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Alleged sex offender arrested



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Carl Russell Hair, 83, was arrested Monday afternoon and charged in connection with an incident that occurred in August in Carlisle during which he allegedly attempted to lure two young girls into his car.

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Police say they arrested a registered sex offender Monday afternoon near Carlisle and charged him, in connection with an August incident when he allegedly tried to lure two very young schoolgirls into his car.

Carl Russell Hair, 83, who told police his address was in Plessurville, Ky., was charged with attempting to commit an unlawful transaction with a minor and disorderly conduct, second degree.

Police say they believe Hair has been living in Mill-
egburg for some time.

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Buckler charged Hair Monday afternoon after Hair was stopped for erratic driving. "He was all over the road," Carlisle Police Officer Mark

Snedegar said. "When I asked him why he was all over the road he replied that he was looking for something."

Buckler said he did not believe that Hair was looking for any children though, as he had allegedly done in the past.

"I believe he was looking for a vehicle he had loaned a young woman," Buckler said. "I know exactly where that vehicle is."

According to Buckler, Hair has been wanted for questioning in relation to an August incident on School Street in Carlisle, during which time he allegedly attempted to lure two young girls into his car after they disembarked from their school bus.

Buckler has been working with Carlisle Police Officers Mike Kiskaden and Sgt. Darrell Layne since the August incident.

"We've been looking for him and almost caught him several times," Buckler said, noting that officers had received calls about Hair being in the community and had grown increasingly concerned since the August incident when they first thought he had a malicious intent.

"I believe his intent that day on School Street was to lure a small girl into his car to do harm," Buckler said while praising the efforts of Snedegar, Layne and Kiskaden, in locating and stopping a potential threat to the children of Nicholas County.

"He is a registered sex offender," Buckler said of Hair. Hair was asked if he had anything he wanted to say to the public about his charges. "I am innocent," he said with a gentle appearing

smile and a youthful sparkle in his eyes that defied his 83-years of age. "I don't believe I should say anything else until I speak with an attorney, but I would remind people that everyone is innocent until proven guilty."

Buckler said he was "confident" that Hair was guilty of the charges against him and possibly more. He also commented on the good citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County that had shared information with police officers about Hair beginning with the August incident on School Street.

"Carlisle has recently been referred to as 'Mayberry' with a sense of ridicule," Buckler said. "But I think most people around here would think that living in Mayberry is a good thing. We are a pretty close-knit community and people in Nicholas County, just like Mayberry, are always looking out for one another."

Victorian Christmas celebration on Saturday

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The season to be jolly, and a jolly time will be held Dec. 6 in downtown Carlisle when the community will celebrate Victorian Christmas.

The Jolly Old Elf, himself, will be participating in the annual Christmas parade, and will be riding through Carlisle with Nicholas County Emergency Management Director Calvin Denton. Denton will be driving the 1945 Carlisle Fire Truck through town, which will be an early substitute for Santa's sleigh and will be only one of many featured entries into the parade.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., with activities to occur all afternoon prior to the parade. "We hope everyone comes to town," Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark said of the celebration. "We hope we have good weather, but regardless of what the weather is we'll all have a good time."

Event organizers were pleased with last year's event and have made a few minor changes for this year. The most noteworthy of these is that the parade will be held near the end of the festivities instead of at the beginning.

One notable event that will take place immediately following the parade will be "A walk through Bethlehem celebration," held at the Carlisle Christian Church.

The church will be transformed back in time to the Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus.

The church will also be open at 4 p.m., for a chili supper.

Those who come to Carlisle will have a nice selection of food and refreshments including the chili supper and refreshments can be enjoyed beginning with the Jailhouse tea starting at 1 p.m., at the old Jailhouse on Main Street.

Members of the Nicholas County Historical Society and the Courthouse Square Arts Guild will join forces at the Neal Building, where Santa's better half, Mrs. Clause, will be serving cookies to children starting at 3:30 p.m. All children are also invited to the Neal Building at 3 p.m. for a puppet show and all children are encouraged to stay at the Neal Building to make their own Christmas ornament starting at 4 p.m., thanks to members of the Arts Guild.

"It was a great success last year," Historical Society President Michelle McDonald said of the ornament making and other events held at the Neal Building. "We're looking forward to having a great time again this year."

Guests with an appetite for frog legs are encouraged to hop on over to Garret's Family Restaurant for fish and frog leg diner, beginning at 4 p.m. Gingerbread houses will be on display in the courthouse thanks to the Nicholas County Homemakers and beautiful Christmas carols can be heard all afternoon long thanks to a group of singers being led by Sharon Wilson.

Be sure and come to Carlisle Saturday for an enjoyable Christmas celebration for the whole family.



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Gifts for the Angels

The Deposit Bank Branch on West Main street is sponsoring an Angel Wreath. Come by during the lobby hours beginning Dec. 4th and select an angel and then provide a Christmas gift for the child. Gifts must be wrapped and returned by Dec. 12th. Pictured L-R are Glenda Lemo and Cybill George with the Angel Wreath.

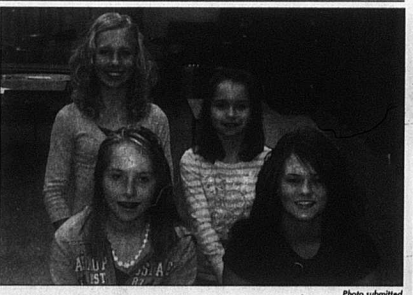


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Snowflakes bring holiday cheer

Snowflake contestants for the 2008 Christmas parade are, left to right, seated, Kaitlyn Wells and Janna Hale. Back, left to right Sydney F. Fryman and Cara George.

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