ELECTION '90 - THE FINAL COUNT

Hall upsets Anderson in school board race

By Tim Jones
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Boogie Hall rode the anti-tax feelings in the 2nd Educational District to convincing win in the Nicholas County Board of Education election Tuesday.

Hall defeated incumbent school board chairman Jimmy Dan Anderson.

The margin was 245-134 for Hall, an employee of the Kentucky Department of Human Resources.

Hall said the increase in taxes was the biggest issue in the campaign.

"I don't know if it won it for me," Hall noted, "but it lost it for him."

Hall felt other financial issues were also very crucial in the race.

"I think people are very concerned about how the money is spent," she noted.

In addition, Hall said voters in her district were concerned about the construction of a new bus garage.

"I'm not sure spending $350,000 on a new bus garage is necessary," she said. "A lot of people I've talked to have questioned this."

Hall said she felt the money might be better spent on children.

In addition, Hall indicated she was interested in improving conditions for children in the Nicholas County system.

"I'm for partitioning the elementary school," she said, "but not at an unfeasible cost. Right now I think it's an unfeasible cost."

On other issues, Hall said she will have to look at a talked about middle-school concept and said she was interested in helping buy books for children.

Hall said the voters in the 2nd District were ready for change. She said she wanted to think the voters for electing her to office.

"I'd like to thank people for their support," Hall stated, "and tell them if they ever have a problem they can call me at any time."

School Board Voting
Hall 245, Anderson 134
Vice 273, Thompson 162

Vice defeats Thompson in district three

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — Sammy Vice won the school board race for the 3rd Educational District over Judy Thompson Tuesday.

Vice, a farmer from Moorefield, defeated challenger Thompson 273-162 to capture the vacant seat.

The seat in the 3rd District was left vacant when board member Herbert Duncan was unable to run for reelection.

Duncan was unable to run because his daughter is an employee of the school system. Under the Educational Reform Act, a board member cannot have a relative working in the school system.

Vice thanked the public for their votes and their confidence in him.

"I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me," Vice said.

"I appreciate their confidence in me, now I have to go prove I'm worthy of it and show them they made the right decision," he added.

Vice said citizens in his district wanted to see walls in the elementary school.

"It's the biggest thing I've heard about in talking to people," Vice noted.

Vice also said there is concern over taxes.

"I think people were maddest about not having any input into the tax process," Vice noted.

"People saw the tax increase wasn't as drastic as they thought it would be, but they were upset because they just didn't have any say so," he added.

Vice said he will not go to the board with any pet projects.

"I don't have a pet project. As I'm open minded as I can be," Vice said.

"I think that's the biggest advantage I have," he noted.

Vice, the father a year old daughter, said he is interested in doing as good a job as possible.

"I just want to do the best job I can for the children of Nicholas County and the voters of the 3rd Educational District," he said.

Boogie Hall

Sammy Vice

Sloane takes Nicholas by 48 votes

McConnell wins state not county, three amendments fail

By Kara Read
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Despite losing Nicholas County by 48 votes Republican Mitch McConnell will return to the United States Senate, according to the Associated Press.

The Associated Press declared McConnell the winner, over democratic challenger Harvey Sloane in the race for one of Kentucky's two senate seats when 60 percent of the vote was counted.

Less than 40 minutes after the polls closed in Western Kentucky, The Associated Press declared McConnell-the winner.

This despite the fact Western Kentucky is predominantly Democratic.

Statewide, unofficially, McConnell captured 53 percent of the vote.

McConnell will return to the senate for his third term in that office.

Nicholas County totals for the race were close.

Democrat Harvey Sloane, totalled 865 votes in the county to McConnell's 817 votes in the county.

Nearly 95 percent of the voters in Nicholas County are registered Democrat.

Voter turnout for the county was 46 percent.

Three unopposed candidates for office went through the formalities of an uncontested race.

Republican Larry Hopkins (R - Lexington) will remain as the United States Representative from Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District.

Democrat Adrian Arnold (Mt. Sterling) will also keep his seat as the state representative from the 74th District.

