

LIFESTYLE

Carlisle Rotary Club: spreading Christmas cheer

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The holiday season can be a busy time, making it seem like almost every free moment between Thanksgiving and Christmas has been filled with one activity or another. Everyone is on the move, shopping for presents, preparing meals, going to Christmas parties, etc. We get so busy and fill our schedules so full that it can be easy to lose sight of the spirit of the season.

There is a group of individuals within our community who take time out of their busy schedules to remember, and to do good for others. The Carlisle Rotary Club. Just before Thanksgiving, the Rotary kicked off the holiday season with their traditional Turkey Bingo night at Nicholas County Elementary School. The club worked with Whitaker Bank and program to help do some-

thing about it. Every year until his passing, Mr. Fightmaster donated significant funds, which combined with funds raised by the Rotary Club, helped to provide both warmer clothing and a merrier Christmas for the children he loved so well.

In keeping with his wishes, Mr. Fightmaster's daughter, Nancy, has continued to support the program. This year, the Rotary was able to double the number of children assisted, providing winter clothing and presents for 48 children in the community, twice the number helped in years past.



Left: Some stepped by to visit with children as the Rotary Club hosted a Christmas party for 48 children, providing winter clothing and toys.

The little boy with his bow coat when he threw his arms around it and hugged it, he was so happy to have it. When you can be a part of bringing that kind of joy to a child, well... That's the kind of thing that sticks with you and makes you want to do even more."

What inspires mem-

Wild(?) Turkey

Photos by Stephen Scalf

Last week, Billy Mac Gowan was a wild turkey strutting around East End Park before it crossed the street and settled into the field beside his farmhouse.

Billy called the Mercury to have someone get a picture and when I arrived, we kept edging closer until we were so close that we could have reached down and picked up the turkey.

The bird finally strutted and took flight - a beautiful sight but unfortunately collided with the upper branches of a nearby tree and became entangled.

This unusual behavior - letting humans approach so closely and then not being able to avoid tree branches probably meant the turkey was either sick or injured.

Whatever the situation, the Mercury joins with Billy Mac in wishing one wild turkey the very best of luck.

"Nicholas Fix" Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the December drawing for the Nicholas Fix free spay/neuter program.

Patrick McAnally  
Tred Porter  
William Loyer  
Lurline Dorton  
Jessica Riley  
Sue Conley  
Clark Short  
Linda Livingston  
Diane Jackson  
Katie Hoover

Entry forms and a drop box are available at the Nicholas County Public Library, as well as a bulletin board with dogs that are ready for adoption.

Bird quota proposed for Clay WMA

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission today proposed quota hunt management for grouse, woodcock and quail on Clay Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The management area, which includes nearly 5,800 acres, is located in Habersham and Fleming counties. The Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approval of expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Legislators must approve all recommendations before they become law. The wildlife division says the quota hunt regulation because it wants to gauge the impact of habitat improvement upon game bird populations at Clay WMA. Consulting the hunting pressure on the management area would allow biologists to gather important biological data and hunting information to assist with future wildlife management decisions. These quota hunts would be under a format to assist quota quota hunts at Paddy's WMA. If approved by legislators, the new Clay WMA regulation would begin with the 2010 hunting season. The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be 8 a.m. ET, March 5. Meetings are held at the Annual Habitat Building, located at 1 Sportman's Lane in Frankfort. Anyone wishing to be placed on the meeting agenda to speak before the Commission at its June should notify Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in writing at least 30 days in advance. People who are hunting, registered and plan to attend for meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance. The agency will provide a translation. Requests for placement on the meeting agenda should be sent to: Dr. Jay Cossart, Commissioner Kentucky Fish and Wildlife | Sportman's Lane Frankfort, Ky. 40601

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