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Smoot regains school board seat over Elder by three votes

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CARLSLE — School Board incumbent David Smoot retained his seat by three votes over former School Superintendent Don Elder in the tightest election race in Nicholas County.

Mr. Elder, in commenting on the race, said he probably will not seek a recount of the total.

In an odd twist in the election results, Smoot lost his home precinct in Myers by 10 votes, 64 - 54, but defeated Elder in the former superintendent's home precinct, 103 - 95.

Regular voting, not counting absentee votes, gave Elder a two vote win. It was the absentee votes that turned the tide in Smoot's favor as he received the three votes he needed to keep his seat.

A big factor in the win, however, was not just the hair thin margin by which Smoot prevailed but by the number of voters who did not cast a vote in the school board election.

Out of 168 total voters in the school board election, 103 voters did not cast a decision in the school board race.

Some blame may rest in the fact that the non-partisan school board election was held at the bottom of the ballot ticket, unlike the rest of the general election ballot choices.

But whatever the factors were in the final totals, here appears to be a message in Smoot's narrow victory.

"It's very obvious to me that there is strong dissatisfaction with some of the directions the school board has taken in the last few years. I don't believe that all votes for my opponent were votes against me personally as much as they were against the actions of the board in general."

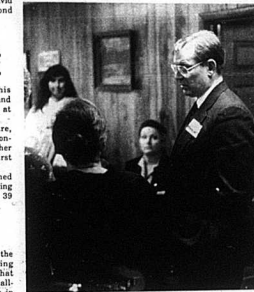
"Mr. Elder ran a strong race and to his credit, he stayed with the issues. I've always taken the position that I'm on the school board to help the kids in our school and in the way I will continue to approach the job. If I don't do a job for the best interests of the kids, I hope that in the next election the voters put in someone who will," Smoot said.

In a statement made available in Smoot's narrow victory, he expressed disappointment in the outcome.

"To fall short by so few



David Smoot



U.S. Rep-Elect Coasty Baesler

Baesler takes U.S. House seat

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CARLSLE — Last May, when Coasty Baesler won the democratic nomination for Representative of the sixth district, most people didn't realize he had a republican opponent.

Baesler had some recognition, previous experience and a strong showing in the race for Kentucky Governor, and a pretty deep pocket from which to finance a campaign.

He also had the advantage of not racing against an in-

competent since Representative Larry Hopkins announced last May, did manage to earn votes in the county, 568 of them.

As he exacted his party's good when considering that at one point, no voter had even heard of Ellinger's name before. At least not connected with politics.

By the time the tally was up, Baesler had picked up roughly 66 percent of the Nicholas County vote and accepted the congressional post with a promise that he would not lose sight of whom he represents.

At the Ellinger camp, though, it was apparent that the Republican had run a credible race.

"I feel sad that we the republican party lost in the back the seat, but we were working against a lot of factors. We had limited exposure and limited finances, which was obviously a big factor in the race," Ellinger commented.

He continued to say that at a few times during the race he

felt optimistic about his chances to beat the odds and felt he had an opportunity at times.

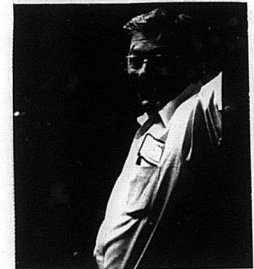
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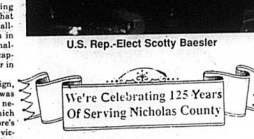
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Bartlettville	282	71	119	1	28	0	0	0	24	74
Bartlettville	128	42	57	1	24	0	0	0	16	86
Bartlettville	168	39	101	1	24	0	0	0	16	86
Moorefield	351	95	172	4	26	0	0	0	12	68
East Union	100	27	45	0	0	0	0	1	85	45
Mayor's Office	396	134	184	4	63	2	0	1	69	305
Engine House	568	184	267	8	74	0	0	0	52	118
Mathias	254	109	109	5	43	0	0	0	67	136
City Building	285	111	111	2	49	0	0	0	37	137
Headquarters	221	73	99	2	13	0	0	0	17	66
Absentees	71	25	52	1	13	0	0	0	17	66
Total Votes	2834	894	1341	28	513	6	1	4	490	1597

Precinct	U.S. Rep. 4th Bunning	U.S. Rep. 4th Poore	U.S. Rep. 6th Ellinger	U.S. Rep. 6th Baesler	State Rep. 72 LeMaster	Sch. Board #1 Smoot	Sch. Board #2 Elder	Sch. Board #3 Zachary
Bartlettville	85	117	125	71	125	71	54	64
Bartlettville	34	70	62	23	97	68	70	169
Moorefield	23	216	169	20	63	48	20	48
East Union	2	63	48	93	243	187	103	95
Mayor's Office	109	319	228	109	319	228	103	95
Engine House	71	129	104	111	14	14	14	34
Mathias	80	138	111	111	106	63	58	45
City Building	58	123	106	63	106	63	58	45
Headquarters	4	2	17	61	57	7	10	5
Absentees	89	118	568	1476	1263	158	167	164

Nicholas County General Election Unofficial Results

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Clinton takes Nicholas, State, and White House

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CARLSLE — In a dramatic upswing in voter turnout this year, the democratic state which chose republicans in the past 12 years went with the majority again this year, this time following party suit with Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

Did Nicholas County follow the pattern? Almost.