He will return for his eighth term representing Nicholas, Bath and Montgomery counties.

The final uncontested candidate, Donald Wintersheimer, was again elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court from the Sixth Supreme Court District.

Wintersheimer was first elected to the position in 1982.

In addition to the individual candidates, there were four proposed amendments to the Kentucky Constitution on the ballot.

The only amendment passed was the fourth proposed amendment.

This amendment will keep in tact a tax exemption for church owned properties.

Nicholas County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this amendment.

It passed in Nicholas County by over 70 percent of the vote.

The remaining proposed amendments did not pass.

Nicholas County was consistent with the state.

Voters here turned down the amendments by at least 70 percent in each case.

The first proposed amendment favored allowing the Kentucky General Assembly to call itself into special session. This is an act which only the governor can do at this time.

"I don't believe the people understand the ramifications of Amendment One," said newly reelected state senator Ed Ford (D - Cynthiana).

"If the governor, and I'm not necessarily talking about this governor, goes off the deep end during mid term, there's absolutely nothing the General Assembly can do," Ford said.

"There's no way on earth the legislature can get back into session . . . and impeach or take any action after the session has adjourned.

"Just like with Amendment Two, I don't think we got the message out.

"I was concerned about Amendment Two . . . it was just too much power for too few people . . . like Amendment One is without being enacted," Ford said.

The proposal of Amendment Two would allow members of the General Assembly to review, approve, or reject any administrative regulation of an officer or agency of the executive department during or between regular sessions of the General Assembly.

The final failed amendment, proposed Amendment Three, would have given the General Assembly more authority to classify and regulate cities; grant cities "home rule" powers; set limits on local government tax rates and debt capacity; regulate city elections and the terms in office of city council and commission members; and regulate local government taxing powers, including the power to grant limited tax exemption to businesses and industries.

The Carlisle Mercury/Tim Jones photo
Ginny Smith, precinct worker, stands in a voting booth at Nicholas County Courthouse. Over 46 percent of the county voted in Tuesday's election.

Mitch McConnell

Constitutional Amendments

Number 1
274 yes
901 no

Number 2
223 yes
895 no

Number 3
304 yes
787 no

Number 4
1025 yes
410 no

Despite republican challenge

Ford repeats in senate

By Hank Bond
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CYNTHIANA — Incumbent State Senator Ed Ford (D - Cynthiana) has maintained his seat representing Kentucky's 30th Senatorial District with approximately 67 percent of the vote (district wide) over political newcomer Betsy Davenport (R - Millersburg).

In Nicholas County, Ford captured the county with a 864-548 margin.

Ford captured every precinct in the county, and the absentee count.

"I am really pleased with the victory. Although I would have certainly liked to have taken a stronger win, in some ways I believe this is a mandate from the people," he added.

First elected to a five year term in 1977, he will be taking the seat for a fourth term.

"I am proud to have served the people of the district for this period of time and I believe this election was a mandate from the people to continue doing things the way I have been.

"I believe the constituents want me to speak up when I believe something needs to be said and make the hard political decisions when they need to be made," he said.

"I believe it was a good race and I am grateful to the voters to be going back to Frankfort."

Davenport, who says she enjoys being a pioneer, was in an upbeat mood following the vote tally.

"It's wonderful. It's the first time ever a woman has attempted to run in this race and the first time in 61 years there has been a republican to run in the district.

"I am very happy at this point to have allowed people the opportunity to vote for someone besides a democrat in the general election" the Bourbon County president and Carlisle attorney said.

"I have spoken with Senator Ford, and he was a real gentlemen and a good opponent," she said.

