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28 year incumbent falls

Hughes unseats Power in Mayor's race

Current City Councilman Frankie Hughes captured nearly 56 percent of the votes cast in the Mayor's race Tuesday, and defeated 28 year incumbent William Power by a surprising 2-1 margin.

Hughes swept every precinct by a sizeable margin and ended up with a total of 446 votes to Power's total of 213. Lee Betts, a third candidate for Mayor, picked up only 156 votes in the race, and ended speculation that the two challengers would split the incumbent's opposition vote.

Hughes campaigned on a platform of striving

to provide an environment conducive to economic growth in the community. He has stated as one of his immediate priorities the updating of all services in the city. He says he wants to make Carlisle "competitive" in the area of attracting new industrial development.

Power, the incumbent with 28 years in the Mayor's office behind him, captured only a little over 21 percent of the vote. Power had campaigned on his past record, his experience (particularly in budgetary affairs) and his ability to serve in the capacity full-time.

Ambulance question

The question of whether or not to establish an ambulance service district for the county with the authority to impose a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) cents per \$100 property valuation was answered with a resounding "NO".

The overall turnout for the election was 62 percent of registered voters Tuesday, down 16 percent from the May primary. Of those 206 persons who did vote, only 38 percent favored the addition of an ambulance service taxing district.

The vote was 779-467 against the proposal.

Faced with the lack of any additional revenues to fund a county-run ambulance service when local funeral homes cease the service at midnight Dec. 31, the Fiscal Court was scheduled to spend a good deal of time on the issue in a meeting set for Wednesday morning.

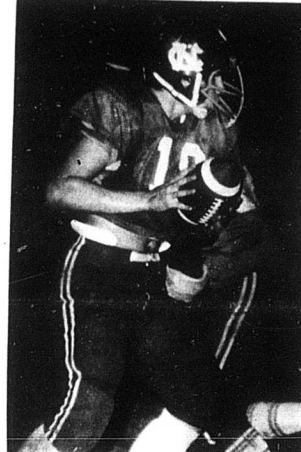
Details of that meeting will be featured in next week's Mercury.

The battle between Earl Lee Plank and Lovell (Bob) Livingston in the East Union and 3rd District Magistrate

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District crown sewn up Jackets will face Bellevue in regional competition



All the marbles were up for grabs in district football action last Friday night, and after the dust had cleared from fields in Nicholas and Boyd Counties, the Jackets appear to have nailed down their third district championship since Coach Ben Pumphrey came to the county school seven years ago.

While the Jackets were handily leading Owen County 26-0 at the local field, Fairview was in the process of defeating Hazard 12-8 and throwing Nicholas County back into the driver's seat of the district race.

Fairview's victory tied up the district standings with all three teams locked at 1-1 records. Under rules used by the Kentucky State High School Athletic Association, the champion is now decided on a point system that figures in the victories scored by defeated non-district opponents.

While no official word has been received from the KHSAA, all calculations point toward a comfortable margin of victory for the Jackets in the scoring contest.

Our figures have the Jackets with a total of 13 points at this time. The most either of the opponents could mount would be eight by Hazard, provided West Carter scores a victory over Fairview and leaves them with no points. Even with a victory Friday night, Fairview has no shot at the title. The Jackets could have as many as 16 total points if they are allowed to count Fleming County twice.

The Jackets are now preparing for the regional championship game with Northern Kentucky powerhouse Bellevue on Nov. 13. The Nicholas-Bellevue regular season contest that was set to conclude both team's year Friday night at the local field has been cancelled.

and both are awaiting the playoff battle at Bellevue.

A breakdown of the point scoring process shows Nicholas County picking up four points for its win over Owen County (Owen has won four games this year), three for its win over Fleming

(that could be six if allowed to count it twice, since the Jackets beat the Panthers twice this season) and six points for their win over Mason County. Those victories add up to 13 points for the Jackets.

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Owen blasted 26-0 in heated contest

Amidst flaring tempers and swinging fists, Nicholas County marched to a safe 26-0 win over Owen County last week and picked up valuable points in insuring their grasp on the district championship.