Across the state, an estimated 70 percent of Kentucky's registered voters stepped up to cast a ballot and about that many appeared to vote in the county election. But figures seem to point to a much larger influence of Bill Ross' First in Nicholas County voters than the rest of the state would give him. In round percentages, Ross claimed about 19 percent of the Nicholas County vote as opposed to 14 percent statewide.

National totals were not available by Nicholas County.

However, support for President George Bush who received from taken a great deal of support away from President George Bush who only managed to call 31 percent of Nicholas County.

But Nicholas generally went the way of the state with a 48 percent vote for Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, exceeding the state percentage by three percent.

A precinct by precinct breakdown reveal Bush's popularity to have been much less stable than previously realized as he consistently came up short in all but one. The City Building vote ended in a tie with 111 votes for both Bush and Clinton and Precinct one third with 54 votes.

It was Bush completely consistent in second place. But his barely edged Perot by a single vote in the East Union

precinct and took third by 11 votes in the Bartlettville precinct.

Throughout the county the dominant force was Clinton. But not by a landslide margin.

Clinton, he won every precinct and earned the popular vote. But Clinton never reached a two to one margin. In fact no precinct gave the Arkansas Governor a win by more than a few dozen votes.

The widest gap between them was in the Engine House precinct which made Clinton a 100 vote winner.

And everywhere Independent Perot carried enough votes to cut into Bush and Clinton's tally.

In Dallas, Perot conceded early in a speech which was not so much a concession as it was a peculiar celebration of what Perot said was an election of the people.

Before the speech, Perot danced across the stage with his wife to the strains of his chosen campaign song, "Daisy" composed by Texas singer and composer Willie Nelson.

"The turnaround that you, the people, have done to make this an election by the people is incredible. It was the people's choice," Perot said.

At the mention of Clinton's name came a wave of boos from the crowd of supporters which Perot immediately quitted.

"The election is over and we must forget about it. We must put the election behind us and start on the hard work ahead of us to get this country working again. Together, people, we can accomplish that aim," Perot said.

For Bush, who stood before his supporters and delivered his concession speech at about 11:25 p.m., the crowd chanted the Persian Gulf.

Clinton talked of healing the young people to his running mate, Vice President Al Gore brought out two points.

They were new leaders in America born after World War II and are part of the Arkansas Governor's children of modern America. Gore defined the new administration as a new generation beginning in which government takes more responsibility for a defense to an economic growth, a better education, a place where Gender and Race are irrelevant in the selection of our leaders. There is a sense of excitement, of new possibilities to restore the thread of the American Dream with the re-thought of our youth," Gore said.

As a counterpart to Perot, Clinton and Vice President World War II, his work in dentists shook hands while bringing about an end to the cold war, and his victories in "Don't Stop" played on, symbolically, in the background.

Succession passes by a percent

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CARLSLE — By the slimmest of margins Amendment 2, which includes the governor's right to serve two consecutive terms, was passed in Kentucky's general election.

However Constitutional Amendment 3, which would have changed three elected offices in Frankfort to appointments by the Governor, was defeated without much of a contest.

Neither one got any boost from Nicholas County. In fact the only amendment to receive enormous support by the voters was the controversial "Bing" amendment which received almost overwhelming support in the state and in the county.

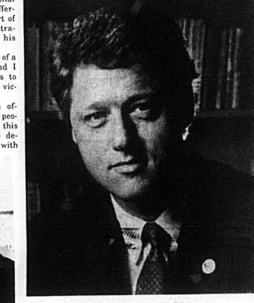
The only precinct that gave the Bing amendment any question at all was in East Union, where yes votes outnumbered no votes by eight. In virtually every other precinct, a charitable organization's right to sponsor so much expand the Governor's chance as a means "no" power as much as it

changes the face of the Governor's election beginning in 1998 and alters considerably the role of the Lieutenant Governor in Frankfort.

But while voters pursued such changes with an obvious mixture of doubt and resistance, a small majority apparently felt there needed to be some kind of change in the office.

So as the bill states, Governors elected in 1995 will have running mates and will be able to pursue office for two terms without having to sit out four years before their chance. Some argue that it would also bring more consistency to Kentucky's government.

But voters also struck down increasing the Governor's powers by removing elections for Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, and State Treasurer. Detractors said the amendment would take too much out of the hands of the voters.



President-Elect Bill Clinton

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