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In Gov. Collins' opinion

## BGK not violating water standards

Gov. Martha L. Collins said in a statement today that she finds confident Blue Grass Kitting Inc. of Carlisle has continued to successfully operate under the state's new water regulations.

"Based on information from my cabinet members and staff, it seems clear that BGK can successfully operate without endangering the streams within its watershed."

Because of concerns about the possible effects of the state's new water quality standards, Jockey International chairman Diana Steigerwald came to Kentucky last

May to meet with officials of the Commerce Cabinet, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet and, if necessary, to meet with Gov. Collins to resolve the company's concerns about the new water quality standards.

AFTER MEETING with Commerce Secretary Carroll Keady of Natural Resources and EPA cabinet officials Mrs. Steigerwald expressed confidence that the BGK facility would be able to meet the new water standards.

A subsequent meeting with Gov.

Collins was not deemed necessary, even though Gov. Collins had offered her assistance to be available for such a meeting.

According to EPA and Natural Resources Cabinet Secretary Charlotte Baldwin, BGK's Carlisle operation has never been cited for a violation by the Cabinet's Division of Water.

"At this time, we do not believe there are any environmental problems resulting from BGK's existing operation."

SECRETARY Keady said his agency has continuously monitored

the implementation of the new water regulations because of concern for any potential adverse impact on jobs in the area.

"I have been fully informed about BGK's concern for the new water regulations. We have assured Mrs. Steigerwald of our cooperation and of full access to Kentucky officials for help in finding a solution, should there be a problem."

Sen. Ed Ford, whose district includes the BGK plant, has worked diligently to create an atmosphere of good communications between company and state officials, Gov.

Collins said.

Sen. Ford played a key role in arranging a meeting between Secretary Baldwin and Jockey officials in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Monday, Sept. 10, she said.

SEN. FORD, who helped set up the meeting in Kenosha and who will also attend, said the meeting was arranged to give Jockey International a clear idea of how the company can adjust to the water standards.

"My simple idea was the company should be able to meet the standards," Ford said.

Gov. Collins said she issued

today's statement to remind people, particularly those who work in the textile industry and live in the area, of her determination to judiciously guard the environment while working with industry to keep jobs in Kentucky.

CARLISLE Mayor Frankie Hughes, who will also attend next Monday's meeting in Kenosha, said the city "more appreciates the part Gov. Collins has taken" to resolve the situation.

"As we understand it she's going to stay up to it. She doesn't want Jockey leaving the state either."

## Library, hospital tax rates the same

Tax rates for fire protection and support of the public library will remain the same for 1985. Fiscal Court, at its September 10 meeting, approved a 2.5-cent per \$100 assessed valuation of real property subject to taxation on the Nicholas County Fire Protection District No. 1. The resolution, dated August 29, was made by the members of the NCDFD board of directors, Roy Blount, chairman, Billy Hunter, secretary, and Frank Williams, treasurer.

The Nicholas County Public Library District board last August set the rate for a continuation of its current 2.1 cents per \$100 assessed valuation of real and personal property. The very recent vote was signed by board president Linda Soper and secretary Judy Janda.

Both rates were unanimously approved and will be on the November 14 ballot.

MAGISTRATES will hold a public meeting Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. to receive comments on two other proposals: a county tax rate of 1.8 cents per \$100 assessment and a 2.3 cents rate for the Hospital Board/Booker Fund.

The 1985 county tax rate would be assessed the same as 1984 which produced \$17,700 for the General Expense Fund. Due to the increase in the county's taxable base, however, 1985 taxes would generate expected revenue of \$23,573. Under House Bill 94, Nicholas County's rate is set at 2.4 cents per \$100. Compensating tax rate and revenue derived at this rate is figured at \$118,000.

The 1984 Hospital Board/Booker Fund rate was 2.8 cents per \$100 and produced \$147,000. The proposed increase to 3.15 would up expected revenue to \$131,264 in local 1985. A public hearing is required by law when the tax rate is set at a higher rate than that which 1984.

The Board of Trustees of Johnson Mathers Health Care Inc. submitted the names of four persons to fill vacancies on the board. Court approved the nominations of Mrs. Fred Sparks, John Anderson and James Carter for new three year terms, beginning January 1, 1986, and Billy Hopkins to fill the vacancy created by the death of Charles M. Cox. The term expires January 1, 1988.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the court tentatively adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan as presented by Charles Hyatt of Blue Grass Area Development District. C. F. Canfield, assistant foreman of the quarry, was named Environmental Enforcement Officer. Other action will be taken at a later date. Minor changes may be made by the state, court said.

"Accepted the bid of Billy Duncan of Therman's Electric to rewire the courthouse at a cost of approximately \$200,000. The bid was increased from 200 amperes and will prevent an over-voltage which caused a recent electrical fire.

