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Chris Turner photo
Governor Paul Patton signed a picture for Matthew and Hannah Dixon, children of Magistrate Billy Dixon, during his visit to Nicholas County last week.

Governor visits Carlisle... Patton addresses education, tobacco, crime, youth issues

By CHRIS TURNER
Contributing Writer

Governor Paul Patton visited the town of Carlisle last Thursday. He was accompanied by his wife, Judy, and Lt. Governor Steve Henry.

Dr. Bob Sparks, a local dental and regional coordinator for Patton's campaign, introduced Patton to a moderately sized crowd inside the Nicholas County Courthouse. The crowd included elected officials, Patton supporters and members of the community.

The Lt. Governor made his opening remarks, and he stated that Kentucky had never done as good as it is doing today.

He addressed the need for people to vote and said that the governorship was second only to the presidency in importance. Patton acknowledged that his administration has not been able to pass everything in Kentucky, but that he had done his job of spending money frugally and running the government efficiently.

"I might not be the most qualified person to be governor, but I'm the most qualified person running," said Patton, quoting Harry Truman.

He also quoted a recent study done by Syracuse University which stated that Kentucky was in the top five most efficiently run states in the nation.

The governor then turned his attention to education.

"Children are only 18 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of our future," said Patton.

He pointed out the need for building a base of intellectual capital with our young people since the county is entering the technical and information age.

Governor Patton said that the computer was the tool of the future in a knowledge based world and that \$90 million was allocated to complete Kentucky's technical classrooms.

He pointed out the importance of elevating the University of Kentucky to one of the top research institutions in the world by appropriating over \$100 million for the institution, the largest appropriation for the university in history.

The Governor said that the new community college system helped enable these changes to address the needs of the community.

Turning his attention to crime and justice, Patton said, "We have added 1,000 new prison beds a year to get people

who violate our laws off the street."

He also pointed out the large number of new courthouses and renovated courthouses that have occurred under his administration.

Tobacco is always an issue for Kentucky, and Patton pointed out the recent Philip Morris legal effort that occurred in Louisville.

He said that the farm economy faces tremendous challenges, and with the changing culture in America, less tobacco products are going to be consumed.

At a recent conference in North Carolina, the Governor said he demanded that further be treated right by putting \$100 million in the hands of 100,000 farmers.

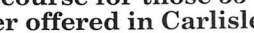
Patton said that his administration would also work hard to make certain that health care is available to every Kentuckian.

"Take the opportunity to talk to your neighbors and say that the election is not over, everyone must vote. We can make this state a much better state for the young people," Governor Patton said in his closing remarks.

Final remarks were made by Dr. Bob Sparks, who thanked Patton for all he had done for the tobacco grower.



Chris Turner photo
The Governor shakes hands with Ronnie Clark, mayor of Carlisle during his visit.



Chris Turner photo
The Governor talks with Joan Conley, executive director of the democratic committee for Nicholas County.

Carlisle Clerk recognized for highest achievement

By KARINA JORDAN
Staff Writer

Carlisle City Clerk Mary Stewart was recognized recently by the IHMC Academy for Advanced Education for achieving the organization's highest status.

Stewart joins the elite and is only one of three Kentucky Clerks to have done so.

Two other clerks to have achieved the status are Linda Coburn, City Clerk of the city of Crescent Springs, and the late Anne Hoover of Frankfort.

The Academy was established in 1981 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IHMC) to further professional education and enhance the performance of today's municipal clerks.

All Academy members must demonstrate that they have actively pursued educational and professional activities and have remained informed of current events in local government.

IHMC President Vicky Miel, City Clerk of the city of Pleasanton, Nev., announced she was honored to announce that Mary Stewart and Linda Coburn are the second and third municipal clerks from the state of Kentucky to be accepted into the Third Sustaining Level of the Academy. It symbolizes their status as true Municipal Clerk professionals.



Karinna Jordan photo
Carlisle City Clerk Mary Stewart works at her desk. She has received a prestigious award from a city educational academy.

Gas prices keep falling, says AAA

Just when you thought it was time for gas prices to bottom out down they go again.

The national average price of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline fell another 1.9 cents in one month to 96 cents per gallon, according to the latest AAA Fuel Gauge Report. It's the fourth straight month that prices have declined.

The lowest average price can be found in Georgia at 92 cents, followed by South Carolina at 94 cents and Missouri at 95 cents.

School board seat vacant after Elder's resignation

By KARINA JORDAN
Staff Writer

The Nicholas County School Board is looking for a board member to fill the seat vacated previously by Donald J. Elder.

Elder resigned after serving on the board since 1984, due to moving out of the area to Lexington to be closer to his children.

Bloodmobile to visit Nicholas

The Nicholas County Bloodmobile will be at the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center on Monday, March 15, from 1 through 5:30 p.m.

An I.D. with social security number or birthday is required of all donors.

All donors will receive a free gift.

Local students named to Dean's List

Three Nicholas Countians are among 1,445 students at Eastern Kentucky University who were named to the Dean's List for 1998 fall semester study.

Local students named to EKV's spring semester Dean's List include: Colin Smolock, Janet Hanson, and Amy Hatfield.

To achieve Dean's List honors at EKV, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 22 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Of all the Dean's List students last semester, 406 earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving about 12,500 students on its 10,000-acre Nicholas campus throughout its 22-county service region, and beyond.

MSU Upward bond seeks applicants

Morhead State University's Upward Bond Program is seeking applicants from creative, energetic and ambitious individuals interested in teaching during the program's summer component, June 7-July 10.

Instructors are needed in mathematics, English, science, career planning, foreign languages, art, 606-288-2114, or other areas of interest.

The application deadline is March 30. March 8 Applications will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Upward Bond office, 205 Allie Young Hall. For information, call 606-783-2811.

The course will be held March 17-19, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a \$3 enrollment fee. This fee only partially covers the cost to MSU to present the program. To register call Gladys Shrovet at 606-288-2114, or Darrey Watkins at 606-288-2114.

The curriculum was developed with the assistance of national and state associations of health, medical assistants, and 606-783-2811. In most 606-783-2811. In most 606-783-2811.

Driving course for those 55 and older offered in Carlisle

By KARINA JORDAN
Staff Writer

The American Association of Retired Persons announces the implementation of the latest effort of its mature driving improvement course for persons 55 and older.

55 ALIVE Mature Driving Education is an eight-hour classroom refresher that is available to older motorists over a two-day period.

Each session lasts for four hours. This comprehensive nation-wide course was the first and is the largest designed especially for the older driver to compensate for these changes, provide opportunities for self assessment of individual problem areas, and offers suggestions for how older persons can improve their skills as drivers.

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55 ALIVE Mature Driving program began driving before driver education classes existed and 55 ALIVE provides them with the opportunity to take personal responsibility for being safe and better motorists.

The curriculum covers such important issues as physical limitations, normal driving situations and environmental hazards, safe driving, safe vehicle information, the effects of alcohol and medication, and how to make important driving decisions.

Numerous evaluations have been conducted on the 55 ALIVE Mature Driving program.

Magic show sponsored by Nicholas Lions Club

By KARINA JORDAN
Staff Writer

The Grand Illusion Magic Show is the largest traveling show of its kind in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee.

The stage show is captivating, enhanced by stereo sound and computerized lighting as well as an array of backdrops and special effects. According to Vance Longmire, "You've got to see it to believe it."

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