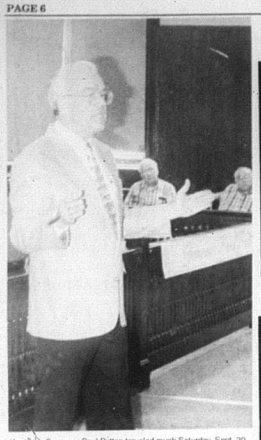
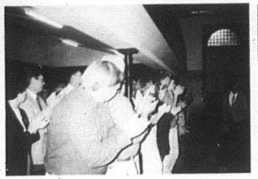
Governor Patton comes to Carlisle



Kentucky Governor Paul Patton traveled much Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning his day at Bourbon County and being at the Nicholas County Courthouse promptly at 11 a.m. More than 120 people came to hear him speak in Carlisle.

NCHS student Melissa Selvage asked Governor Patton about industry and tobacco. Student Jennifer Linville is seated at left.

County Judge Executive Chuck Smith talked with State Representative Jim Lovell, right, at the town meeting.



Nicholas County Industrial Authority President Mike Pryor, left, gave the governor a standing ovation as he sat with Nicholas County High School students Melissa Selvage, Jennifer Linville, Timmy Crump and Josh Earlywine.

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Pat Dale and Linda Worthington talked with the Governor of Kentucky at the town meeting Saturday.

The Governor talks with Delmas Murrell and Reese Smoot as Nicholas County School Superintendent Randy Everly, far left, prepares to meet the governor.

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Governor Patton presented Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark with a check for $5,972 for flood relief.

Gov. Patton met Jewell Vice, center, and Carty Lester, right, at the courthouse Saturday.

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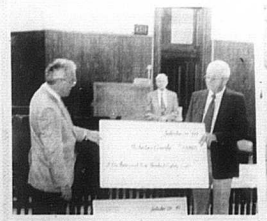
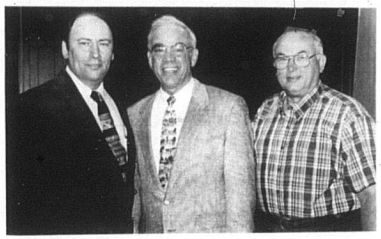


Gov. Patton presented Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith with a flood relief check for the county and the county rescue service.

Governor Paul Patton, far right, made Forest Retreat owners Donna Burkhart, far left, and her husband, Mike, center, Kentucky Colonels following lunch at Forest Retreat Saturday after the town meeting.

Governor meets Nicholas County citizens and gives $60,000 in flood money

Dr. Robert Sparks, let, talked with Governor Patton, center, and State Representative Jim Lovell after the governor's town meeting at Carlisle Saturday.



Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, left, Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, center, and Carlisle resident Kimball Booth, right, were all smiles at the town meeting.

Governor

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Carlisle resident Allen Clay Stone, also a transportation representative with the Bluegrass Area Development District, was the first to make a comment. He mentioned that road system and what plans there are to develop U. S. 68. He praised Mary Gray, helpful with roads in the Blue Licks area. He concluded with "You have some of the best people in your administration."

"I am proud of my people," the governor commented to Stone. "Many of them have taken less money than they were before."

He later added while laughing, "Rule Number One: They do the work and I take the credit."

Roads are a top concern of Patton. He said he's working on the six year plan and knows the state's behind schedule. "I want to be caught up and have results and everything on schedule so we're not promising things we're not doing. But it will take time. U. S. 68 is important."

Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark mentioned Blue Licks State Park, located near the Nicholas County line in Robertson County. "It's one of the most beautiful parks I know of," he told the governor who assured him the lodge would become a reality.

Julia Watts McKee told the governor she hoped for support for a larger, more modern health department. She would like to see it branch out to help everyone, from youngsters in day care to senior citizens.

"Set your need and we'll try to help where we can," assured Patton.

Governor Patton suggested that the community build economic develop by providing an industrial park with water, sewer and electricity, perhaps 100 acres. "There's nothing wrong with being a bedroom community," he said of the lifestyle where many Nicholas County residents farm tobacco and beef cattle and drive to Lexington and Georgetown to an outside job daily.

The governor said Kentucky schools are a concern. There are some deficit districts and others with infrastructure problems. "Each problem presents another problem," he remarked.

Nicholas County Schools Superintendent Randy Everly was in the audience. "We're in a declining enrollment. We have a 45-year old high school building. Basically, we're between a rock and a hard place on facilities. Basically we're in a situation of limited resources."

"That's certainly not an uncommon problem," the governor replied. He said rural people have much going for them because rural life teaches a lifestyle valuable throughout the years. "You develop certain values that help you throughout life."

Patton said he visited President Clinton recently and he supported Clinton's view on youth and tobacco. However, he said it is a choice for adults to smoke. "The point is it's not up to the government to mandate a lifestyle."

Nicholas County High School students Melissa Selvage and Jennifer Linville both asked the governor questions, especially pertaining to tobacco.

He said as long as there is tobacco, it would be used, and he's concerned about Kentucky's farmers. He would like to see them diversify and but the help they need to market other products. He said what good are bell peppers and cauliflower if there's no one to market them? Tobacco has become a supplemental income for people to remain on the farm, he noted.

Governor awards local flood relief funds Saturday

FRANKFORT - Governor Paul Patton has announced that Nicholas County and its cities and entities will receive $58,392 in additional flood relief money.

Nicholas County will receive $50,987.76 and the City of Carlisle gets $5,972.32 and Nicholas County Fire and Rescue $1,432.48.

Gov. Patton said, "I hope this money will help out the people of Nicholas County who are in need of more assistance after the devastation of this spring's flooding. Hard work alone cannot rebuilt our town, cities and homes."

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That money comes from the more than $4 million set aside to allocated by Gov. Patton from an initial $15 million appropriation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The federal funds were sent to Kentucky in August to begin the repair of cities and towns across the state devastated by this spring's flooding.

Most of the money, totalinh $1.6 million, will be distributed as Supplemental Public Assistance Funding. This funding will reduce from 13 percent to five percent the amount each county must pay to match federal relief money. Supplemental Hazard Mitigation Funding, which accounts for $1.1 million, will complete the payment of already approved buyout projects. Recipients of Special Community Assistance Grants, totaling just more than $1.2 million, go to cities and counties that were not specifically addressed by the HUD grants.

Finally, almost $70 million, were allocated through Supplemental Hazard Mitigation Projects, which will provide the local matching funds for state and federal buyout projects that were already identified but unfunded.

Bradley Murrell, right, co-owner of Lee-Lynn Inc., a Carlisle excavation and mining industry, talked with Gov. Patton about furthering local industry. Murrell's business is being relocated from Elm Street to a larger facility being built on Concrete Road.

More than 120 people turned out for the governor of Kentucky on Saturday. In front at Gladys Shrout, her husband, Cecil, Dorsey Watkins, Carty Lester and Joan Conley.

State Senator Denny Nunnelly, left, met with Nicholas County Magistate Daryl Stacy, center, and Democrat Executive Committee member Dorsey Watkins, right, at the town meeting. Stacy likes to go hunting with Nunnelly and said the former Woodford County Judge Executive is always helpful with Nicholas County issues.

Joan Conley, left, wife of Nicholas County Attorney Jock Conley, and Ruth Hollar, center, met Gov. Paul Patton at the courthouse Saturday.