Ed Ford

UNOFFICIAL 1990 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Precinct	Total	U.S. Senator	U.S. Senator	U.S. Rep.	State Senato	State Senato	State Rep.	Supreme	Sch. Bd	Sch. Bd.	Sch. Bd.	Sch. Bd.
By	Votes	Rep	Dem	Rep.	30th dist Rep	30th distDem	Reg.	Court	Dist 2	Dist. 2	Dist. 3	Dist. 3
Precinct	Cast	McConnell	Sloane	Hopkins	Davenport	Ford	Arnold	Wintersheime	Hall	Anderson	Thompson	Vice
Headquarters	145	70	58	58	38	78	59	27				
Barterville	131	61	61	57	33	73	50	27				
Rafferty	136	51	68	44	33	66	47	20	68	49		
Myers	76	30	42	27	25	37	37	15				
Moorefield	321	153	116	107	69	139	135	111			112	169
East Union	67	25	37	27	17	37	42	22				
Mayor's Office	298	121	146	140	117	127	129	60	169	80		
Ervine House	371	155	176	157	105	182	170	61			49	101
Mathias	150	62	69	62	43	62	75	26				
City Building	175	79	79	101	62	77	83	25				
Absentees	23	10	13	10	6	14	20	18	8	5	1	3
Total	1693	817	865	796	548	864	851	336	245	134	162	273

30th District State Senator Totals

City	Ford	Bax
Bour	2176	1318
Rob	352	195
Nich	864	548
Hgr	3210	730
Scott	2827	1736
Wood	2692	2486

Fay UNAVAILABLE
Sub Totals Without Fayette Totals
Ford 12,121
Davenport 6,713

GENERAL NEWS

Newest dentist no stranger; as daughter joins local group of dentists to begin practice

By Kara Read
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Carlisle's newest dentist is no stranger to this city, nor is she a stranger to the field of dentistry.

Pam Sparks has recently joined in practice with her father, Robert Sparks and his partner, Leon Riggs.

She said her father and Riggs have been in dental practice in Carlisle for almost 30 years.

Sparks is a 1984 graduate of Nicholas County High School and a native of Carlisle.

Sparks attended the University of Kentucky for six years. She said she was accepted to the dental program after two years of undergraduate studies.

"I knew when I started U.K. that I wanted to go to dental school."

She said she originally planned to specialize in orthodontic dentistry.

She entered a graduate program at St. Louis University in orthodontics after graduation from U.K. in May, she said.

Sparks said she didn't like the program and decided she preferred general dentistry.

"It was good that I had this office to come to. I probably would have been in Lexington if I had stayed with orthodontia."

Sparks continued, "It's worked out fine. I was always so focused on orthodontic school that this was a perfect alternative for me. I'm happy to be here."

Sparks said she began practice with her father at the end of September, after the arrival of new equipment and a renovated room for her.

Sparks said she had to register with the county to become eligible to practice in Carlisle.

"I had to sign my name in a book in the courthouse which all dentists and doctors sign."

She continued, "When the woman pulled it out for me, it was like a big puff of dust."

She said she looked through the book and saw doctors and dentists signatures from the 1800s, as well as the signatures of her father and Riggs.

She said being in practice with her father and Riggs is beneficial to all of them.

Their experience helps her, she said, "If I have any questions, they're here for me."

She said because she is just out of school, she is more familiar with new trends in dentistry, such as cosmetic dentistry.

"A lot has changed in dentistry."

Sparks said she will be attending a seminar in Louisville on veneers. She explained veneers are a porcelain shell put on teeth to make them look whiter.

She said she wants the community to know she is keeping up with the latest techniques in dentistry.

Another addition to the office, she said, is nitrous oxide, also known as laughing gas.

She said nitrous oxide can be used on children as well as adults.

It gives the patient sedation without after effects, she added.

She said after treatment with nitrous oxide, a person can function normally, even drive home.

Sparks said nitrous oxide is new to the office but not to her.

It is another area, she said, where she can offer assistance to the practice.

"They (her father and Riggs) have the gift of experience and I have the newest techniques."

Sparks said she wears rubber gloves and glasses when treating patients. She added these are techniques she used in school and her partners are not accustomed to them.

She said, however, "We're all learning together."

Sparks said her partners are both members of the Bluegrass Dental Society and she is still awaiting acceptance.

