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Voting machines moved to armories

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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Board of Elections came in just under the deadline with its required reprecincting which has as its major component the relocation of voting booths to the old and new National Guard Armories.

The change in voting booth locations will begin with the primary election this March.

With the change will also come a change in precincts. According to Nicholas County Clerk Doug Fryman, for a number of reasons, chief among them being the transition from manual to computerized voting booths.

"We've gone from 10 to six voting precincts mostly as a way to cut down on our expenses. Each district, except the first district, will be a voting precinct. The first district has to have two because of the two congressional districts splitting it. But in the next few years, the state is going to require us to start buying computerized voting booths which I've seen cost about \$5,000 each.

"If we had to buy 10, one for each precinct, we're talking

about a lot of money. With six precincts we cut our expenses by 40 percent and we can start saving toward getting the new machines before they get more expensive," Fryman said.

As to the change in voting booth locations, Fryman said the board was strapped. All voting booth locations had to be in compliance with state election laws. According to Fryman, the task of creating new voting precincts in such a way as to comply with current state election laws and to prepare for the implementation of new requirements which would soon go into effect gave rise to a number of problems.

"The precincts we had to draw had to be, like the districts, almost equal. The state does allow for some leeway there, but not much. The problems we were running into had a lot to do with the fact that the greatest concentration of populations were close together," Fryman said.

Beyond the population stipulations, the board also had to find voting booth locations that met new criteria for the Nicholas County Fiscal Court and the state. Afterward, the county board of elections be-

lieved that the best way to do this was to use the armories as far as meeting state requirements, but we have been reluctant to make the decision until we were aware of the possible effect it would have on voter turnout.

"We had one of the best turnouts ever in this county last November. We didn't want to turn around and cut voter turnout after that, but with a state deadline looming over our heads, we were stuck," Fryman said.

The changes in districts and precincts over the past year came as a result of state election laws which require each county magisterial district to be relatively equal in population. To meet this requirement, the county fiscal court appointed a special committee in late 1991 to draw up new county magisterial districts.

To accomplish the task, the committee realigned the districts in such a way that each took a portion of the more surrounding Carlisle. The committee's proposal was approved last year by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court and the state. Afterward, the county board of elections be-



The year brings another beginning...
Nicholas County Mayor Frankie Hughes celebrated his retirement after... many many years with the U.S. Post Office in Carlisle last Tuesday afternoon during a small reception in the post office lobby. Postmaster Charles Hughes presents Hughes with a commemorative from the post office and the traditional retirement day watch. Other gifts were offered by well-wishers and friends during the reception. Hughes was joined by his family and was congratulated by fellow postmaster retirees Gene Soupp, Fitzgerald Hughes, however, does not mean total retirement. As Mayor, he still has a lot of work ahead of him that should occupy a good portion of his time.

LOOKING BACK @ NICHOLAS — JULY 92 — DECEMBER 92

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July

Thursday, July 2, 1992
A Kentucky couple, on flight from a murder charge in Urbana, Illinois, surrendered themselves to the custody of a Leslie County Sheriff Monday afternoon and were turned over to federal authorities. Vincent Daniel Lewis, 24, and Lavanda June Lewis, 24, prime suspects in the besting death of former 19th Hole of Carnico owner Clifford Joseph Kamey, 42, of Mouthcard, Kentucky, turned themselves in to Leslie County Sheriff Ford Bowling at approximately 2:45 p.m. Monday afternoon after more than three weeks on the run from federal and state authorities.

Within the next three weeks an empty downtown Carlisle store front will be filled with the smell of melted Provelone and sizzling pepperoni. Yes, Nicholas County, pizza delivery is coming soon. Gary Sexton of Portsmouth, Ohio, concluded talks over the rental of the former Carlisle 5 & 10 building on Main Street and has begun setting up facilities for Nicholas County's newest, and only, pizza establishment.

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets won the AAMU tournament two weeks ago defeating Louisville 48-41 in the final.

MARRIED: Lillian Kay Hall and Marty Ray Seibers, June 20.

DIED: Elmer Clay McCarty, June 25; Clarence Jugg, June 28; Jerry Ingram, June 28.

Thursday, July 16, 1992
Clay Campbell of Phelps High School and Franklin Smith from Tup Valley High School in West Virginia, hired by Superintendent Herbert Gilbert Monday night as head and assistant coach of

the Nicholas County Bluejackets, resigned their posts early Tuesday morning. They were employed for about 11 hours.

Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes told members of the Nicholas County Water District that they would receive no more water supplies from the city reservoir until they meet their obligation to supply water to Jim Simon.

Johnson-Mathers Health Care Administrators Dan Miller and Denis Ecton invited the Nicholas County Fiscal Court to a JMHC board meeting for a discussion of support for a major renovation of the nursing home. Miller explained that the hospital has pulled itself into a strong financial position to begin phased improvements to the health care facility, beginning with the nursing home.

BORN: Chelsey Lynn Tolson, June 2; William Joshua Rawlings, June 20.

MARRIED: Mary Beth Howard and Bradley Barnett, June 3.

