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The National Guard stands waiting as the City of Carlisle prepares to march to the cemetery for Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 24.

## Primary election results show upsets in county

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

Tuesday, May 26, was election day. By Wednesday, the votes were in and the numbers tallied. Here are the results of the Nicholas County Democratic Candidates Primary Election. Larry Tinscher won the race for Judge-Executive of Nicholas County, taking 871 of the total votes. Charles "Chuck" Smith ran close second, carrying 240 of the votes, but he wasn't able to hold on to his position. Ronnie Clark, Mayor for Carlisle, came in third with 596 votes.

Running behind in the race and finishing in the fourth position was Billy Dale Crawford, with only 223 total votes. Magistrate for District 1 will be Billy G. Dixon, who took the greatest majority of the votes with 212.

Melvin Fryman came in second behind Dixon with 97 of the total votes. In third place for District 1 was Jeff Doyle with 84 votes. Fourth place went to Dennis C. Allison, who took 57 of the total votes. Betty Gates Poe came in fifth with 43 votes. In the sixth and final place was Shirley Gardner with 39 votes. Daryl Stacy will continue to hold his position as Magistrate for District 2, with 316 votes. Duane Ritchie came in second with 131 votes. Lynn Bowles placed third in the race with only 66 votes. Magistrate for District 3 will be Avery Thornburg with 245 of the total votes. In second place was Earl Lee Planch with 188 votes. William T. Dempster placed third with 108 votes. In the fourth position was Shirley McDaniel Trussell with 63 votes. Magistrate in District 4 will be Jeff Randolph with 118 votes.

In second was Danny Hughes with 111 votes. In third place was Nancy C. Peters with 90 votes. In fourth place was Floyd W. Burnett with 85 votes. In fifth place was Betty C. Fay with 83 votes. Jackie Bromagen came in sixth with 47 votes. James R. Bean came in seventh with 26 votes. The eighth and final place went to Barbara Biddle with 16 votes. Magistrate for District 5 will be Steve Hamilton, who had 286 of the total votes. Norman Watkins came in third with 48 votes. The race for democratic candidate in the office of P.V.A. was won by Michelle Koska, who took 1,363 of the total votes. Rose Brady followed close behind with 1,141 votes. The office of Sheriff went to Charles Ringer, with 1,483 votes. Gayle Kelley trailed behind with 1,006 total votes.



The American Legion shows Memorial Day respect, along with the City of Carlisle, during a special service Sunday, May 24.

## Fiscal court approves budget for County Extension Service

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met in a special called meeting on Wednesday, May 27, to approve the 1998-1999 budget and vote on various issues from the regular court meeting held Tuesday, May 12. Nicholas County Judge-Executive Chuck Smith stated that after reading the budget, court members discussed the budget plan from County Agent Mike Phillips.

Phillips had presented the special budget for the Nicholas County Extension Service during the May 12 meeting. Due to various increases from the previous year and the lack of proper review of the upcoming budget, the court made the decision to table approval until a full examination of the 1998-1999 fiscal year budget had been conducted. Smith said that the court spent some time making adjustments to the budget and after some consideration, changes were made, a unanimous vote was given to accept Phillips proposed budget plan.

The next item of business for Wednesday evening's special meeting was the discussion of numerous companies for the upcoming fiscal year. After consideration, the court voted unanimously to leave their current provider KACO and accept the proposal from First Mutual Insurance Company. By making this decision, the court will save approximately \$25,000 for the county's budget. The last decision made by the court was to approve the 1998-1999 budgets for both the County Clerk and Sheriff.

## Tourism sponsors Nicholas County Courthouse Renovation Rededication ceremony Sunday

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

Carlisle, Nicholas County Tourism, Inc. sponsored a special Nicholas County Courthouse Rededication service on Sunday, May 24, on the front lawn of the county courthouse. Billy Dale Crawford served as Master of Ceremonies at Sunday's event. A wide array of musical talent was displayed, as well as speeches from representatives of both the community of Carlisle and the state of Kentucky.

The Nicholas County Band, two-time state championship Band Leader Eric Hahn, opened the celebration with "Star Spangled Banner," followed by a prayer of invocation. Robert McGinnis, Circuit Judge for the 15th Judicial District, made a brief speech before the crowd, stating that the Nicholas County Courthouse is one of the best in Kentucky.

Jack Keith, Commonwealth of Kentucky Attorney for the 15th Judicial District, retired, read McGinnis' statements as he stood on the steps of the courthouse to address the audience.

Honorary guest speaker for the rededication ceremony was Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, Robert F. Stephens. Stephens addressed the crowd briefly, speaking of the many services and the great dedication of Nicholas County Court Officials. He stated that the renovations which spanned the rededication service came about in large part due to the efforts of the Nicholas County Judge-Executive and the Fiscal Court members. Stephens included in his remarks that the Nicholas County Courthouse is "one of the finest courthouses in the Commonwealth."

Charles "Chuck" Smith, Nicholas County Judge-Executive, made a presentation before the audience concerning the various types of improvements made to the courthouse during the renovation. The Judge then went on to introduce each Magistrate who currently serves the county through the Fiscal Court. After the speakers had concluded their statements, the audience was treated to musical entertainment from local talents, including groups such as Friends and Dea's Pledge, as well as The Nicholas County Band.

The Master of Ceremonies read "Back Roads of Nicholas County," a poem describing the historical congeniality of the county and the memories it can leave you with for life. Michelle Koska concluded the musical portion of the event with her rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home."

Claydon Shrovet, organizer of Sunday's festivities, thanked each and every person who participated in the rededication ceremony, as well as preparing a time capsule with Doreen Watkins.

After the benediction, a tour of the various improvements in the courthouse was conducted before a march was led by the Kentucky National Guard to the memorial site at the local cemetery.

The annual remembrance was held as vigil to the many soldiers who devoted their lives to the security of a future of freedom in the United States.

A large group of people gathered at both ceremonies to pay their respects and offer their prayers and words of thanks and the Memorial Day weekend events ended with great success.

## Weapon reportedly found on campus of Nicholas County Elementary School

By Amy Rankin Managing Editor

The NewsChannel 36 news van was in Carlisle Friday, May 22, after hearing reports that a weapon was found on the Nicholas County Elementary School campus earlier that day.

The news report on television later that evening stated that a teacher's aid at the school had made threats and

gun was found in their possession. A special meeting was called later Friday afternoon for Saturday, May 23.

Dawn Letcher, attorney for the Nicholas County School Board said that she could make no comments and redirected this reporter to Rob Lane, Public Relations Director for the school board. Lane stated that he could release no information concerning the issue and once again, The Carlisle Mercury was redirected to yet another source.

After hunting a few wild geese, this reporter contacted Randy Dewey, superintendent of Nicholas County Schools. Dewey stated, "This is a personnel issue that is being dealt with."

Nothing else was said regarding the matter. Officials at the Nicholas County Elementary School also stated that they wished to make no comments at this time.

The Carlisle Mercury makes every attempt to bring you the news that affects your community, however, the information concerning this issue was limited at press time and further research is planned for future editions of the paper.



The memorial site at the cemetery was decorated Sunday, May 24, to remember the many soldiers who have died in previous battles.