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Ford and Davenport Square off in Paris debate

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PARIS — The Paris-Bourbon County League of Women Voters held a public forum for the State Senate candidates last Thursday.

The forum was held in the Fine Arts building at the Paris High School and featured incumbent Ed Ford and challenger Betsy Davenport. The Reverend Clifford Pike was the moderator and the candidates fielded questions from a cable television audience.

The forum began with opening remarks by the two candidates. Ford stressed his leadership in the education reform and in bringing new industry to the 30th District.

Davenport used her opening remarks to address the tax burdens she said Kentucky suffered under. The Republican candidate said Kentucky's state and local taxes place the state among the ten most heavily taxed states in the country. The Carlisle attorney also urged more economic and agribusiness development in the district.

The first question asked of the candidates concerned the road bond controversy. Davenport said the road bond issue had become a legal issue and would be very expensive to the state before it was solved.

Ford agreed with his opponent in stating the road bond issue had become a legal question. "I voted against the road bond issue," Ford said, "it's ludicrous, ridiculous."

Ford further stated the same roads could be built for \$600 million in 12 years "without paying a single hands broker." The Democratic incumbent said he hoped the Supreme Court did not allow Kentucky to be come indebted.

Another question asked the two candidates were their positions on out of state garbage.

Davenport answered the question first. The Republican challenger said Kentucky had been unaware of the dangers of solid waste until recent years. She emphasized greater public education to make people aware of the hazards of solid waste.

Ford said the legislature must deal with solid waste in a responsible manner. "We can't ban out of state garbage," the Cynthiana veterinarian said. The Interstate Commerce Commission prohibits interference with interstate commerce.

Ford believes the key to stopping the flow of out of state garbage is to pass tough requirements on burying garbage in Kentucky. "Then we won't allow states that have less stringent rules to bury their garbage here," the Democrat stated.

Davenport gave a rejoinder on this question and stated interstate commerce can be controlled in certain ways.

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The curtain swings November election

CARLISLE — All across the Kentucky voters will be going to November 6.

Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., p.m. is Kentucky's General Election. There is only one statewide re-election this election.

The much heralded, often mentioned incumbent Mitch McConnell, long Harvey Sloane.

The duo has faced off to hold seats in the United States Senate. From the Sixth Kentucky Co. Larry Hopkins is unopposed in the Lexington republican will House of Representatives, where the late 1970s.

From Kentucky's 74th representative Adrian Arnold, will begin his unopposed in the general election. From the Sixth Supreme Court Wintersheimer is unopposed.

Some opposition in
 There will be some contestation in the 30th Senatorial District. Ford (D-Cynthiana) is being challenged by Bourbon County resident Betsy Davenport.

The winner of the race will be Kentucky's Senate. Two school board races in Nicholas County will be on with opposition - will be on in the Hafferty and Mayor's office Hall will attempt to unseat Anderson, the county's secretary.

In the Moorefield precinct of Engine House precinct, two new seats on the school board from three. The seat was left vacant by Herbert Duncan opted not to seek.

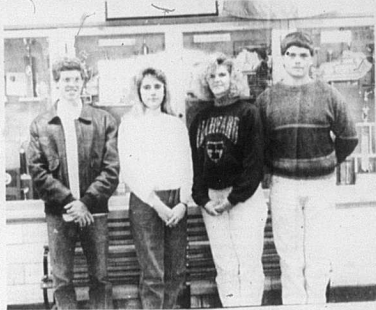
Voters face four a
 Across Kentucky voters will be asked to vote on amendments aimed at changing Kentucky's 179 year old constitution.

Amendment one asks voters to call the body into session for the governor.

Amendment two asks for voter approval to have review of active duty department has during regular sessions of the General Assembly. Amendment three asks voters approve extending the power of city, home rule, etc.

The fourth amendment has notice, but can have dramatic religious institutions.

The amendment asks: Are we occupying by, and personal property and intangible, owned by instigating. A majority no vote will remain the amendment is written.



Pictured above are the senior members of the Nicholas County band. The senior band members will be honored at Senior Night before the football game against Harrison County. They are, from left to right: Tom Gabriel, Kurt Turpin, Jennifer Hardin and Chris Fryman.



Pictured above are the Nicholas County High School seniors who will play their last game at Nicholas County Friday night against Harrison County. Top row, left to right: Brian Handley, Jason Farah, Billy Clemons. Bottom row, left to right: David Pruitt, Randy Hayes, Chris Fryman and Mike Johnson. Assent for the picture were Matt Smart and Chad Tabor.



Pictured above are the senior academic team members who will be honored Friday night at Senior Night. Top row, left to right: Anna Koury and Andrea Hall. Bottom row, left to right: Robyn Brookshire, Craig Jones and Todd Wilson.

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