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Park development seen



Representatives from four area counties met Monday night at the Nicholas County Courthouse to hear a state official explain what is in store for the Blue Licks Battlefield State Park and what could be in store for the park.

Dr. Allan Worms, director of the Division of Tourism and Development in the Department of Commerce, told the crowd at the first general public meeting in Nicholas County on the subject that the plan in mind is not a feasibility study but a developmental plan.

A feasibility study would determine if any development would be economically sound. A developmental plan would include research into areas of the park that could be developed to attract more tourists and visitors, Dr. Worms said. As expected, one the most popular

subjects at the meeting was the construction of a lodge at the park. Area residents told Dr. Worms they were sure a lodge would have no trouble maintaining a high enough occupancy rate to be practical.

Some speakers said the park has as many as 1,000-1,500 visitors per day on summer weekends. Helen Sims, Mt. Olivet, told Dr. Worms that people visit Blue Licks from all over the world and that during the recent three-day horse trials in Lexington some foreign visitors came to the park with more information about the area that she had.

Dr. Worms said that after a visit to the park he felt there were three areas of concern as far as future development.

First, the park is some distance from

a major interstate. Secondly, it is also some distance from a major metropolitan area and third, there is not a major tourist resource such as a lake nearby.

But, he said, the park has many things in its favor. It has a sound historical background, he said, and it also has very interesting archeological aspects. The features, he said, have an integrity that will stand the test of time.

Dr. Worms stressed that he was not in Carlisle to make any promises or to deny any possibilities. He said he was there to inform the people of the focus of the developmental study and seek their comments and input.

One of the major concerns raised by several of the people present was that the state government and the parks department is neglecting Blue Licks and that it doesn't actually know how

many people use the park. It was brought out that the demand for the shelter area is so great in some months that a two-day wait is often necessary and that there are often as many as 300 swimmers using the pool during peak times.

The meeting was the first general meeting held in Nicholas County on the park. Similar meetings were held several years ago and Gov. Julian Carroll allegedly promised to build a lodge at Blue Licks if and when elected. However, a subsequent feasibility study was used by the governor to deny the lodge, on the grounds that it would not be economically practical.

Some of the area people present Monday were:

Carlisle — Charlotte Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Booth, County Judge and Mrs. Reese Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Ellington, Lamm E. Smith, Mrs. Hazel L. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Conley, Clay Hunt, Robert Paul, William Power, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McWhorter, Danny Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford.

Mt. Olivet — Charles P. Hughes, Helen B. Sims and Marjorie Montgomery.

Fleming County — Mrs. Reese Wayne Simons, Donald H. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gramma, F. S. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hichman, Mrs. Leo P. Hoyle and Mrs. Margaret Hildreth. In addition state representative Adrian Arnold and Mrs. Arnold and state representative Pete Worthington were also present.

Rescue unit receives grant

The Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad has received a \$80 grant from the Kentucky Division of Disaster and Emergency Services.

Fire Chief Woodie Wilson said the money will be used to buy a gasoline-powered metal cutter to be used for rescuing people from wrecked cars and burning buildings.

Wilson said the saw can be operated by one man and uses a metal disc for cutting.

The Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad is one of 92 rescue units across the state to receive a grant in the latest announcement of grants.

Wilbur R. Bantam, Jr., DES Executive Director, explained that the grants will be used to bring all units to a light-duty status. To do this, a standardized minimum equipment list was established and squads have made requests based on their needs.

Squads that have already reached the light-duty level are allowed to purchase more sophisticated equipment.

Money for the equipment was made available through a \$300,000 allocation by the 1978 General Assembly. So far about \$175,000 of the money has been awarded.

Appeals hearing delayed

The Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals has announced that hearings scheduled for next Wednesday, May 9, on Nicholas County assessments, have been cancelled.

No date has been scheduled for the resumption of the hearings.

The cancellation affects 23 Nicholas County assessments which had been appealed locally, and then on to the state board.

Although no reason for the cancellation was given, one source indicated that the board has lost some members recently and no replacements had been made.

The hearing was set to be held at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Those affected by the cancellation were:

William Powell and Co., David A. Zachary, Oliver Veach Berry, Oliver and Hazel Berry, Don R. Hughes, Charles and Judy G. Judge, James A. Carter, M. C. Blair, Frank Mathias, Robert and Elsie Anderson, Eddie and Ellena Barber, Jimmy and Betty Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shaw, Lester and Claudia Sharp, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Sparks, Donald and Ethel Story.

Roger C. and Sara Womack, Howard Allison, Jr., Lucy Fleet Allison, Nina Raages, Sterling B. Baker, Warren R. Baber, Mrs. Willie K. Fryman, Orville Gaunce, Don Hughes, James C. Marshall, Sr.