DIED: J. Woodrow Richey, July 10.

Thursday, July 23, 1992
Chris O'Hearn, assistant basketball coach for Warren County High School, has been unofficially hired as head coach of Bluejackets basketball for the coming season.

Former Nicholas County High School Lady Jacket Tary Earlywine signed a national letter of intent to play college basketball for Union College. Union College head basketball Coach Debbie Bowman signed Earlywine last Thursday night.

Airborne Blue Mold spores have been present in Nicholas County for weeks. Farmers should always be checking their tobacco crops for blue mold infestations, Nicholas County Extension agent Mike

Phillips said.

BORN: Natasha Nicolette Broeman, May 21.

MARRIED: Tracy Melindy Frances Hill and Gregory Allen Smart, June 13.

DIED: Shirley Deloris Wells, July 17.

Thursday, July 30, 1992
Nicholas County School Superintendent Colbert Gilbert, Friday, said the possible recall of some 4,500 Navistar international school buses in Kentucky may not affect the Nicholas County bus fleet.

The Nicholas County Babe Ruth 14-15 year-old All Stars traveled to Paintsville this weekend for the East Kentucky State Babe Ruth Tournament. The Nicholas County boys surprised everyone by winning three straight games and being the only undefeated team left for the championship game.

Georgetown College baseball will soon have former Bluejackets to bolster its roster for the coming 1992-93 season. Georgetown's head coach for baseball, Mark Gray, signed Trevis Sims and Jarrod Willis to play for the Tigers baseball team.

DIED: Willie Joe Coy, July 23; Mike McCoy, July 21.

August

Thursday, August 6, 1992
The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance dismissed allegations against Nicholas County resident Shirley Gardner as groundless based on the results of an investigation that found no evidence to exist for the Registry to be aware of a violation of campaign finance regulations ever occurred.

On Friday afternoon, at about 1 p.m., Clay Hunt, one of Carlisle's oldest business managers, officially retired after 35 years of almost continuous service to the commu-

nity.

In recognition of academic achievement during the year 1991-92 Taylor M. Davenport has been included on the Dean's List of the School of Engineering at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Taylor is the son of Elizabeth F. Davenport of Mayville Road, Millersburg, July 18.

DIED: Dorothy Louise Cobb, July 30; James H. Short, July 29; Mrs. Mayme Bell Pugh Dryden, July 31; Austin Gray, July 28.

Thursday, August 13, 1992
Carlisle Police officers investigated an apparent break-in at Crockett's Foodtown Thursday morning. According to reports, police received a call from employees at Crockett's Foodtown to report a possible breaking and entering when the cover from an air conditioning and ventilation shaft was found lying on top of one of the store shelves.

Carlisle City Council was forced to drop all bids pertaining to sidewalk replacement and repair of the bell tower when it became apparent that specifications for the bids were not specific enough to meet Carlisle's need.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court members concluded a light evening meeting with preparations for next week's meeting with the Johnson Matthers Health Care Board of Directors for the purpose of beginning major refurbishment of the JMHC Nursing Home.

BORN: Madison Kimball Booth, August 9.

MARRIED: Virginia Nann Crouch and Ronald Douglas Reichback, May 15.

DIED: Marshall Darwin Smith, August 8; J.W. Roberts, August 10.

Thursday, August 20, 1992
A Carlisle Police officer was arrested and charged by city police Monday night in connection with the late night break-in and theft at Crockett's Foodtown two weeks ago.

According to a statement from Carlisle Police Chief Sam Finch Tuesday morning, Carlisle Police Officer Darji McFarland, 29, of Nicholas Square Apartments in Carlisle, was called in while on duty Monday night and was arrested at the Carlisle Police Station. Along with McFarland police also arrested and charged Brenda Joyce Brown, 18, Monday in connection with the Foodtown break-in.

A routine cause and origin investigation into a fire which erupted on the first floor of a Carlisle city building has ruled out the possibility of an electrical or being intentionally set, but the true cause of the fire is still unknown.

Tommy Crawford, chief of the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department, said.

BORN: Justin Kyle Miley, August 11; Aleksandra Troy, Ron, August 10.

DIED: Albert White, August 14; Terry Lee Smith, August 15; Jackie Gene Wells, August 12.

Thursday, August 27, 1992
A Carlisle man, David Paul Conyers, turned himself into the custody of Carlisle Police Saturday night to face charges of burglary in the third degree and theft by deception in connection with the break-in at Crockett's Foodtown three weeks ago.

The last Bluejackets scrimmage was a contest between two apparently even-matched teams, and until the game reverted to a straight ten play contest, the Bluejackets led in scoring and Principal Greg Reid, the high school coach, said.

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September

Thursday, September 3, 1992
Diverse, working in cooperation with the Carlisle Police Department, have recovered a video tape and empty money sacks from Lake Carnico believed to be part of the stolen property from Crockett's Foodtown last month.

Nicholas County High School now has three languages to offer students: French, Latin, and most recently, Spanish. According to Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid, the high school coach, said.

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