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Photo By: Amy Rankin  
Governor Paul E. Patton (left) poses with Democratic State Senate candidate Ed Miller (center) and his wife, Bridie Miller (right) at an event hosted by the Governor Monday evening, July 13, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Ford, Cynthiana.

## Governor Patton hosts event for State Senate candidate

By Amy Rankin  
Managing Editor

Governor Paul E. Patton hosted a special event at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Ford at the Fairlane Estate in Cynthiana on Monday evening, July 13.

The event was in honor of Democratic Candidates for State Senate, Ed Miller, of Cynthiana.

A large crowd of people showed up for the occasion, including State Representative Tom McKee, Nicholas County

Attorney Jock Conley and a host of friends, relatives, and other state and local officials.

As guests began to arrive, Dr. Ford made a brief presentation about the Fairlane Estate, including a number of historical facts and architectural details.

Visitors to the Ford home were encouraged to tour the house and experience the richness of its history.

Food and drinks were served to the guests and everyone was given the opportunity to meet and talk with Miller, Dr. Ford, and the Governor.

Just before the close of the evening's activities, Dr. Ford introduced Governor Patton to the crowd.

The Governor spoke briefly about Kentucky and what is needed to see continued success, then introduced Miller, Democratic candidate for State Senate in the Nicholas County District.

Miller addressed the crowd with words of thanks and encouragement, mentioning those who had played an important part in his success to this point.

After the three men had spoken, the crowd began to disperse and the event came to a conclusion.

## City Council gives first reading to Ordinances 6 and 7

By Amy Rankin  
Managing Editor

The Carlisle City Council met in regular session Monday evening, July 13, with Mayor Kenneth Clark presiding.

After the approval of minutes, the Council reviewed various bids, including a blacktop bid from Hinkle Contracting and five separate bids for chemicals.

Hinkle's bid stated \$37 per ton for blacktop and \$35 per ton for milling.

The chemical bids are to be set upon the recommendation of Tommy Vee.

During the meeting, Ordinance 6 was introduced.

This Ordinance calls for an increase in the pay grade of the dispatcher from \$5 to \$7 and the heavy equipment operator from \$2 to \$3.

A special meeting was called by the Council for July 27 at 6:30 p.m. to adopt this Ordinance.

Ordinance 7 was also introduced during this meeting.

This Ordinance is for the annexation to city property of certain areas to be included in the East End Sewer Project.

The Council plans to vote on this Ordinance during the July 27 meeting, as well.

Republican candidate for Kentucky State Senate, Noel, was present as a guest for Monday's meeting.

Doug Garrett extended his many thanks to everyone who worked so hard and for doing a great job to make the Blackberry Festival a success.

Frankie Hughes presented a question concerning any special project or recognition of Lee Lyon, a new factory in town.

Mayer Clark said decisions would be made at a later time.

Last on the list was a question presented by Sammy Ritchie, expressing a concern of the building owned by Leah Parrish on Main Street.

Ritchie was assured that the building had been repaired.



Photo By: Amy Rankin  
Nicholas County Attorney Jock Conley poses with his wife, Jean, during a special event at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Ford's Fairlane Estate in Cynthiana Monday evening, July 13.

## Fiscal Court discusses Phase II Water Plan

By Amy Rankin  
Managing Editor

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met in regular session Tuesday, July 14.

Items on the agenda included a bid from Litton Ford in Flemingsburg for a 1999 truck, at \$22,625.

After tabling the decision for later in the meeting, the Court voted to accept the bid.

The second topic up for discussion was the Phase II Water Supply Plan.

A spokesman for Bluegrass ADD informed the Court that the State will not be providing funding for the project and each county is now responsible for their own payment for participation.

He stated that the cost for Bluegrass ADD to develop and handle the plans for Phase II would be \$10,000 and was divisible among the county, city and two water districts.

The Court decided to call a special meeting for Tuesday, July 21, at 3:30 p.m. to meet with officials from each group to discuss their participation.

The spokesman also informed the Court that the deadline for the Plan, which was originally July 15, 1998, has been changed to July 15, 1999.

This change in date was necessary to accommodate the schedule for completion.

In other business, the Court voted unanimously to allow Doug Garrett to use the Courthouse lawn on August 9th for a car show.

No decision or vote was made regarding the issue or the letters.

The Court also discussed a letter from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) concerning air conditioning and heating, as well as an electric to assist the physically challenged.

After some discussion and consideration, the Court decided to check with other counties who have recently installed elevators into their facilities to get an idea of cost and work involved.

One of the latest items on the agenda for the evening was the issue of road improvements scheduled for the county.

Dorsey Watkins, member of the Democratic Executive Committee, presented a list of the areas his organization considers to be of most importance.

Darryl Stacy stated his disapproval of the list, saying that the Court had already designated those roads which needed to be prioritized.

After considerable discussion and a slightly heated debate, Watkins asked the Court for a commitment that if a total sum of \$135,000 is received for the county's road improvements, which is expected, the Court will attempt to lay off the blacktop.

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In light of a recent vacancy, the Court voted to appoint Steve Cartwright to the County Probated for four years.

Candidate Noel for Kentucky State Senate was one of the many guests at Tuesday's meeting, where she made a brief address to the Court concerning her interest in the county's needs.

Another item discussed during the meeting was a request from Dr. Sparks to purchase a piece of property from the Court.

The Court had made an agreement with Sparks nearly five years ago to sell the land for \$10,000.

Although there was no deadline placed upon the deal in the written agreement, the Court is concerned of the issue of helicopter landing for the hospital.

A decision was tabled until the special called meeting on the 21st in order to ascertain the legality and convenience of the purchase.

Conley approached a transfer from the General Fund of \$25,000 to be added to the Jail Fund and \$7,000 to be put into the Land Fund.

Two letters from the District Judges office concerning Jimmy Brannon and the Nicholas County Public Defender Program were reviewed by the Court at Tuesday's meeting.

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Dr. Ed Ford addresses the guests at a recent event hosted at his home for Ed Miller, Democratic candidate for State Senate, on Monday, July 13.

## Three Carter men die in cave murders

By Sean Kelly  
Staff Writer

ELLIOTT COUNTY — The shooting murder of three Olive Hill men, at a cave in Elliott County on Sunday, is being investigated by Kentucky State Police Post 8 in Morehead.

The three victims were identified as Randy D. Stevens, 30, and cousins Douglas L. Middleton, 21, and Scotty Middleton, 27, all of Olive Hill. The three died of gunshot wounds, state police said.

Mark Lewis said the bodies were outside the entrance to Tarble Cave, long feet down next to each other. A suspect has been identified in the case, said Sgt. Lon Fields of KSP Post 8, but no other information was available.

Elliott County Coroner

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