Sparked by the performance of Jacket superstar David McGuffey, Nicholas controlled the game from start to finish. McGuffey, the Central Kentucky Conference's second leading scorer, added 20 points to his total last week, including a 60-yard return of the opening game kickoff that left the visiting Owen Couillians stunned.

McGuffey now has 102 points and 16 touchdowns on the year, and is well past the 1,000 yard mark in rushing. As abruptly as the contest opened on

McGuffey's blazing run, it came to an end when a brawl broke out on the field and officials called the game with 4:22 remaining in the final period. The eruption had been hinted at all night long as tempers were flaring almost from the outset.

Both Pumphrey and NCHS Principal David McMillen said that they have received no word of an official report filed about the incident, and Pumphrey said that he has not been notified of anyone being disqualified.

The mole capped a frustrated night for the visiting Owen County squad, as a tight Bluejacket defense halted their every third try to set up a scoring situation.

Owen finally mounted one serious

drive in the closing minutes of the first half, but a big quarterback sack by Mike Webb, and a pass broken up by Mike Wooley seemed to halt the threat.

A roughing the passer penalty gave the Rebels new life in the Nicholas 25, but Baker's pass attempt was intercepted by Wooley in the end zone.

The only other serious Owen drive came at the end of the third quarter, but that one stalled on the Nicholas 25, and secured a shutout for the Jacket's defense.

Owen also tried a razzle-dazzle play that turned out to be a halfback pass late in the game, but defender Eric

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Siege Anderson moves to hand off to a Jacket running back in last week's 26-0 thrashing of Owen County. Anderson made a surprise appearance at the quarterback slot Friday, moving from his regular end position to replace an injured Rocky Young. — Mercury photo.

Vandals destroy county mailboxes

Local Postmaster John Anderson said Monday that approximately 150 mailboxes in the Morefield and East Union sections of the county were vandalized sometime Sunday night or Monday morning.

According to a report given him by Route 5 mail carrier Calvin Wills, the boxes all appear to have been damaged by the same, or a similar instrument.

Anderson said that this is the worst case of vandalism related to the postal service in his tenure at the Carlisle post office. "I've been here 13 years and have nothing of this magnitude has ever happened."

Anderson said that if anyone could provide some strong evidence as to the identity of the perpetrators, he feels confident that a federal investigation

would follow by Postal Inspectors.

Tampering with mailboxes is a federal offense, and is punishable by one and a half years imprisonment and/or placement of the damaged property.

Anderson said that he would very much like to make a "test case" out of the incident if the perpetrators are uncovered, in order to provide an example to those who could later be inclined to similar vandalism.

Shots fired in incident on the Carpenter Pike

The Walter Shepherd dairy on Carpenter Pike was the scene of a shooting incident that involved several out of town juveniles and two local men.

According to Constable Ronald McDonald, who was the first law enforcement officer to arrive on the scene, the incident took place around 4:30 p.m. Friday afternoon when a group of five juveniles from Georgia and one 19-year-old Lexington resident opened fire with a .25 caliber automatic pistol on a car owned by Gene Bretz, Route 1, Carlisle. Wayne Browning, also of Route 1, was a passenger in the Bretz automobile.

McDonald said that according to Bretz's report, he and Browning were

stopped by the youths who asked for money. When Bretz and Browning refused, the assailants opened fire.

McDonald said that Bretz's automobile was struck by eight shots.

The suspects were apprehended in Millersburg, and the juveniles, three females and one male, were transported to the juvenile detention center in Fayette County.

Arrested and lodged in the Nicholas County jail was Charles Cassidell, 16, of Lexington. He has been charged with a third degree assault and is being held in lieu of \$5,000 cash bond.

No one was injured in the shooting incident.

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Pooh lovers

Angel Kelley and Bradford Stone (foreground) were so engrossed with Winnie the Pooh last week that they even forgot about their cupcakes for a while. Looking on with the children is Sarah Kelley from the state

Department of Libraries, who coordinated the Pooh film into the regular story hour at the Nicholas County Library. Information on story hours can be obtained from librarian Jorja Anderson. — Mercury photo.