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Candidates slated for May primary

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CARLISLE - Nicholas County Clerk Douglas Fryman was sitting through the names and addresses of those filing for the May 25 primary election at the filing deadline of 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 26.

As of 4 p.m., 17 people had filed for election in Nicholas County's five magisterial races. In the race for county judge executive, 12 people had filed by Tuesday.

The term for a county fiscal-court magistrate in the state of Kentucky is four years, according to Fryman.

In the first-magisterial district, Melvin Fryman of 247 Salswell Road, Dennis Allison and Jimmy Shaw of Carlisle will have their names placed on the May ballot.

One of the men will replace Carl Cohorn as the first-district magistrate.

In the second district, Larry Smalley of 815, Edwin Jimmy Glass, Charles Ishmael and incumbent Darol Stacy, 6951 Mayaville Road, are seeking office.

In the third district, Avery Thornburg of 1983 Dixie Highway in Meersfield, Ralph McWhin of 2181 Cassidy Creek Road and Mike Pryor had filed by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

They are seeking to replace Earl Lee Plank as magistrate. Plank is seeking to replace County Judge Executive Reese Smoot.

In the fourth district, Betty C. Fay of 203 Kennedy Heights, Clarence Cord of 105 West North Street and Danny L. Hughes of 409 West Second Street had filed.

Floyd Bassell, who has been the district's magistrate for eight years, has filed to run for county-judge executive this term.

According to her responses on a questionnaire sent out to all magisterial and county-judge executive candidates by The Carlisle Mercury last weekend, Fay said her civic responsibilities in the community would give her the knowledge she needs to be a magistrate in the fourth district.

She also said that if elected, she would encourage a recycling program in Nicholas County.

"The county needs to get its recycling program started to hold down the amount of waste that goes into the landfill. This will help with the price of the landfill," Fay stated.

Her opponent Clarence Cord responded by saying that his 25 years of work with the City of Carlisle and wish to keep taxes under control in the county are aspects of himself he finds beneficial in the role of magistrate.

"If you want things done in Nicholas County, we will have to work together," Cord stated.

In the fifth-district race, Jimmy Shroud of 214 Morgan Street, Dennis Hall of 1956 Walnut Grove Road and Steve Hamilton will run against incumbent Juanita Smith for her seat on the fiscal court.

Hall was the only candidate who responded to this week's paper.

His plans as magistrate would include working with the fiscal court to place the rock quarry on a for-profit basis, and more cooperation between the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority, the county and the city.

He also said he believed that Nicholas County needs its own jail so it could profit from housing out-of-county and state prisoners.

County Judge Executive
In the county-judge executive's race, 12 people, including three current magistrates, hope to succeed County Judge Executive Reese Smoot in the office he has held for almost 16 years.

As of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, those people were Larry David Fincher, Earl Lee Plank, Charles "Chuck" Smith, Floyd Bassell, Cartmell Lester, Garvey Curtisinger, Carl Cohorn, Shirley Gardner, Allen Clay Stone, Jimmy Wells, Charles Watkins, and Jackie Randolph.

The term of office for county-judge executive is four years, Fryman said.

Carl Cohorn, of 1796 Salswell Road, the current first-district-magistrate, said he wants the office to help make "hard decisions on budget matters."

"The cost of county services are rising each year. Nicholas County has already signed up for water with the water district.

To be eligible for a \$13 million loan and grant combination from FmHA for Phase III of the water construction project, the water district needed 170 contracts signed, Curtisinger said. The 190 who did sign made it possible for the loan and grant papers to be approved, he said.

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At the top
The Nicholas County Lady Jackets will once again travel to the Class A State Tournament after beating Paris, St. Patrick and Bath County in the regional at Dumfries High in Mt. Crest last week. The team is now prepared to begin "batting the State" poll in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

School board reviews 93-94 draft budget

By Jason Hart
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Board of Education convened in special session Monday night to review its draft budget for the 1993-1994 school year.

Superintendent Robert Gilbert, Jr. presented the board with an overview of the budget.

"This is a whole new ballgame to us," said Gilbert. "We used to prepare a budget in July, then submit it in October. House Bill 183 changed all that."

House Bill 183 requires schools to review their budgets at the beginning of the year, and refer it for submission to state officials in May.

"We are not required to approve the budget at this time," Gilbert said. "We are just reviewing it, and we will refine it over the next few months for submission to the state."

The budget does not at present include federal money, such as grants and loans provided by the federal government. These will be factored in later, according to Gilbert.

The federal money we expect to get will amount to about \$800,000," said Gilbert. "We try to be conservative in estimating these things, so we don't end up with problems at the end of the year."

Gilbert said the board has been working with the site-based councils, teachers, and staff to hash out the budget, and their efforts have paid off.

"This is a sound budget, and I think we can live within it." One of the first steps taken by the board was the formulation of a mission statement.

"The mission of the Nicholas County Schools is to provide the essential educational foundation that will produce self-directed, life long learners," Gilbert read. "Who will be able to meet challenges, make decisions, and function effectively in a complex and ever-changing society."

Gilbert said the next step in the preparation of the budget was the formulation of a list of objectives for the system as a whole, and the formulation of a priority list for the schools.

After the construction deadline, those needing to hook onto the water lines will pay \$50, he said.

"We haven't set a deadline yet, but it will probably be after February," Curtisinger said.

Curtisinger told the water board at last Thursday night's meeting that a formal announcement on when Phase III of the project will begin will probably be made within 10 days.

"Once the formal announcement is made, we can get the easements for the property," Curtisinger said. "I don't know how many easements will be needed yet."

No easements have been collected to date for Phase III of the water construction project, he said Monday.

The areas to receive water are being mapped out.

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Water project discusses hook-on deadline as Phase III construction plans approaches

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Free-drug program aids elderly

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CARLISLE - Many elderly Americans, especially those living on fixed incomes, find it difficult to buy the necessities of life, and prescription medications are among the most expensive of those necessities.

Help can be found, though. Panais Robinson of East Union knows first hand how hard it is to make ends meet when you have to buy expensive medications, but she has found a program initiated by the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging that eases the burden a little.

"I take several types of medication," Robinson said. "I was paying for all of them, or trying to, when I saw this program on television."

The program, known as the Indigent Patients Program, allows elderly people to receive some medications free with a doctor's prescription by contacting the makers of the drug in question.

Drugs such as Keflex, Zantac, Halcion, Tagamet, Procardia, and numerous other commonly prescribed drugs are available through the program.

According to Ann Tricca, Press Secretary for the Senate Special Committee on Aging, the program may well be America's "best kept secret."

"This is a strictly voluntary program on the part of the drug companies," Tricca said. "Most, if not all major drug companies in the United States take part in this program."

Tricca said the program was set up several years ago to aid people with low income and people who are not insured, or cannot otherwise afford their prescriptions.

"I'm sure there are people out there who have gone without medicine because they couldn't afford it," said Robinson. "People need to know about this program, and all they have to do is ask their doctor."

The program covers elderly persons who cannot afford medication.

To obtain more information about this program, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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Leon Fuller, a puppeteer from Centerville, Tennessee theatrical company known as "Wood and Strings," is spending two weeks' residency in Carlisle teaching Nicholas County Elementary School students the art of puppet drama. Puppeteering is the main thrust of art teacher Nicolette Malby's work in her classes this year and is being studied in other classes as well.