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1992 Homecoming Queen

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Audra Sparks, Nicholas County High School senior, was crowned the 1992 Football Homecoming Queen Friday night during halftime of the Nicholas-Grant County game by the 1991 queen, Kristi Barton. Sparks was escorted by Aaron Judge. See additional pictures on page 14.

State restriction limiting taps to Concord Road lines

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CARLISLE — If additional people are thinking about moving onto Concord Road, be prepared to have a temporary well. The state has imposed a restriction limiting taps to the water line to the five residences already located there.

The Nicholas County Water District board was informed about the restriction by the Kentucky State Division of Water when Aqua/KWS area manager Hal Williams informed the board that a new booster pump station is ready for installation on the four inch Concord Road line.

Residents of Concord Road have had weak water pressure from the line since it was installed and have lodged repeated requests for improvement of the line. The pump should improve water pressure to the Concord Road line, Williams said.

Plans for the installment of a booster pump were approved by the board some months prior to receiving general approval from the state. But there were concerns then that if more residents located in the area, further taps on the line would re-create the pressure problem.

According to Public Service Commission regulations, the board could not refuse to install these lines. But at the same time, the board did not want the problem to recur causing additional costs.

The problem was resolved quickly enough by state order which approved the new booster pump installation under several stipulations, chief among them being a restriction of the line to the five residences already being served, Williams said.

The only obstacle to the station now is the installation of electricity to the building housing, but Williams said the pump should be operational shortly.

In addition to the new of the pump station, Board members also received word from Beuren Garten, of Howard K. Bell Engineers of Lexington, that chances for the Farmer's Home Administration grant for the phase 3 project seem good.

Last Monday, at the request of the FmHA, an archaeological survey was made on a section of Barterville property sited for the installation of a holding tank. They were also requested to run an advertisement in the local news describing the various facets of the project.

"Given that the FmHA wanted both of these things done before official approval of the grant is a very good sign that they are prepared to help fund the project," Garten said.

The FmHA also suggested the board upgrade their plans to include a separate section on the other side of the county and consider a $1.3 million project rather than the $1 million originally requested, Garten said.

But before the project was finalized, Garten said it was necessary for the board to consider installing fire hydrants with the project. According to Garten, a recent Kentucky statute enacted during the last legislative session in Kentucky requires water districts to consider fire hydrant installation on all new lines.

It doesn't require the installation, but he suggested the board go over some pertinent figures he said he would include in an appendix to the board's Preliminary Engineering Report.

"It is not feasible to put fire hydrants on 4 inch main lines. There is not enough pressure generated from a line that size. Hydrants need a line of six inches or better," Garten said.

On the six inch lines in the project proposal, Garten said the cost of installing fire hydrants at 500 foot intervals along those lines, for a total of 46 hydrants at $1,550 each, is $71,300.

Board members, however, felt the money would be best used for line extensions. Plans for hydrant installa-

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Council commits to Industrial program; awaits Court budget review

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CARLISLE — Money was only part of what was at issue with the Industrial Authority Tuesday night.

Commitment and participation on the part of local government in a program of economic development in Nicholas County was the issue and after one meeting, the question still remains unanswered.

Facing the possible closing of its central office on Locust Street, the members of the Carlisle Nicholas County Industrial Authority met with the Carlisle City Council and with a quorum of magistrates from the Nicholas County Industrial Authority, including Judge-Executive Reese Smoot, to discuss the future of the organization and what its demise could mean to Nicholas County.

The question put before the Council and Court, as well as to Deposit Bank President Jim Brown and First National Bank President Lanny Hutchison, and local business owners, was simple.

Are they willing to commit to an organization pledged to work toward local economic development.

Saying yes was the easy part. Finding a way to keep the Industrial office open at the end of October was clearly another.

The Carlisle City Council called themselves into session and passed a motion to budget $2700 to help meet pending tax costs to the office only if the Fiscal Court would match that amount.

According to Judge-Executive Reese Smoot, the court would add $2700 "if we can," he said.

"We're willing to help if we've got the budget to do it. But we cannot give you an answer now. We have to see if our budget can handle it," Smoot said.

The first thing the County had to do, Smoot said, was contact their representative from the Kentucky Department of Local Government who assisted the court with devising a local budget.

But the $5500 both branches of local government said they would try to raise would only act as a buffer, something to carry the Industrial Authority three months.

The strategy plans of the Authority depended on long term commitment to the program. Jim Brown, President of the Deposit Bank, said the bank would continue to support the Industrial Authority as it had, but not if the organization's life span were lim-

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Governor succession amendment to be tested on November ballot

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CARLISLE — Here's a riddle. What political figure is asking for four more years at the capital? The answer is not complete if you thought it was President George Bush. Its the Governor of Kentucky.

The Succession Amendment will be on the ballot November 3 as Constitutional Amendment No. 2, a nine part amendment which has as its first decision, permitting the Governor and other state officers elected in 1995 to be eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

If passed in November, the amendment, as worded on the ballot, does not include current Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones or other office holders in Frankfort, according to a statement released by Secretary of State Bob Babbage.

The question of Gubernatorial succession in Kentucky has spent several years in debate in the state legislature. Former Governor Wallace Wilkinson fought to have the amendment included on the ballot during most of his term in Frankfort.

Finally, though, the question will come down to the voters in Kentucky and they will be asked to decide if they want their Governor to be able to serve two consecutive terms.

In past years, many of Kentucky's Governors have served staggered terms. A. B. "Happy" Chandler, for example, served one terms then had to sit out four years before resuming the seat for a second term.

In a previous interview with state representative Adrian Arnold, he argued in favor of succession because, he said, one major problem with Kentucky government is the lack of a consistent long term program for Kentucky to follow.

The amendment has also had its detractors arguing that two consecutive terms may give detrimental programs too much time to cause damage in the state. Mostly, however, the succession amendment has been used as as political leverage by the legislature to have other specific measures passed through the Governor's office.

"Once the voters pass the amendment, it becomes part of the state constitution which has the weight of law," Jim Curtis, media advisor to Bob Babbage's office said. The amendment cannot undergo a sudden change in wording to be retroactive to any current state office holder, he said.

In addition to succession, the nine part Amendment No. 2 also proposes to dramatically change the role of the Lieutenant Governor.

If the amendment passes, the two candidates selected as nominees for the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's office in the primary election will become, in effect, running mates for the General Election in November. Voters will cast one ballot for both offices.

It will also remove the Lieutenant Governor from its office as President of the State Senate. Instead, the senate will elect a senator to hold the position and give the Lieutenant Governor duties assigned the office by the Governor-elect.

Other provisions of Consti-

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Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith investigated an injury accident near the old sorghum house on U.S. 68 Friday afternoon at about 4:00 p.m. It was the second reported accident to have occurred in that spot in the last week. Abner's Mill Road resident Harold Ham, according to the report, was travelling to Carlisle on 68 in a Ford Club Van when he turned onto the blind curve and caffie upon two stopped cars behind a Nicholas County School Bus. Ham skidded and took his car off the road to avoid collision. In the wet grass the van went another 150 feet down an embankment. Carlisle ambulance personnel transported Ham to the hospital where he was treated and released. Smith said the driver was not speeding.