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Arnold, Ford, Worthington ready for session

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FRANKFORT — Governor Wallace Wilkinson is ready to call a special legislative session on a state lottery in November, despite a request from House Democrats that he delay it until January.

Members of the governor's staff polled legislators on Monday — asking whether they prefer November 14 or November 28 for a lottery session if voters today approve an amendment to the state constitution allowing a lottery.

The Governor said he will issue the call for the session to begin November 28, in remarks to a Louisville television station, last Tuesday.

Local legislators ready
Kentucky State Senator Ed Ford (D-Cynthiana — 38th District), who represents Nicholas County, said he has no problem with the earlier date.

"We've the legislature all known since Governor Wilkinson took office and the general assembly put the matter before the people, we would have a special session as soon as the issue passed."

"I am ready and willing to go to Frankfort and come out with something the people want."

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Adrian Arnold, ID — Mt. Sterling) who represents Kentucky's 74th District, will be ready but could have apparently still determined to call a special legislative session on a state lottery in November, despite a request from House Democrats that he delay it until January.

"Normally, I would have been in favor of calling the session in January," Arnold said, "however, in January we may have confused the general public into confusing education with the lottery."

"It may be best to have the two items addressed separately, since the people will expect each to be considered to its fullest," Arnold said.

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Wilkinson declined to respond to questions about the polling on Monday.

"I'm not surprised the governor has rejected the request. We knew when we made it our choices of getting him to see things our way were slim," said House Democratic Whip Kenny Repier. "I understand they've called me. They know how I feel."

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Talking Weather
WLEX-TV personality Brian Collins visited Nicholas County Elementary last week. Collins spoke to eighth grade classes on the weather. Later that evening Collins said in his report Nicholas County had been the best class to talk to. When asked why he said they were "very well behaved."

Above Collins, second from right, with Gerald Hammons and two Nicholas County students. Below, Collins addresses students. Julie Pfeifer Photo.

Council plays to packed house; zoning request draws crowd

By Julie Pfeifer
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The Carlisle City Council played to a packed house Monday night. Most of those in the audience were concerned with the rezoning of property on Moorefield Road for a convenience-type store.

Harlan Skene, who property borders on the land owned by Taber Builders, was present, along with Victor Dryden, Sherry Utegrat, and others, along with Mike Pryor and Tom Troth, an attorney representing the interests of Taber Builders.

The City Council was simply to have first reading the rezoning ordinance, the other ordinance being a rezoning of a part of Elaine Hardwick's property.

The reading wasn't just a reading. City Attorney Skip Watson searched through the Kentucky Revised Statutes to see how soon a meeting could be held for the benefit of Elaine Hardwick, who wants to begin building before cold weather sets in. He was careful trying to find the correct procedure, he

explained, to protect Taber Builders. If the Council decided to grant the request, it could easily be overturned if those in opposition said they were not notified of the special meeting.

Troth explained to the Council that he felt proper notification statutes had been met. He said the meeting was held Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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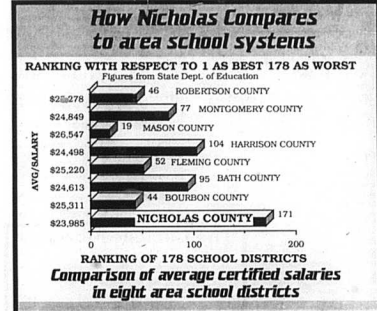
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Nicholas Board grants raises

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All Nicholas County teachers and administrators will receive a little more in their paychecks now.

In action at Monday's Nicholas County Board of Education meeting, the board voted to grant all certified personnel a 2 percent increase, retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

The vote for the increase and personal day was 4-1, with Billy Hunter, Herbert Durman, Louis Zachary and Jimmy Anderson voting for the motion and John Cleaver voting against.

Teachers' aides within the Nicholas County system also received a 2 percent raise, plus an additional sick day per year, effective immediately. This raises the number of sick days teachers aides will receive. The aides

had requested a 16 percent increase and the beginning of a pay scale development for aides on the system.

This, it was pointed out, would bring the aides' pay into line with adjoining school systems. The vote was 5-0.

Teachers had requested a 3 percent increase citing the payroll, occupational tax, health insurance benefits, health insurance, and a general cost of living index of nearly 5 percent. All certified employees

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