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Kentucky Governor Phil Patton, center, held court at the Carlisle town meeting at the Nicholas County Courthouse Saturday, Sept. 20. With the governor are his friends, Dr. Robert Sparks, far left; with Ruth Hollar, center, and her husband, Lowell Hollar, right. See pages 6

Governor talks tobacco, industry, at Carlisle meeting

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

Kentucky tobacco and the state's transportation system were just two key topics Governor Paul Patton touched on during his visit to Carlisle Saturday.

More than 120 well-wishers braved the wet weather to gather at Nicholas County Courthouse where the governor was warmly welcomed.

He is truly concerned about Nicholas County," introduced Dr. Rob Sparks, a Carlisle dentist and friend of the governor.

You've got a beautiful courthouse and how you've worked to preserve it, the governor praised after he received a standing ovation from the crowd. The half-million renovation project began July 8.

The governor welcomed State Senator Denny Nunnally, who entered the courtroom a few minutes after the program started. He also spoke before

to State Representative Jim Lovell in the audience to his
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-In Brief- Photo Identified

The Mercury thanks Larry Matto for calling to identify himself in the Remember When photo published a couple of issues back. He was just out of school when someone took his photo with his dog, he recalled.

NCHS open house begins at 6 tonight

The public is invited to the Nicholas County High School Open House 6 p.m. today (Thursday) Sept. 25.

The parents/teacher conferences are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The morning band will perform from 5 to 6:15 p.m.

NCHS student Melissa Sealey invited the public to a fashion show to be held in the gym beginning at 6 p.m. with period fashions loaned from Eastman Inc. Co. Director Gladys Shoult and Caretaker House Co-owner Carol Sparks.

Samples of students' work will be on display throughout the school. Free refreshments will be served.

Juvenile murder trial reset for Oct. 30-31

The jury trial for Mark Young, 16, accused of murder in the shooting death of his mother, Sharon, May 6 on East Union Road, Carlisle, has been reset for Oct. 30-31.

The jury trial was originally set for Sept. 22-23. Young'll be tried as an adult. However, the defense attorney filed a motion that delayed the trial stating Young's mental state will be used as a defense.

Commonwealth Attorney Jack Keith, Cynthiana, said when mental ability is used as a defense, the prosecuting attorney has time to get a professional opinion.

Circuit Court Clerk Sally Watkins said Tuesday morning the trial was entered Sept. 11 for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 30-31. However, she said those dates could also be tentative.

School facilities plan doesn't meet future needs

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

No new high school. No seventh and eighth grade program.

The last 1996 facilities plan lacks the vision members of the Local Planning Commission say they had when they first met three years ago.

Nicholas County School Board members present Chairman Mena Vore, Vice Chairman Donna Tull Matter, and members Sherri Upcraft and Don Elder say they're not pleased with the plan.

The plan they approved calls grades K-8 and 12 grade. Capital construction for the high school is renovation, for the 1998-2000 term. Funding will last long enough to install handicap measures, Reed has noted.

However, the plan states for phase I "Major renovations and/or additions of existing facility to include roofing, windows, exterior/interior walls, floors,

ceilings, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, lighting, fire sprinklers, fuel/equipment, and ADA compliance upgrades. Additions: kitchen, cafeteria, and administrative areas, library, and other existing areas used as classrooms and other miscellaneous educational/instructional space."

Both Elder and Upcraft said the district's financial status kept the district from moving forward with building construction.

Twenty-four persons including the media met at the Nicholas County Elementary cafeteria Monday night for the 40-minute public hearing with George Darden of facilities planning on attendance.

Somewhat a surprise to LPC member Jim Simmons, the plan the LPC was supposed to come up with was for a four-year plan. The LPC had envisioned a 20-year plan.

"Maybe we were misled," Simmons admitted.

The Schools Group helped advise the LPC. However, Nicholas County High School Principal and LPC Chairman Greg Reed and their telephone number had changed many times and he had difficulty getting in contact with them.

The newspaper left a message at one of the numbers where a recording said Gene Schole would return the call. He returned the call at 4 p.m. Tuesday and said to verify his information with Mark Ryles, director of facilities management, KHS.

Reed said following the meeting the LPC had worked on a 20-year vision with four-year increments. "We were working on a 20-year plan. You have to have vision for at least 20 years."

He provided the newspaper with information stating that districts shall develop a plan once every four years. He sent a copy of 702 KAR 1:001, Implementation Guidelines, Ken-

tucky School Facilities Planning Manual, which relates to RRS 157.020, 157.020, 157.022 with statutory authority KRS

156.070, 157.429
Section 1 states: School districts shall develop a local facilities plan.
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Breast Cancer survivors celebrated October 11

Breast Cancer survivors are asked to share their testimony. From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, the Depot Bank of Carlisle and Nicholas County Cancer Coalition will sponsor a Celebration of Survivors.

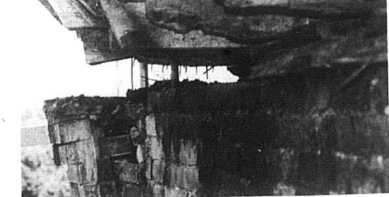
The event will be held at the Carlisle Depot.

Jack Sheppard, spokesperson, asks cancer survivors to contact him about sharing their story of survival for the special program by calling him at 283-7181 or Peggy Sothers, B.S., at 234-8750.

Gerald Harpel, M.D., will speak on Early Detection. BreastControl will give a demonstration on the use of cosmetics following the program.

The best way to survive breast cancer is early detection. When you talk to ones who have survived, they'll tell you, they discovered it and went for treatment. Our program is a celebration of survivors and it could prove to be both an emotional and informative event.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Before and After
This photo, courtesy of General Restoration's Jack McGraw and Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, shows the level of damage at the Nicholas County Courthouse uncovered in July. The some wood had rotted to the point of being dangerous. Now the courthouse is really starting to look restored. At right, Dennis Gray works with copper for the courthouse dome. Gray is about 100 feet from the ground.



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