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**Longtime police chief
Allen Earlywine dies;
served city 27 years**

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 CARLISLE, Ky. — Carlisle City Police Chief Allen Earlywine, 54, collapsed and died at his home Monday night, July 30.
 Earlywine had been a Carlisle Police officer for 27 years, serving as chief for more than 23 years. Nicholas County Ambulance personnel and Carlisle Police officers were called to his Sharon Way home around 10 p.m. Efforts made to revive Earlywine at his home, on the way to the hospital, and in the hospital were unsuccessful. Dr. Alan Hamon, emergency room, said Earlywine had complained of not feeling well to co-workers, but continued to work his regular shift.
 Several people gathered around the emergency room entrance at Nicholas County Hospital as medical personnel attempted to help Earlywine. Several of his co-workers, relatives and friends stood in the humid night air hoping for good news. Several immediate family members and friends were in the emergency room.
 "No one will ever be able to fill his shoes," said Gary Saltee, a Carlisle Police dispatcher. "He was always concerned the most with the other fellow . . . and how he was doing."
 Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes, who was at the hospital, said an immediate decision concerning the operation of the police department would be made. "We'll just have to wait and see. I don't know right now," Hughes said.
 Longtime friend Gene Kelley remembers hiring Earlywine as a member of the Carlisle Police Department in 1963 during the Blackberry Festival and stayed on to join the force in a full-time capacity. When Kelley quit as chief of police in July 1967, Earlywine assumed the position he held until his death.
 A staunch family man, Kelley said, Earlywine enjoyed collecting guns, hunting and just being an outside person. He loved to hunt and take his kids fishing. He was a good father.
 He was a very compassionate person . . . understanding, easy going . . . we've been friends since 1963. He was just a straight forward kind of guy. He was just one fantastic human being. He did his job as well as he possibly could. He was fair in every way."



TOILING IN THE SUN . . . Doug Fryman of East Union Road in Nicholas County joined many farmers in Nicholas County last week under the hot sun in the tobacco field. Crops are reported from good to late across the county, but Blue Mold has reared its ugly gain this year. Watch for a special report in next week's **THE CARLISLE MERCURY**. Farm issues fill Congress, many may affect county farmers, see details inside this week's issue.

Several countians earn medals

By Tim Jones
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 LEXINGTON — Nicholas County residents finished first, second and third in 400-meter races at the Bluegrass State Games last weekend.
 The three-day event was held at several locations. Melroyn Sams, Old Paris Road, and Betty Barton, High Street, finished first and second in the 1926 to 1930 age group. The race was run on the Shively track on the University of Kentucky campus. This is the second consecutive year the Carlisle ladies have finished first and second in the 400-meter race at the Bluegrass State Games.
 Barton and Sams, competitors in the 1926 to 1930 age group, are both active ladies but ran for very different reasons.
 Barton, who ran in the Blackberry Festival 5K race, said she ran "just for the heck of it."
 Sams, winner of the Blackberry Festival 5K for her age group, gave her reasons for running in a more definite manner. "I run for the gold medal," Sams said.

**Sign up for election
changed to August 7**

CARLISLE — August 7 instead of August 29 will be the last day individuals can file to run for Nicholas County Board of Education.
 This is the second time in two years the official sign-up date has changed.
 In Nicholas County there are two seats, which will appear on the ballot, district two held by James Anderson and district three held by Herbert Duncan.
 The only name officially on record to run in the November election is Judy Thompson in district three.
 Anyone wishing to be a candidate must have the nominating petitions in the office of Rose Scott, Nicholas County Clerk, by 4 p.m. August 7.
 The change in deadline for filing is not the only change affecting school board races.
 In the past one person could sign the petition of every candidate from a district . . . under a Kentucky Attorney General's opinion a person may sign only one petition.
 Having the same name on two or more petitions to run for office will invalidate those petitions.
 Actually the rule applies in school systems where members run at-large, unlike the district rule in Nicholas County.
 Also on the ballot for the November General Election will be the race between Democratic incumbent Ed Ford of Cynthiaiana and Republican challenger Betsy Davenport of Millersburg. The two will be fighting for Kentucky's 30th District seat.
 State Representative Adrian Arnold (D - Mt. Sterling) will appear on the ballot unopposed, following his primary election win over challenger Tom Hogge of Owingsville.
 In a statewide race Senator Mitch McConnell, Kentucky's republican Senator in Washington will face a challenge from Democrat Harvey Simons, who defeated closest challenger John Brock in the May primary.
 Also on this election's ballot will be four constitutional amendments for voters to choose from.



Betty Barton (left) and Melroyn Sams, above, were second and first place winners in the Bluegrass State Games. Keene Bryant, inset, earned a bronze medal.

Nicholas County's third medal, a bronze, was won by Keene Bryant in the 1974-1975 age group.
 Bryant, the son of Lanny and Cynthia Bryant of Lake Carnice, ran the quarter-mile distance in 54 seconds flat.
 Bryant, who plays basketball and runs track at Bourbon County High School, found the Bluegrass State Games more competitive than high school meets.
 "There are a lot more people to run against," Bryant said.

**Ky. voters to face four
constitutional choices**

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 FRANKFORT (AP) — This year, for the first time, Ken-tuckians will be able to make four changes to the state's century-old constitution.
 How those particular four arrived on the ballot provides some insight into a process that participants acknowledge relies more on political pressure than constitutional considerations.
 There were a host of choices that could have been made. The 1891 constitution is a regular target of criticism.
 The most recent list of suggestions came from the Special Commission on Constitutional Review, a 29-member panel appointed by the leadership of the General Assembly.
 The commission composed 77 suggested changes to the constitution in a report released in September 1987.
 Of the four on the ballot this year, only one of them was included in the list compiled by the special panel.
 Judge J. William Howerton was chairman of the commission and finds himself in a ticklish situation when discussing amendments. He is chief judge of the intermediate Court of Appeals and a candidate for the Kentucky Supreme Court.
 Nevertheless, Howerton said he is disinterested by the lack of attention paid to the commission's work.
 "Generally, I have been disappointed that the General Assembly and leadership of the legislature have not done more with the recommendations that we made," Howerton said.
 The amendment on this year's ballot that takes the commission's recommendations into account makes a host of changes in how municipal governments are operated.
 Sen. Joe Meyer, D-Covington, who sponsored the amendment, said it included parts of nine of the commission's recommendations, including one of its 10 most important.
 Two of the other amendments on the November ballot deal with legislative prerogative.
 One would allow the General Assembly to call itself into special session if requested by petitions signed by two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate.
 The other would let legislative committees overturn administrative regulations of executive agencies even when the legislature is not in session.
 The fourth amendment would exempt from taxation the real and personal property of religious institutions.
 Sen. David Karen, D-Louisville, sponsored the taxation amendment. He acknowledged there are more pressing constitutional issues than the ones covered by the amendments.
 "The problem is getting a consensus on these kinds of issues," Karen said.
 Meyer said the commission did not have to face the political

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