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Political races heat up as Election Day nears

City council, school board seats up for grabs locally

Eight City Council candidates are for the upcoming elections on Nov. 5.

There are six City Council seats to be held for the next two years, but there are eight candidates.

Carroll Lester, 327 Kennedy Heights is the son of Nick Lester, born in Nicholas County, and Serapia Stout Lester of Fleming County. He has lived in Nicholas County for 19 years and has two daughters, Pamela Earhart and Debbie Roark. He is a graduate of Nicholas County High School and took a course in accounting at the University of Kentucky.

His wife is Sue Lester, the daughter of Arnold and Bettie Ritchie Payne. Sue is an employee of Jockey International where she has been for 26 years. He is a charter member of the Nicholas County Lions Club, a member of Fourteen, Nicholas County Education Foundation, and works with several council projects of which he is most proud. He was born \$100,000 a year in gas fees and we put in a new system. We put in a new

sewer system and a new sewer line and new water line at the Larking River. We let Jockey have our old line to hold them. Lester said his health is good now and looks forward to actively serving the community. He thinks the current council has done a good job with getting the new water tower installed downtown giving more water storage capacity. If not elected, Lester said he will remain dedicated to the citizens. "I'll always support the city in all it does. I've been one to try to give support and help out, even when I wasn't on council."

Doug Garrett, 372 West Main St., Carlisle, is on the current city council, having served with three mayors in his approximately seven years as a council member. He was born and reared in Nicholas County and has resided here his whole life. He's been involved with Garrett's Furniture 35 years and managed the business for 20 years.

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During his years on council, he's most proud of the new gas system installed and new sewer system and water project done a couple of years back. "I think we've done a lot of a small town sewer system and a new sewer line and new water line at the Larking River. We let Jockey have our old line to hold them."

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think we have a lot to offer. If elected, Garrett's interest will be geared toward attaining business and industry. "More jobs will make it better for everybody. Most of our utilities are in good shape so I'd like to see us work on keeping the tax

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Sharon Faulstich



Libby Earlywine



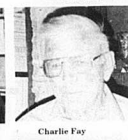
Sherry Uptgraff



Donna Gail Mathis



Tommy Vaughn



Charlie Fay



Betty Poe



Curt Lester



Doug Garrett



Frankie Hughes

Pictures not available for: Ricky Hicks, Sandra Ritchie, Don Elder

Water, sewer projects progressing

By LEIGH STONE
Managing Editor

The City of Carlisle's water

storage capacity is in the process of increasing from a 65,000 gallon water storage capacity to a

500,000 gallon capacity. Kenney Construction is working to install new water lines and

feed lines to a new water tower off Kaye Street.

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Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark said Monday the city has applied for a grant to pay for 55 percent of the project. Meanwhile, the Farmers Home Administration will look over a loan application footing the other 45 percent of the project that would provide water to approximately 110 citizens in the area of East Union Road, Liberty Street and in the vicinity of

the Community Action building. The grant/loan would also pay for lines to the Industrial Park off Concrete Road.

"People would benefit. There'd be a \$400 tapping fee, but they could pay that little by little each month. I've talked to some who have three residences who don't feel they could pay that much at one time but could pay in installments before the installation. If we can make this happen it will help with sanitation - some people still have septic tank system that doesn't work just right, allowing substance to leak out of

the ground." Citizens would be annexed into the city if the grant/loan is approved. "We didn't want to annex people and not be able to provide the service. We have to have the grant and loan and they go together. You don't get one without the other."

With the annexation and upgraded lines, citizens will get city trash pickup, police protection, fire protection, city lights, and "all the benefits of being in the city," Clark mentioned.

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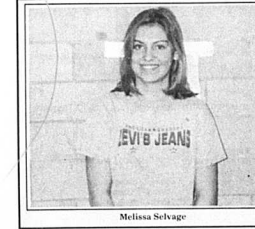
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Student of the week



Melissa Selvage

Nicholas County High School student Melissa Selvage was selected student of the week by the Journalism teacher at Nicholas County High, Jack Hayes.

Melissa Selvage is the daughter of Donnie and Martha Selvage of Carlisle. She is a Sophomore at Nicholas County High. Selvage's interests are truck and working on Sting (She is the editor of the newspaper). Melissa is a member of the Ecology club, Pep club and FCA.

Working under very little supervision, always doing the work before the deadlines and always being a nice person are some of the qualities that Hayes gave as reasons for picking Selvage.

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.