Mathers-Shearer, Orlis McCarty, Edith Smith, estate of Fannie Ruth Seeling, Lillian Vice, Frances Wason.

Some of the property owners listed above have already withdrawn their appeals. Others will be notified through the Mercury as to the date and time of the rescheduled hearings.

The hearings concerned 1978 assessments only.



Famous feed

For 24 years the best meal in town could be found at this annual meeting of the Nicholas County Homemakers. This year was no exception as the ladies loaded up a table at the Nicholas County Elementary that rightly deserved the old name for a big spread, "the groaning board". There were plenty of groaners after the meal but no complainers. — Mercury photo.

News briefly

Mercury now 25 cents

Effective this issue the newsstand price of the Carlisle Mercury will be increased from 20 cents to 25 cents per copy.

The increase has been made necessary by rising costs of printing, newsprint and supplies. The increase will also mean that the Mercury's newsstand dealers will receive more for each copy sold than they had previously.

The change does not affect the subscription rate of the Mercury, which will remain at \$6 plus tax for six-month subscriptions, \$7 plus tax for all other Kentucky subscriptions and \$9 per year for out-of-state subscriptions.

In-county subscribers, under the new per-copy price, will realize a savings of more than \$6 per year by buying their Mercury through a subscription.

Horse show May 12

The North Middletown Charity Horse Show will be held on Saturday, May 12, at the new show grounds, located one mile south of North Middletown on KY 57. The show is sponsored annually by the Community Club, and has grown to be one of the largest and best shows in the area. This year there will be over \$500 in premiums, trophies and ribbons, in the 22 classes for Saddlebred,

Walking and Pleasure horses. There will be a well-lighted show ring, ample parking space, and plenty of home-cooked foods. The show begins at 4 p.m. and will conclude with the \$300 Walking horse stake and the \$250 Five Gaited stake. So plan now to attend. For further information call John L. Rainey, Horse Show Chairman at (505) 323-4406.

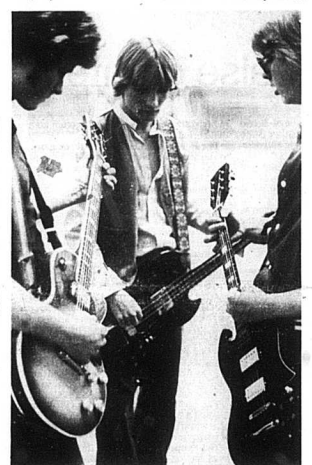
Pryor to work for Brown

John Y. Brown, Jr. today appointed Paul E. Pryor of Carlisle as Nicholas County co-ordinator for his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

"I'm delighted that Paul is joining the campaign in Nicholas County. We are picking up new support every day

throughout the state and Paul's appointment makes us even stronger," Brown said.

Pryor, 45, is plant engineer of Blue Grass Kittingling. He is a director of the Nicholas County Fish and Game and is a former member of the Jaycees.



In tune

Members of the local group "Fantasy" tune up before their appearance at the 4-H Talent Show last week. Guitar players for the band are, from left, Earnest Hersman, Barry Ritchie and Pat Knapke. — Photo by Jeff Kerr.

County's dumpsters arrive

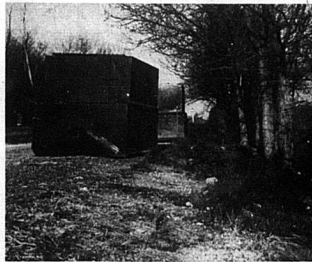
The long-awaited trash dumpsters have arrived in time for Clean-Up and Beautification Week and 14 have already been placed in the county.

County Judge/Executive Reese Simons said this week seven more are awaiting placement. Judge Simons targeted all county residents to use the dumpsters for disposal of their trash.

In addition, the county landfill will be open for dumping free of charge May 14. The usual charge is \$5 per load.

Present dumpster locations are:

- Sexton's Trailer Court.
- Concord Church.
- Jacksons Road (near Clifton Waugh farm).
- Headquarters.
- Dog Walk Road.
- Barterville.
- Myers Road.
- Perkinson Ridge Road.
- Sugar Creek Road.
- Abner's Mill Road.
- Buzzard Road.
- East Union Road.
- U.S. 68 at Walnut Grove Road.



Dumpsters here

Nicholas County Fiscal Court has placed 14 dumpsters at different locations throughout the county and seven more are expected to be placed soon. The court has urged all county residents to use the dumpsters for trash disposal. This site, at U.S. 68 near the Walnut Grove Road, has been used for a trash site for so long it was considered a natural location. — Mercury photo.