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Victorian Christmas delights Carlisle, visitors

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Snowflakes drifted on Carlisle to add a wintery touch to the annual Christmas parade Saturday night, as crowds lined the street to view the festive event.

Led by Carlisle's Chief of Police William Denton and the Kentucky National Guard color guard, the event brought a spirit of good will and happiness in the Yuletide season.

The Victorian Christmas celebration attracted many visitors to downtown to view the colorful event and take part in the Christmas tradition.

The sights and sounds were made even more appealing for the holiday as the Nicholas County High School marching band took part, playing wonderfully and offering music for the season.

While chilly, it was not cold, and those on hand de-

lighted at the floats and parade entrants as they passed spreading good cheer and adding to the Christmas spirit.

Gathered on Main Street, parked in nearly every nook and cranny, those on the parade route were treated to floats and others in the parade.

In the first judging D.G. Schell took first place, God's House of Prayer earned second place and the Girl Scouts captured third place.

Others in the event included horses, tractors, horse drawn buggies, some antique vehicles, a few carolers, the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society as well as members of the Nicholas County Fire Department and the City of Carlisle Fire Department.

Capping off the parade was the arrival of Santa Claus riding atop a vintage fire truck and sharing the happiness of Christmas with



Photo by Melissa Mitchell
Santa Claus made a special appearance at the Carlisle Christmas parade, riding on the back of a vintage 1940s fire truck.

WARNING: Don't cash those checks - Holiday Sweepstakes Scam Alert -

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Everyone wants to receive a check in the mail that can be cashed, but there is a check out there that everyone needs to be aware of. There is a scam out there.

If you receive a business sized envelope with no return address on it and check inside of it from Wells Fargo Bank with a letter from Ink Direct, Toronto Ontario, Canada, Land of the Lakes Purina Feed, Emily Webb 4954 E. Front Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. DO NOT CASH IT.

Take the check to the Carlisle City Police, Sheriff Dick Garrett or to the Kentucky State Police.

Carlisle Police Chief Bill Denton said, "The check

looks real, with amounts of \$3,500 - \$4,500. When I have tried to contact the company and let them know that I am the Chief of Police they will hang up the phone on me.

I have contacted the Wells Fargo Bank and the Land of Lakes Purina Feed does have an account there with them but the checks that are being mailed out have the incorrect routing number on them. There have been two that have been turned in Carlisle but have not been cashed," the chief said.

Sheriff Dick Garrett said that he was aware of this incident and that he had been notified about one that had been cashed.

If you receive the check and try to cash it the instructions are for you to send in an amount of money by Money gram to the address given on the letter to pay for the taxes.

Once the fraudulent check is cashed and the money for the fees has been mailed back to the fraudulent issuer of the check, the original sent to the person falling victim to the scam is stopped and cancelled.

With that, the one cashing the check is stuck holding the bag. The person cashing the check will owe the bank money that was given to you when cashing the check.

If you have any information concerning this matter or concerns contact Chief Bill Denton, 289-3710, at the Carlisle Police department, Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett, 289-3740, or the Kentucky State Police, 859-428-1212.



Photo by Melissa Mitchell
Snow Queen crowned

Last year's Snow Queen, Hannah Dixon, crowns Samantha Watkins as this year's Snow Queen. Sydney Fryman was also crowned as the Snowflake Princess.

Soldiers honored Saturday

by Sandy Hamilton
and Charles Mattox
Staff Writers

The Kentucky National Guard's Bravo Battery, 2138th Field Artillery, based here in Carlisle hosted an awards ceremony and dinner at the Carlisle Armory on Saturday, December 6, to recognize outstanding soldiers within the unit.

The unit deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq, in late August and early September 2007. While in Iraq, soldiers performed convoy security for the largest battalion in theatre. The soldiers returned to Carlisle in May 2008.

1st Lt. R.J. Hill, Sgt. Michael Cepeda and Spc. John Netherton were presented the Bronze Star Medal with "V" insignia for their combat actions during their unit's deployment in operation Iraqi Freedom. The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces, when award-

ed with "V" insignia for valor and bravery in combat.

In September 2007, a gun truck in their convoy was hit with an explosive. Hill, Cepeda and Netherton helped protect the rest of the convoy and evacuate wounded soldiers from the truck. Cepeda and Netherton were wounded themselves during the incident.

Staff Sgt. Justin Jones and Sgt. Eric Conkright were presented the Soldier's Medal, which is awarded by the Army for acts of heroism in the saving of life. The Soldier's evacuated two of their fellow comrades from inside an overturned, burning vehicle Sept. 10, 2007 while deployed to Iraq. Their actions directly resulted in saving the lives of the two Soldiers inside.

Carlisle native Sgt. Rodney Trussell received the Purple Heart for wounds he received April 5, 2008 after the truck he was riding in was struck by an anti-tank grenade. The Purple Heart is a United

Hair pleads not guilty

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An alleged sex offender arrested in connection with an incident in Carlisle this summer, during which he allegedly attempted to lure two small girls into his vehicle, has entered a plea of not guilty in Nicholas District Court.

Carl Russell Hair, 83, of Pleasantville, entered a plea of not guilty before District Judge Jay Delaney Dec. 3.

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler and Carlisle Police Officers Darrell Layne, Mike Kiskaden

and Mark Sneedgar arrested Hair on Dec. 1.

Hair's arrest was made in connection with and August 22 incident in Carlisle when Hair allegedly attempted to lure two young girls into his car after they disembarked from a school bus.

The above subject (Hair) attempted to get a little girl to get into his automobile and listen to music," Buckler wrote on Hair's arrest citation. "When she refused, he (Hair) offered her money."

Buckler also notes on the citation that Hair is "a registered sex offender." Buckler

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