She said the three of them attend monthly meetings. These meetings may include seminars and speakers.

"It's like continuing education."

She added dentists must have continuing education to keep their license.

Sparks said she thinks the patients are accepting her in her new position. She is trying to gain the trust and respect of the community.

"I'm single and I don't have anything but work so I'm throwing myself into it."

She said she worked in the office on Saturdays throughout dental school so many people are familiar with her.

She said, "I think it's important to communicate to patients that I'm here to serve them. I'm trying to keep later hours also."

She said she is trying to do her best for the patients and she hopes to be a success here.

"It's a golden opportunity for someone just out of dental school."

Sparks said she is trying to become a more active member of the community now that she is working here.

"Carlisle is different now to me because I'm actually part of the community."

She said she is looking for ways to involve herself in the community.

"I need to know what's available. I feel I need to get out and be part of the community as an adult and working professional."

She said the only barrier is that some people still see her as a child because she grew up in Carlisle. She added that most people trust her, however, because her father is established in the community.

Sparks said she is glad her career has taken this direction.

"Working here was in the back of my mind the whole time. It was the route I chose in the end and I'm happy with that."

The Carlisle Mercury/Kara Read Photo
Pam Sparks, center, is no stranger to the people of Nicholas County as she joins with father Robert Sparks (above left) and Leon Riggs in their dental practice on Locust Street in Carlisle.

Vaughn retires .....

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lot of work but I enjoy it."

He continued, "I've done hard work all of my life."

Vaughn said he often works on building five hours a day after leaving work at Johnson-Mathers and eight hours on Saturdays.

"I'm not planning to put more time into building after I retire but I probably will."

In addition to building and maintenance work, Vaughn is a member of the Carlisle City Council, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and on the board at the First Church of God in Paris.

"Work keeps you young," he said.

Vaughn and his wife of 43 years, Francis, have two daughters and "three of the greatest grandkids in the country."

Vaughn said his retirement is voluntary and the thing he looks forward to the most is relaxation.

Fellow employees say they will miss Vaughn.

"Tommy will help you out. He's been a real friend other than just being in charge of maintenance," said Phyllis Mitchell, an employee in Respiratory Care.

Dan Miller, Administrator of Johnson-Mathers, said Vaughn is going to be missed.

Miller said although he has been administrator for a short time he knows Vaughn has done a lot of good work for the hospital and nursing home.

"We wish him well," Miller said.

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Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home Needs Your Help!

The following is a copy of a letter being sent out asking for community support (in the form of letters) for the nursing home. With your help, Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home may be able to expand their services by adding 55 more beds.

A show of support from the community will help form the Certificate of Need application for the beds.

Please respond by November 12.

Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc.
Nicholas County Hospital - Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home
2323 Concrete Road - P.O. Box 232 - Carlisle, KY 40311

Dear Concerned Citizens,

The Board of Trustees of Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc. operating Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home are asking for your support for our request to expand our Nursing Home by an additional 55 beds.

As you know, our Nursing Home has continued to meet the highest standards, receiving a "Superior Rating" every year. Our waiting list includes (94) Nicholas County residents and (192) out of county residents -- (27) Bourbon, (15) Harrison, (7) Robertson, (4) Montgomery, (3) Fleming and (136) other. These totals are currently understated as we had discontinued accepting new additions for about twelve months, until the past few weeks. We accept all patients, regardless of financial status, race or condition of care. We provide Skilled, Intermediate and Personal Care Services. In addition, the Hospital has 10 Skilled Swing Beds. In the past three years 17 hospital patients have been unable to enter the Nursing Home because of lack of openings.

We need you letter of support for the project to be approved, as there is fierce competition for the available beds being considered by the Certificate of Need Board. Your endorsement is vital as there are over 7,000 beds being requested with only 949 being considered for addition in the entire state.

Please return to me at your earliest convenience your recommendation and support. We need your reply by November 12, 1990 in order to include with our Certificate of Need application. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Dan Miller, Administrator

Johnson-Mathers is asking for your help to be able to meet the needs of this community.