"Linda Hatcher, who has been the old attorney on East Main Street, advised the court to turn on the heat in the building. It was taken under advisement.

"Approved a request by the Nicholas/Nicholas County Development Commission to use the courthouse and during Court recess scheduled Sept. 20 and 29.

"Approved the bid of New York Life Insurance Co. to provide group medical coverage for county employees under Plan 3.



Rain delay

Tobacco cutting on Reese Smoot's farm on Mayville Road came to an abrupt halt last Thursday afternoon when a heavy downpour of rain hit the area. Eddie Fordell, on the wagon, and Terry Fackob, Tommy Cobb of Both County and John Smoot, a cousin, helped photographer James Duncan before

calling it a day. John is raising 14 acres of tobacco this year, including five on the county judge executive's farm. He figures an average profit on 700 sticks of tobacco in a day and good cutters about 1,500.

## School officials optimistic following evaluation

### Some test score results 'encouraging'

Nicholas County students are actually operating above level most grades and curriculum areas, using the measure converted to Normal Curve Equivalents (NCE), as follows:

Grade	1984	1985
Grade 1	41.5	49.9 plus 1.4
Grade 2	67.1	31.3 plus 1.8
Grade 3	26.2	24.1 plus 1.3
Grade 4	48.2	33.3 plus 1.3

The scores in the non-mathematical grades ( kindergarten, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11 and 12) also followed that trend.

IN COMPARING the scores from the 1985 test with those from 1984, Nicholas County students tended to improve slightly or hold at the previous year's level. There were some grades where significant improvement was evident, the most notable of which are shown below:

Donald G. Elder, the rankings which are being publicized are not from the state Department of Education but are being compiled by the media for their own use. The state realized the hardship the rankings were causing local schools and changed this year to a district system in which schools are assigned a ranking of 1 to 19 on the evaluation scale.

A ranking of 1 is very low and a ranking of 19 is very high. The data which was published by the state used the 1984 statistics for the year in which all school districts were ranked in detail. The area in

which we received the lowest rating was on our dropout rate. Our own data from last school year, 1984-85, shows that we had our dropout rate from 4.1 in 1984 to 11 in 1985. We think this is a significant improvement over the previous year since it would raise our score from district 1 to district 4, based on 1984 statewide data, and place us in the average range.

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## Steamy time at horse show

The popular level line class attracted 31 entries. All exhibitors were pleased with the results.

RESULTS of the remaining classes:

Class 1, pleasure horse-Buckskin Blue, ridden by Joe Rice and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Adams of Owensville, first; Gold at First, owned and ridden by Cindy Harmon of Owensville, second; Paise, owned and ridden by Tammy McGowan of Flemingsburg, third.

Class 2, western pleasure-Buckskin Blue, ridden by Shari Clark and owned by Jackie Clark, second; Mowbride, first; Paise, owned and ridden by Peggy Devoan and owned by Judy Thompson of Morefield, third.

Class 3, cutting-rare-Buckskin Blue, ridden by Stanley Wiloughby of Mt. Sterling, first; Vag, owned and ridden by Rodney McWhorter of Carlisle, second; Mowbride, ridden by Kenneth Cravens and owned by Nancy Vanzell of Paris, third.

Class 4, pleasure horse-Shadow, ridden by Jennifer Wiloughby and owned by Judy Thompson of Morefield, first; Shadow, U-10, ridden by Stan Waddell and owned by Jim App of Carlisle, third.

Class 5, the barrel race-Tammy's April Folly, owned and ridden by Rodney McWhorter of Carlisle, first; Buck, owned and ridden by Don Chry of Morefield, second; Texas Chica, owned and ridden by Mike Soley of Manchester, third.

Class 6, country pleasure (the English II, Dressage Memorial)-Shadow's Unshakable, ridden by Charlie Sorell, owned by Mikereba Previtt of Mt. Sterling, first; Duke's

Class 7, quarter horse open-hair for yearlings-Face Staff, McKee, owned and shown by Shirley Mitchell of Carlisle, first; Holiday Carter Girl, shown by Nancy Doyle and owned by Marvin Doyle of Carlisle, second; Two Red Daughters, shown by Jackie Clark, owned by Mikereba Previtt of Mt. Sterling, first; Duke's

Class 8, the barrel race-Tammy's April Folly, owned and ridden by Rodney McWhorter of Carlisle, first; Buck, owned and ridden by Don Chry of Morefield, second; Texas Chica, owned and ridden by Mike Soley of Manchester, third.

Class 9, country pleasure (the English II, Dressage Memorial)-Shadow's Unshakable, ridden by Charlie Sorell, owned by Mikereba Previtt of Mt. Sterling, first; Duke's

Class 10, country pleasure (the English II, Dressage Memorial)-Shadow's Unshakable, ridden by Charlie Sorell, owned by Mikereba Previtt of Mt. Sterling, first; Duke's

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