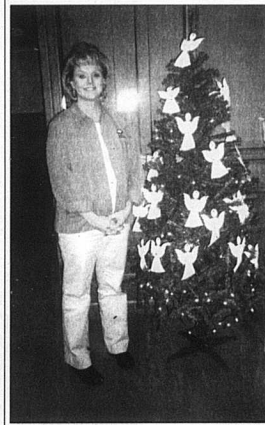


Photo submitted

Gifts for angels
The angel tree is standing and ready at Whitaker bank. Deadline for gifts to be brought to the bank is Dec. 6. Above, Lisa Beety

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- I have a right to be respected as a person.
- I am special. I am unique.
- I have a right to be safe.
- I have a right to say no.
- I have a right to state what I feel and to hear what others have to say.
- I have a right to learn.

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