

Nicholas County's voter registration is down

By Josh Shepard
CARLSLE—According to estimates released by the state board of elections, only one-third of Kentucky's registered voters will vote in the upcoming May primary. In Nicholas County, declining numbers of registered voters may lead to one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the state.

Since the 1991 May primary, voter registration in Nicholas County has dropped by nearly 69 residents, according to figures reported from the Nicholas County Clerk's office last week.

According to Secretary of State Bob Babbage, since the last presidential primary in 1988, the number of registered voters in Nicholas County has decreased by 250 people.

Although no simple explanation for the continuous decrease of registered voters in Nicholas County is evident, the decrease is apparently endemic to a problem existing throughout the entire state. In a recent news release, Babbage urged voter participation in Kentucky has reached near crisis proportions despite efforts to raise voter awareness of candidates and education of the power people have when they exercise their right to vote.

To bolster the numbers of registered voters in Kentucky, the state board of elections with MCI communications to Nicholas County, who are of the age to register, so they can register.

Another percentage of the voting public is registered in the county, but for a variety of reasons they decline to vote.

Yet, there are plenty in this county, Fryman said, who are of the age to register, so they can register.

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Kentucky State Police
 Kentucky State Police reports are provided by Trooper James Babbage, public information officer, at the Day After Tomorrow at the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office.

Trooper Steve Owen has charged William R. Amburgey, 48, of Carlisle with DUI, failure to produce insurance, card and driving left of center. Arrest occurred at 12:16 p.m. May 16, four miles east of Carlisle on Locust Grove Road.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a single vehicle injury accident at 8:40 a.m. May 16, four miles east of Carlisle on KY 32. Driver was Wesley Flinn, 19, of Bedford, Indiana, operating a 1978 Mercury. Flinn had minor injuries and was transported to Nicholas County Hospital.

Watkins responds.....

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 said it was not his intention at the council meeting to implicate or cast blame on the actions or functions of the former water district board.

There was a perceived problem between the Nicholas County Water District and members of the Carlisle City Council, Curtisinger said, and he sought merely to resolve the dispute and ask for time to take care of outstanding bills between them, Curtisinger said.

As it turned out, no lawsuit had been filed against the district, Curtisinger said.

But Curtisinger did reiterate that the district was not in a good financial shape.

"It isn't a situation where we're nearly out of business," Curtisinger said, "but there are debts we have to pay. Certainly, if we receive all bill payments regularly, we could cover most of the debts within a year, but it wouldn't cover the additional money we need to upgrade the system and construct the new tower," Curtisinger said.

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