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Nicholas County voters select their choices

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE - By 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, the tabulations of Nicholas County Clerk Deputies Carolyn Maline and William Cleaver indicated Nicholas County's choices for office. The votes were as follows: United States Representative in Congress, 4th District: Jim Bunsing, R, incumbent with 60 votes; Sally Harris Skaggs, D, 25 votes. United States Representative in Congress, 6th Congressional District: Matthew Wills R, with 598 votes; incumbent Scotty Bessler D, with 533 votes. State Senator 30th Senatorial District: Benny Nunnally D, 435 votes; write-in candidate Gary Lee Fuller with four votes. State Representative, 22nd Representative District: Jim Lovell D, 437 votes.

Nicholas County School Board: District 2: Incumbent Jimmy Dale with 121 votes and Boogie Hall with 123 votes. District 3: Mona Garrett Vice with 119 votes. District 4: Donald G. Elder with 141 votes; Diana M. Wills with 121 votes; and James Mitchell with 12 votes. The Constitutional Amendment had 148 "Yes" votes in Nicholas County and 399 "No" votes. The amendment regarded balancing the budget of cities, counties and state districts and giving the General Assembly authority to classify cities and make laws regarding form and function of governments. Voter turnout this General Election for the county was just a little less than expected, said Nicholas County Clerk Doug Fryman as the votes were being tabulated. Nicholas County has 4,618 registered voters with 1,509 voting this Nov. 8 election, Fryman reported. The poll of a title I figured we'd be at 40 percent," he commented. "But it was a good turnout not to be any more so than the last time we had an election. 15 years and 21 years. In Headquarters, Bessler had 1 vote; Matthew Wills, Nunnally 37; Gary Lee Fuller 1; and Jim Lovell 40. Amendment, 15 yes and 21 no. At Harferty-Meyers, Bessler 112 and Maline with 123 votes; Nunnally 74; Level 75; Hall 52 and Dale 21; Von 11; Mitchell 7; Elder 10; and Diana Wills 52. Amendment - 22 yes and 63 no.

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Nicholas County Fireman Rodney Hedges hoses down hotspots left from the blaze Tuesday morning that destroyed the house owned by George Emmons in Moorefield. No one was injured in the blaze, but fire fighters were plagued by a number of secondary fires, caused by smoky conditions. One such fire ignited near a neighboring barn full of curing tobacco, but was spotted by bystanders and extinguished by fire fighters. According to neighbor Gal Ivins, no one was living in the home at the time it burned.

Moorefield home destroyed in Tuesday morning fire

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MOOREFIELD - Despite a quick response, Nicholas County Fire Department personnel were unable to leave a Moorefield home from fire Tuesday morning. According to Sam Finch of the Carlisle Police Department, Carlisle Dispatch received the fire call at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday morning and alerted the Nicholas County Fire Department. The house, located behind Barlow's Carryout in Moorefield, was fully involved when firefighters arrived on the scene. According to Finch, the house was owned by George Emmons. No one was injured in the blaze, but a small house trailer parked nearby received damage to the side and rear end. The cause of the blaze was still under investigation at press time.

Johnson-Mathers physicians welcomed

By Josh Shepherd
SPECIAL TO THE MERCURY
CARLISLE - More than 200 people were on hand Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to current, past and future Nicholas County medical physicians in the reception hall of the Carlisle Christian Church. The program, "Thanks for Giving," was an informal reception whose primary goal was to honor the current Johnson-Mathers Health Care medical staff and to welcome new doctors. "We were very pleased with the number of people who turned out for this event. It really went along very well," said Josh Shepherd, Public Relations Manager at JMHC. "But while the people attending the reception spent the majority of time enjoying refreshments and getting to know the doctors in town, there was a short, formal presentation held in honor of all doctors. Doris Eaton, JMHC interim administrator, began the program with a presentation on what local physicians mean to a community. She then presented veteran Nicholas County physician Orlan Villafra, M.D., Dr. Kardan, and Dr. Dahm with baskets from the JMHC Board of Trustees. Continued on Page 3



Carlisle resident Kimball Booth, far left, and Carter Blair, far right, talk with new Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. physician Dr. Fara Kardan. Betty Linkins, center, JMHC public relations, talks with Dr. Kardan's wife, Susan.

No gang activity at NCHS

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CARLISLE - No physical confrontations actually occurred and no arrests were made concerning alleged gang activity at Nicholas County High School a little over a week ago. Nicholas County Sheriff Chuck Ring verified Tuesday morning that he was called in the case of an altercation, slated to occur at school grounds, but that none occurred. "I don't believe there are any gang out there," Sheriff Ring said of the high school. "Two students were suspended for writing letters, said Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid Tuesday morning. We got wind of it as a faculty and we made a concerted effort to quit it down." The incident involved three small groups at the high school calling themselves the "rednecks," "wiggers," or "black and whites." Reid said according to students he talked with, "rednecks" were certain harsaw boots, "wiggers" wore their pants

Dr. Chuck Dahm, center, talked with Josh Shepherd, Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. physician's reception held at Carlisle Christian Church. Far left is hospital board member Doug Garrett. Far right is Dr. Fara Kardan.

City Council thrashes out ethics code in special meeting

By Jason Hart
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CARLISLE - The Carlisle City Council began thrashing out a code of ethics in a special called Tuesday night. Kentucky Revised Statute 65.002 requires the governing body of each city and county, including counties and charter counties, shall adopt, by ordinance, a code of ethics which shall apply to all elected officials of the city or county. "We have two situations in the city, one where a council member's husband works for the city and another where a father and son are involved," said Clark. "If we pass one of the examples before us now, then these people would lose their jobs. City Attorney Skip Watson told council present employees could grandfather into the bill, and be exempted. You don't have to pass any of the policies before you, but you do have to have a policy," said Watson. "That policy can state that you are all for nepotism, but you have to have a policy, whatever it is." Watson told council only four things are required by the ethics law. First, you must have a code of ethics, said Watson. Second, the code must apply to elected officials, and to appointed officials as you determine. Third, the

"You could pass up some good employees by not hiring kinfolk," said Fay.

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CARLISLE - The newly formed Nicholas County Cattle Association is accepting memberships. The association met Monday night at the extension office and made the decision to accept memberships, said Frank Allen Terrell, association membership chairman. The association formed recently in hopes of providing a unified organization to represent local cattle farmer, both beef and dairy, in the marketplace. "Remember our veterans Nov. 11" American Legion Post 17 and VFW 8666 will place American flags at Carlisle Cemetery Friday. Continued on Page 4

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City to conduct smoke testing

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CARLISLE - The City of Carlisle will be conducting smoke testing of sewer lines on Wednesday, Nov. 16, and possibly Thursday, Nov. 17, in the downtown area to try and locate infiltration problems. If smoke should enter your business or residence contact the City Office immediately at 255-2700. Down streets come into the sewer it will be the responsibility of the property owners to take care of this problem. Continued on Page 3

Thanksgiving supper Nov. 15

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CARLISLE - The annual Thanksgiving Supper at the club rooms at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15. All members are urged to attend. Continued on Page 3